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<http://twitter.com/nfl345>**EAGLES WR JEREMY MACLIN, SAINTS LB JUNIOR GALETTE & CARDINALS ST JUSTIN BETHEL NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 9**

Wide receiver **JEREMY MACLIN** of the Philadelphia Eagles, linebacker **JUNIOR GALETTE** of the New Orleans Saints and special teamer **JUSTIN BETHEL** of the Arizona Cardinals are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the ninth week of the 2014 season (October 30, November 2-3), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR JEREMY MACLIN, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

- Maclin had six catches for 158 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles' 31-21 win at Houston.
- He had a 59-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter to open the scoring and sealed the victory with an eight-yard touchdown reception with 3:50 remaining in the fourth quarter to give the Eagles a 10-point lead.
- Maclin, who had 12 catches for 187 yards and two touchdowns in Week 8, is the first Eagles player with at least 150 receiving yards and two touchdown catches in back-to-back games in a single season. He is the first player in the NFL to accomplish the feat since **MILES AUSTIN** in 2009.
- He has scored a touchdown in six of Philadelphia's eight games this season and Maclin has a touchdown catch in eight of the past 10 games in which he has played.
- This season, Maclin is tied for second among NFL wide receivers with eight receiving touchdowns. He ranks second in the NFC with 790 receiving yards.
- In his sixth season from Missouri, this is Maclin's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Maclin is the fourth wide receiver in team history to be named Offensive Player of the Week, joining **DE SEAN JACKSON** (three times), **IRVING FRYAR** (Week 8, 1996) and **CALVIN WILLIAMS** (Week 3, 1993).

DEFENSE: LB JUNIOR GALETTE, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

- Galette had four tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble in the Saints' 28-17 win at Carolina.
- In the second quarter of a scoreless game, Galette recorded the first of his two sacks. On the play, he forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate **CURTIS LOFTON** at the Carolina four-yard line. Two plays later, running back **MARK INGRAM** scored to put the Saints up 7-0.
- Galette recorded his second sack of the game in the fourth quarter. It was one of four sacks by the Saints.
- New Orleans' defense limited the Panthers to 231 total net yards, including 122 net yards passing.
- Galette has six sacks in the past seven games, including four sacks in the past four.
- In his fifth year from Stillman, this is Galette's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Galette is the first Saints linebacker to be honored since **SCOTT FUJITA** in Week 3, 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS: ST JUSTIN BETHEL, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Bethel blocked a field goal attempt and had a special teams tackle in the Cardinals' 28-17 win at Dallas. At 7-1, Arizona has sole possession of the best record in the NFL this late into a season for the first time since 1966.
- With the Cardinals holding a 14-10 lead, Bethel blocked **DAN BAILEY**'s 35-yard field-goal attempt on the final play of the first half to keep the lead at four heading into halftime. Bailey has converted 90.5 percent of his field-goal attempts (105 of 116) in his career, the highest mark in NFL history.
- Bethel, who was named to the Pro Bowl as a special teamer last season, has blocked three field-goal attempts in his career. In college, he established a Big South record by blocking nine kicks for Presbyterian. He also blocked three kicks (field goal, punt, PAT) during the 2012 preseason for the Cardinals.
- Arizona has blocked 18 field goals – including two this season – since 2008, the most in the NFL.
- In his third season from Presbyterian, this is Bethel's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Bethel is the third Cardinal to be named Special Teams Player of the Week this season, joining **TED GINN, JR.** (Week 2) and **CHANDLER CATANZARO** (Week 6). It is the second time in franchise history that three different Cardinals were honored on Special Teams. In 2009, **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (Week 2), **LA ROD STEPHENS-HOWLING** (Week 12) and **BEN GRAHAM** (Week 15) were all named Special Teams Player of the Week.

2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	K Matt Bryant, Atlanta
Wk 2	RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago	PR Ted Ginn, Jr., Arizona
Wk 3	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	PR-KR-WR Devin Hester, Atlanta
Wk 4	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Antoine Bethea, San Francisco	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
Wk 5	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Julius Peppers, Green Bay	K Phil Dawson, San Francisco
Wk 6	T Tyron Smith, Dallas	DE Ezekiel Ansah, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona
Wk 7	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Keenan Robinson, Washington	PR Stedman Bailey, St. Louis
Wk 8	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	LB Anthony Barr, Minnesota	K Kai Forbath, Washington
Wk 9	WR Jeremy Maclin, Philadelphia	LB Junior Galette, New Orleans	ST Justin Bethel, Arizona

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 9 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Minnesota running back **MATT ASIATA**, who rushed for three touchdowns and a two-point conversion in the Vikings' 29-26 win over Washington.
- Tampa Bay rookie wide receiver **MIKE EVANS**, who had seven catches for 124 yards and two touchdowns in the Buccaneers' 22-17 loss at Cleveland.
- New Orleans running back **MARK INGRAM**, who rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns.
- Seattle running back **MARSHAWN LYNCH**, who had 143 scrimmage yards and two touchdowns in the Seahawks' 30-24 win over Oakland.
- Arizona quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who completed 22 of 34 passes (64.7 percent) for 249 yards with three touchdowns and one interception for a 103.7 passer rating.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 9 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Minnesota defensive end **EVERSON GRIFFEN**, who had six tackles and a sack.
- Seattle cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN**, who had three tackles, an interception and a forced fumble.
- Arizona defensive tackle **DAN WILLIAMS**, who had seven tackles and a sack.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 9 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Seattle kicker **STEVEN HAUSCHKA**, who kicked three field goals (34, 30, 40) and added three PATs.
- Philadelphia rookie kicker **CODY PARKEY**, who kicked a 45-yard field goal and converted all four PATs.