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**GIANTS WR ODELL BECKHAM, JR. & RAVENS LB C.J. MOSLEY
NAMED NFL ROOKIES OF MONTH FOR DECEMBER**

Wide receiver **ODELL BECKHAM, JR.** of the New York Giants and linebacker **C.J. MOSLEY** of the Baltimore Ravens are the NFL Offensive and Defensive Rookies of the Month for December, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR ODELL BECKHAM, JR., NEW YORK GIANTS

- Beckham, a first-round selection (No. 12 overall) out of Louisiana State, led the NFL in receptions (43), receiving yards (606) and touchdown catches (seven) during the month.
- His 606 receiving yards are the most by a rookie in any calendar month in NFL history.
- Beckham is the third player – and only rookie – to gain at least 600 receiving yards in a single December, joining **CALVIN JOHNSON** (707 in 2012) and **JOSH GORDON** (658 in 2013). Both Johnson and Gordon played five December games while Beckham played in four.
- Beckham had at least eight catches, 130 yards and a touchdown in all four December games.
- He has at least 90 receiving yards in nine consecutive games, tying Pro Football Hall of Famer **MICHAEL IRVIN** for the longest streak in NFL history. Beckham has at least 100 yards in seven of those nine contests.
- In each of his past six games, Beckham led all players in receiving yards. That is the longest such streak by a rookie in NFL history.
- This is the second consecutive Offensive Rookie of the Month Award for Beckham. He led the NFL with 593 receiving yards in November and joins Calvin Johnson (2012) and **ANDRE JOHNSON** (2012) as the only players in NFL history with back-to-back months with at least 500 receiving yards. Beckham is the only rookie to accomplish the feat.
- Beckham is the first wide receiver to be named Offensive Rookie of the Month in consecutive months.
- Beckham and **ANQUAN BOLDIN** (2003) are the only wide receivers to win Offensive Rookie of the Month multiple times.

DEFENSE: LB C.J. MOSLEY, BALTIMORE RAVENS

- Mosley, a first-round selection (No. 17) out of Alabama, started all four games and posted 27 tackles with two sacks for the month.
- He helped the Ravens to a 3-1 record for in December and contributed to a defense that allowed only 15.0 points per game, which tied for the second-best in the AFC.
- Mosley, who posted at least five tackles in each contest this month, led the team with eight tackles and added a sack in the Ravens' pivotal Week 14 win at Miami.
- He ranked second among AFC rookies with 27 tackles for the month and was the only rookie in the conference to post at least 25 tackles and two sacks in December.
- Mosley finished third among all AFC players with 129 tackles this season and is the first rookie to lead the Ravens in tackles since **RAY LEWIS** in 1996.
- He was the only NFL player with at least 125 tackles (129), three sacks and two interceptions in 2014.
- Mosley, who was also named the NFL's Defensive Rookie of the Month for October, is one of three Ravens to win the award (**PETER BOULWARE**, September 1997; **TERRELL SUGGS**, September 2003) and the first to do so in multiple months.

2014 NFL ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense (College)</u>	<u>Defense (College)</u>
September	WR Kelvin Benjamin, Carolina (Florida State)	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago (Virginia Tech)
October	WR Sammy Watkins, Buffalo (Clemson)	LB C.J. Mosley, Baltimore (Alabama)
November	WR Odell Beckham, Jr., New York Giants (LSU)	LB Chris Borland, San Francisco (Wisconsin)
December	WR Odell Beckham, Jr., New York Giants (LSU)	LB C.J. Mosley, Baltimore (Alabama)

Other nominees for the December NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month Award as submitted by NFL clubs:

- Jacksonville quarterback **BLAKE BORTLES** (first round, Central Florida), who passed for 647 yards and two touchdowns and added 123 rushing yards on 12 carries (10.3 average).
- Minnesota quarterback **TEDDY BRIDGEWATER** (first round, Louisville), who won two of his four starts and completed 86 of 119 passes (72.3 percent) for 1,092 yards with six touchdowns and five interceptions for a 99.8 passer rating.
- Oakland quarterback **DEREK CARR** (second round, Fresno State), who passed for 848 yards with seven touchdowns versus one interception while winning two of his four starts.
- Arizona kicker **CHANDLER CATANZARO** (undrafted, Clemson), who converted 10 of his 12 field-goal attempts.
- Tampa Bay wide receiver **MIKE EVANS** (first round, Texas A&M), who started all four games and had four touchdown receptions.
- Cincinnati running back **JEREMY HILL** (second round, Louisiana State), who led the NFL with 441 rushing yards on 78 carries (5.7 average) and three rushing touchdowns, including three 100-yard games.
- Miami wide receiver-kick returner **JARVIS LANDRY** (second round, Louisiana State), who started all five games and posted 35 catches for 308 yards.
- Green Bay center **COREY LINSLEY** (fifth round, Ohio State), who started all four games as the Packers averaged 410.8 total net yards per game, the third-best mark in the NFL.
- Buffalo wide receiver **SAMMY WATKINS** (first round, Clemson), who started all four games and had 14 catches for 287 yards (20.5 average) and one touchdown.

Other nominees for the December NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month Award as submitted by NFL clubs:

- Carolina cornerback **BENE BENWIKERE** (fifth round, San Jose State), who started all four games and had 21 tackles, five passes defensed, an interception and a fumble recovery.
- Washington cornerback **BASHAUD BREELAND** (fourth round, Clemson), who started all four games and had 21 tackles, five passes defensed and an interception.
- Buffalo linebacker **PRESTON BROWN** (third round, Louisville), who started all four games and had 19 tackles.
- St. Louis defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** (first round, Pittsburgh), who started all four games and had three sacks, 15 tackles and a forced fumble.
- Oakland linebacker **KHALIL MACK** (first round, Buffalo), who started all four games and had three sacks, 15 tackles and four tackles for a loss.
- Indianapolis linebacker **JONATHAN NEWSOME** (fifth round, Ball State), who had 10 tackles, two sacks and one forced fumble.
- Jacksonville linebacker **TELVIN SMITH** (fifth round, Florida State), who started all four games and had 41 tackles, including three for a loss.