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**STEELERS WR ANTONIO BROWN, TEXANS DE J.J. WATT &  
BRONCOS K CONNOR BARTH**  
**NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR DECEMBER**

Wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, defensive end **J.J. WATT** of the Houston Texans and kicker **CONNOR BARTH** of the Denver Broncos are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for December, the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: WR ANTONIO BROWN, PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

- Brown ranked second in the conference in catches (33) and receiving yards (440) with two touchdown receptions in December.
- He led the Steelers to an AFC-best 4-0 record for the month while posting at least seven catches in each contest and three 100-yard games.
- In Week 14 at Cincinnati, Brown posted nine catches for 117 yards, followed by a 10-catch, 123-yard performance in Week 15 at Atlanta. He added 72 receiving yards and one touchdown catch in a pivotal Week 16 win against Kansas City to secure a playoff berth.
- On *Sunday Night Football* against the Bengals in Week 17, Brown helped the Steelers clinch their first AFC North title since 2010 with 128 receiving yards and two total touchdowns (63-yard catch, 71-yard punt return).
- Brown set the single-season franchise record for receiving yards (1,698) in 2014 and his 129 catches were the second-highest single-season total in NFL history (**MARVIN HARRISON**, 143 in 2002).
- In his fifth season from Central Michigan, this is Brown's first career Player of the Month Award.
- He is the first Steelers wide receiver to win a Player of the Month Award since **HINES WARD** in September of 2004.

**DEFENSE: DE J.J. WATT, HOUSTON TEXANS**

- Watt led the NFL with nine sacks this month while posting 24 tackles, one forced fumble and a safety.
- His nine sacks tied for the most of any player in the month of December since the statistic became official in 1982.
- Watt posted at least one sack in each game in December, including three multi-sack performances and two three-sack games.
- In a Week 14 win at Jacksonville, Watt posted four tackles and three sacks. He followed with six tackles and two sacks against Indianapolis in Week 15 and added eight tackles and one sack the following week in a win against Baltimore.
- He capped his season with six tackles, three sacks, a forced fumble and a safety in a Week 17 win against Jacksonville to finish the year with 20.5 sacks.
- Watt is the first player in NFL history with at least three offensive touchdowns, two touchdowns on takeaways and a safety in the same season.
- In his fourth season from Wisconsin, this is Watt's second Player of the Month Award this season (September) and the fourth of his career, the most of any player in Texans history. He also won the award twice in 2012 (September and December).

**SPECIAL TEAMS: K CONNOR BARTH, DENVER BRONCOS**

- Barth converted 10 of 11 field-goal attempts (90.9 percent) and all 13 PATs for 43 total points in December.
- He ranked second in the AFC and third in the NFL in scoring for the month while helping to Broncos to a 3-1 record.
- Barth posted two games with at least four made field goals this month, including a five-for-five performance in a 22-10 win against San Diego in Week 15 to tie the single-game franchise record for made field goals.
- In his sixth season from North Carolina, this is Barth's first career Player of the Month Award. He is the first Broncos kicker to be named Player of the Month since **MATT PRATER** in December of 2011.

## 2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>September</b>	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
<b>October</b>	QB Tom Brady, New England	LB Von Miller, Denver	WR-KR Jarvis Landry, Miami
<b>November</b>	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Mario Williams, Buffalo	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
<b>December</b>	WR Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	K Connor Barth, Denver