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BUCCANEERS WR MIKE EVANS, 49ERS LB CHRIS BORLAND & RAMS K GREG ZUERLEIN NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 11

Rookie wide receiver **MIKE EVANS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, rookie linebacker **CHRIS BORLAND** of the San Francisco 49ers and kicker **GREG ZUERLEIN** of the St. Louis Rams are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 11th week of the 2014 season (November 13, 16-17), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR MIKE EVANS, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

- Evans had seven catches for 209 yards and two touchdowns in the Buccaneers' 27-7 win at Washington.
- He is the youngest player (21 years, 87 days) in NFL history with a 200-yard receiving game.
- Evans is the first rookie in league history to record at least seven catches, 100 receiving yards and a touchdown catch in three consecutive games.
- He is the first rookie since **RANDY MOSS** in 1998 with at least 100 receiving yards and a touchdown reception in three games in a row.
- Evans is one of only two rookies in NFL history to register at least 120 receiving yards and a touchdown catch in three consecutive games, joining **JIMMY ORR** of the 1958 Steelers.
- In his rookie season from Texas A&M, this is Evans' first career Player of the Week Award.
- Evans is the ninth rookie wide receiver to be named Offensive Player of the Week, joining a list that includes Moss and Pro Football Hall of Famers **JERRY RICE** and **MICHAEL IRVIN**.
- Evans is the first wide receiver in franchise history to be named Offensive Player of the Week.
- He and running back **WARRICK DUNN** (Week 2, 1997) are the only rookies in team history to win an Offensive Player of the Week Award.

DEFENSE: LB CHRIS BORLAND, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

- Borland had 12 tackles, including two for a loss, and two interceptions in the 49ers' 16-10 win at the New York Giants. Seven of his 12 tackles came within three yards or behind the line of scrimmage.
- He is the first rookie linebacker in club history to record two interceptions in a game and joins **KEN NORTON, JR.** (October 22, 1995) as the only 49ers linebackers with two interceptions in a game in the past 40 years.
- His first interception, midway through the second quarter, set up a 49ers' field goal which gave San Francisco a lead it would not relinquish. Borland's second interception came on a fourth-and-goal play from the 49ers' four-yard line with San Francisco holding a six-point (16-10) lead late in the fourth quarter.
- Borland was part of a defensive unit that had five interceptions and allowed only 330 total net yards.
- In his rookie year from Wisconsin, this is Borland's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He joins **ANDRE CARTER** (Week 17, 2001) as the only 49ers rookies to win Defensive Player of the Week.
- Borland joins **RAY FARMER** (Philadelphia, Week 14, 1996) as the only rookie linebackers drafted in the third round or later to be named NFC Defensive Player of the Week.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K GREG ZUERLEIN, ST. LOUIS RAMS

- Zuerlein converted all five field-goal attempts, including two from beyond 50 yards, and scored 16 points in the Rams' 22-7 win over Denver. He also added five touchbacks on seven kickoffs.
- He is the second player in franchise history to make at least five field goals in a game without a miss, joining **JEFF WILKINS** (October 1, 2000).
- Zuerlein had at least one field goal in every quarter, including a 55- and 53-yarder in the fourth quarter.
- Of all the kickers in NFL history to make at least five field goals in a game without a miss, Zuerlein is one of only three to have multiple field goals of at least 53 yards.
- In his third season from Missouri Western, this is Zuerlein's third career Player of the Week Award. He won twice as a rookie in 2012 (Weeks 4 and 13).
- Zuerlein's three Special Teams Player of the Week Awards are the most by a kicker in team history.

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
Wk 10	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
Wk 11	WR Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	LB Chris Borland, San Francisco	K Greg Zuerlein, St. Louis

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 11 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- St. Louis wide receiver **KENNY BRITT**, who had four catches for 128 yards and a touchdown.
- Chicago quarterback **JAY CUTLER**, who completed 31 of 43 passes (72.1 percent) for 330 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions for a 98.0 passer rating in the Bears' 21-13 win over Minnesota.
- Green Bay running back **EDDIE LACY**, who had 114 scrimmage yards and two touchdowns in the Packers' 53-20 win over Philadelphia.
- Green Bay wide receiver **JORDY NELSON**, who had four catches for 109 yards and a touchdown.
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who completed 22 of 36 passes (61.1 percent) for 341 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 120.3 passer rating.
- Atlanta wide receiver **RODDY WHITE**, who had eight catches for 75 yards and a touchdown in the Falcons' 19-17 win at Carolina.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 11 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Chicago defensive end **JARED ALLEN**, who had five tackles and a sack.
- Arizona safety **RASHAD JOHNSON**, who had six tackles and an interception in the Cardinals' 14-6 win over Detroit.
- Green Bay linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS**, who had five tackles, a sack and a pass defended.
- St. Louis linebacker **ALEC OGLETREE**, who had 13 tackles, an interception and two passes defended.
- Green Bay linebacker **JULIUS PEPPERS**, who had a 52-yard interception-return touchdown and two tackles.
- Tampa Bay defensive end **JACQUIES SMITH**, who had two sacks, three tackles and a forced fumble.
- Atlanta linebacker **PAUL WORRILOW**, who had nine tackles and a sack.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 11 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Atlanta kicker **MATT BRYANT**, who converted all four field-goal attempts, including the game-winning 44-yarder with 2:08 remaining in the game.
- Green Bay punt returner **MICAH HYDE**, who had a 75-yard punt-return touchdown.
- Atlanta special teamer **ERIC WEEMS**, who had six special teams tackles.