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<http://twitter.com/nfl345>**PACKERS QB AARON RODGERS, CARDINALS CB PATRICK PETERSON & EAGLES PR-RB DARREN SPROLES NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 10**

Quarterback **AARON RODGERS** of the Green Bay Packers, cornerback **PATRICK PETERSON** of the Arizona Cardinals and punt returner-running back **DARREN SPROLES** of the Philadelphia Eagles are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 10th week of the 2014 season (November 6, 9-10), the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: QB AARON RODGERS, GREEN BAY PACKERS**

- Rodgers completed 18 of 27 passes (66.7 percent) for 315 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions for a 145.8 passer rating in the Packers' 55-14 win over Chicago.
- He threw all six touchdowns in the first half and is only the second player in NFL history (**DARYLE LAMONICA**) with six touchdown passes in a half.
- Rodgers tied the franchise record for the most TD passes in a game and is the only Packer to have two games with six touchdown passes.
- He threw a 73-yard touchdown pass to **JORDY NELSON** in the second quarter, Rodgers' 16th career TD pass of 70+ yards. That is the most in NFL history, surpassing **PEYTON MANNING** and **BRETT FAVRE** (15).
- In his 10th season from California, this is Rodgers' 11th career Player of the Week Award and third this season (Weeks 4 and 7). His three Offensive Player of the Week Awards this season are the most in the NFL.
- Rodgers' 11 Player of the Week Awards are the second-most in franchise history (**BRETT FAVRE**, 12).
- Since 2010, Rodgers' 11 Player of the Week Awards are the most in the NFL.

**DEFENSE: CB PATRICK PETERSON, ARIZONA CARDINALS**

- Peterson had two fourth-quarter interceptions, including a 30-yard touchdown return, in the Cardinals' 31-14 win over St. Louis. With the win, Arizona improved to 8-1 for only the third time in franchise history (1925, 1948).
- After the Cardinals went ahead 17-14 with 7:40 to go in the game, Peterson helped Arizona hold the lead by stopping the Rams on their next two drives with interceptions. On the second interception, he returned it 30 yards for a touchdown that gave the Cardinals a 10-point lead with 5:13 remaining.
- Since entering the NFL in 2011, Peterson has five return TDs (four PR-TD, one INT-TD). He has 14 career interceptions and is the only player in the NFL with at least 10 INTs and five return TDs since 2011.
- The Cardinals lead the NFL with 14 interceptions and the team's +12 turnover differential is tied for first.
- Peterson has at least two interceptions in each of his first four seasons. The last two Cardinals to accomplish the feat are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame: **LARRY WILSON** (1960-63) & **AENEAS WILLIAMS** (1991-94).
- In his fourth year from Louisiana State, this is Peterson's fourth career Player of the Week Award and second on Defense (Week 4, 2013). He has won twice on Special Teams (Weeks 9 and 12, 2011).
- Peterson is the only player to win multiple Player of the Week Awards for both Defense and Special Teams.

**SPECIAL TEAMS: PR-RB DARREN SPROLES, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

- Sproles had a 65-yard punt-return touchdown and averaged 28.3 yards per return in the Eagles' 45-21 win over Carolina. He also added an eight-yard touchdown run.
- He is the first player in NFL history to record both a punt-return touchdown and a rushing touchdown in the first quarter of a game. Sproles gave the Eagles a 10-0 lead with his eight-yard rushing touchdown and put Philadelphia on top 17-7 when he returned a punt 65 yards for a score.
- Sproles leads the NFL in both punt-return average (17.0 yards) and punt-return touchdowns (two).
- In his 10th season from Kansas State, this is Sproles' fourth career Player of the Week Award and third this year (Offense, Week 2 and Special Teams, Week 4). He was also named the AFC Special Teams Player of the Week in Week 10, 2007 for San Diego.
- Sproles is only the second player to win two Special Teams Player of the Week Awards and an Offensive Player of the Week Award in the same season. **DE SEAN JACKSON** accomplished the feat in 2009 (Week 1, Special Teams; Week 7, Offense; Week 14, Special Teams), also for the Eagles.

## 2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	K Matt Bryant, Atlanta
<b>Wk 2</b>	RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago	PR Ted Ginn, Jr., Arizona
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	PR-KR-WR Devin Hester, Atlanta
<b>Wk 4</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Antoine Bethea, San Francisco	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
<b>Wk 5</b>	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Julius Peppers, Green Bay	K Phil Dawson, San Francisco
<b>Wk 6</b>	T Tyron Smith, Dallas	DE Ezekiel Ansah, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Keenan Robinson, Washington	PR Stedman Bailey, St. Louis
<b>Wk 8</b>	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	LB Anthony Barr, Minnesota	K Kai Forbath, Washington
<b>Wk 9</b>	WR Jeremy Maclin, Philadelphia	LB Junior Galette, New Orleans	ST Justin Bethel, Arizona
<b>Wk 10</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia

### Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 10 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas wide receiver **DEZ BRYANT**, who had six catches for 158 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 31-17 win over Jacksonville.
- Detroit wide receiver **CALVIN JOHNSON**, who had seven catches for 113 yards and a touchdown in the Lions' 20-16 win over Miami.
- Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES**, who had eight catches for 119 yards in the Falcons' 27-17 win at Tampa Bay.
- Seattle running back **MARSHAWN LYNCH**, who rushed for 140 yards and four touchdowns in the Seahawks' 38-17 win over the New York Giants.
- Dallas quarterback **TONY ROMO**, who completed 20 of 27 passes (74.1 percent) for 246 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 138.8 passer rating.
- Philadelphia quarterback **MARK SANCHEZ**, who passed for 332 yards and two touchdowns with a 102.5 passer rating.
- Detroit quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD**, who passed for 280 yards and two touchdowns.
- Atlanta wide receiver **RODDY WHITE**, who had six catches for 72 yards and a touchdown.

### Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 10 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Philadelphia linebacker **CONNOR BARWIN**, who had eight tackles and 3.5 sacks.
- Atlanta defensive end **KROY BIERMANN**, who had five tackles and 1.5 sacks.
- San Francisco rookie linebacker **CHRIS BORLAND**, who had 17 tackles and a fumble recovery in the 49ers' 27-24 overtime victory at New Orleans.
- Detroit safety **JAMES IHEDIGBO**, who had six tackles and a 70-yard interception return.
- Green Bay linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS**, who had 11 tackles and a sack.
- Green Bay linebacker **JULIUS PEPPERS**, who had four tackles, a sack, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Detroit defensive tackle **NDAMUKONG SUH**, who had four tackles and a sack.
- Atlanta defensive end **OSI UMENYIORA**, who had three tackles and 1.5 sacks.

### Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 10 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Green Bay wide receiver **JARRETT BOYKIN**, who forced a fumble when he knocked the ball away from Chicago's punter before he was able to kick the ball.
- Atlanta kicker **MATT BRYANT**, who converted all four field-goal attempts.
- San Francisco kicker **PHIL DAWSON**, who converted both field-goal attempts, including the game-winning 35-yarder in overtime.