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**PATRIOTS RB JONAS GRAY, TEXANS DE J.J. WATT &
CHARGERS P MIKE SCIFRES NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 11**

Running back **JONAS GRAY** of the New England Patriots, defensive end **J.J. WATT** of the Houston Texans and punter **MIKE SCIFRES** of the San Diego Chargers are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the 11th week of the 2014 season (November 13, 16-17), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB JONAS GRAY, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Gray rushed for 201 yards on 37 carries (5.4 average) and four touchdowns in the Patriots' 42-20 win at Indianapolis.
- He is the first NFL player to score his first four career rushing touchdowns in one game since **HERB HENDERSON** of the 1921 Evansville Crimson Giants.
- Gray is the third player in NFL history to rush for at least 200 yards and score a rushing touchdown in each quarter of a game, joining **COOKIE GILCHRIST** (December 8, 1963) and **CLINTON PORTIS** (December 7, 2003).
- Gray's four touchdowns tied the Patriots' single-game record set by **RANDY MOSS**, who had four touchdown catches on November 18, 2007 against Buffalo.
- His 201 rushing yards were the third-most in a game in franchise history, trailing only **TONY COLLINS** (212) and **JIM NANCE** (208).
- In his first season from Notre Dame, this is Gray's first career Player of the Week Award.

DEFENSE: DE J.J. WATT, HOUSTON TEXANS

- Watt had five tackles, one sack, three tackles for a loss, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a touchdown catch in the Texans' 23-7 win at Cleveland.
- He is the only NFL player to register a sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery and touchdown reception in the same game since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.
- Watt is the second player in NFL history with two touchdown catches, an interception-return touchdown and a fumble-return touchdown in a season, joining Philadelphia's **JAY ARNOLD** in 1938.
- He is the first player since Chicago Bears defensive back **J.C. CAROLINE** in 1956 to score multiple touchdowns on offense and defense in the same season.
- Since entering the NFL in 2011, Watt leads all AFC players with 46 sacks.
- In his fourth season from Wisconsin, this is Watt's fourth career Player of the Week Award and second this season (Week 4).
- Watt's four Player of the Week Awards are the most of any defender in Texans history.

SPECIAL TEAMS: P MIKE SCIFRES, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

- Scifres punted nine times for 380 yards (42.2 average) and placed five inside the 12-yard line in the Chargers' 13-6 win against Oakland.
- Scifres, who averaged 41.4 net yards per punt, placed punts at the two, four, six, eight and 12-yard lines, contributing to the Raiders' average starting drive position for the game of their own 18-yard line.
- His five punts inside the 20-yard line, which tied a career-high, led all NFL players in Week 11.
- In his 12th season from Western Illinois, this is Scifres' second career Player of the Week Award and first since 2007 (Week 8).
- He is the second Charger to be named Special Teams Player of the Week this season, joining kicker **NICK NOVAK** (Week 4).

2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	TE Julius Thomas, Denver	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Dan Carpenter, Buffalo
Wk 2	TE Antonio Gates, San Diego	DE Chandler Jones, New England	RB-KR C.J. Spiller, Buffalo
Wk 3	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Corey Liuget, San Diego	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
Wk 4	RB Jamaal Charles, Kansas City	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	K Nick Novak, San Diego
Wk 5	WR Demaryius Thomas, Denver	DT Marcell Dareus, Buffalo	LB Tank Carder, Cleveland
Wk 6	QB Joe Flacco, Baltimore	DT Jurrell Casey, Tennessee	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
Wk 7	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Telvin Smith, Jacksonville	DT Chris Jones, New England
Wk 8	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	S Louis Delmas, Miami	RB-KR Knile Davis, Kansas City
Wk 9	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	CB Brent Grimes, Miami	PR-WR Julian Edelman, New England
Wk 10	RB Justin Forsett, Baltimore	S Jaiquawn Jarrett, N.Y. Jets	FB Anthony Sherman, Kansas City
Wk 11	RB Jonas Gray, New England	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	P Mike Scifres, San Diego

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

- Pittsburgh running back **LE' VEON BELL**, who rushed for 204 yards on 33 carries (6.2 average) with one touchdown in the Steelers' 27-24 win at Tennessee.
- Kansas City running back **JAMAAL CHARLES**, who rushed for 159 yards on 20 carries (8.0 average) with two touchdowns in the Chiefs' 24-20 win against Seattle.
- Cincinnati quarterback **ANDY DALTON**, who completed 16 of 22 passes (72.7 percent) for 220 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 143.9 passer rating in the Bengals' 27-10 win at New Orleans.
- Cincinnati rookie running back **JEREMY HILL**, who rushed for 152 yards on 27 carries (5.6 average).
- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**, who completed 26 of 34 passes (76.5 percent) for 240 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 114.8 passer rating in the Dolphins' 22-9 win against Buffalo.

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

- Kansas City defensive tackle **DONTARI POE**, who had three tackles and one sack.
- Buffalo defensive end **MARIO WILLIAMS**, who had five tackles and 3.5 sacks in the Bills' 22-9 loss at Miami.
- Tennessee rookie linebacker **AVERY WILLIAMSON**, who had seven tackles and two sacks in the Titans' 27-24 loss against Pittsburgh.

Other nominee for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 11 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Kansas City wide receiver **JUNIOR HEMINGWAY**, who had one special teams tackle and dove into the end zone to bat a fourth-quarter punt that was eventually downed at the four-yard line.