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## **TEXANS QB RYAN FITZPATRICK, COLTS LB D' QWELL JACKSON & JAGUARS K JOSH SCOBEE NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 13**

Quarterback **RYAN FITZPATRICK** of the Houston Texans, linebacker **D' QWELL JACKSON** of the Indianapolis Colts and kicker **JOSH SCOBEE** of the Jacksonville Jaguars are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the 13th week of the 2014 season (November 27, 30 and December 1), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: QB RYAN FITZPATRICK, HOUSTON TEXANS**

- Fitzpatrick completed 24 of 33 passes (72.7 percent) for 358 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions for a 147.5 passer rating in the Texans' 45-21 win against Tennessee.
- His six touchdown passes are a single-game franchise record, and his career-high 147.5 passer rating is the second-highest mark in a game by a Houston quarterback (**MATT SCHAUB**, 147.7 vs. Tennessee on October 23, 2011).
- Fitzpatrick connected with five different teammates on his six scoring throws, including two to wide receiver **DE ANDRE HOPKINS**.
- A Harvard graduate, Fitzpatrick joins Pro Football Hall of Famer **SID LUCKMAN** (Columbia) as the only Ivy League quarterbacks to throw at least six touchdown passes in an NFL game.
- In his 10th season, this is Fitzpatrick's second career Player of the Week Award and first since he was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week with St. Louis in 2005 (Week 12).
- He is the second Texans player to win a Player of the Week Award this season, joining defensive end **J.J. WATT** (Defense, Weeks 4 and 11).

### **DEFENSE: LB D' QWELL JACKSON, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

- Jackson posted seven tackles, including two tackles for a loss, one pass defensed and a 35-yard fumble-recovery touchdown in the Colts' 49-27 win against Washington.
- Following **ERIK WALDEN**'s sack-fumble in the third quarter, Jackson returned it 35 yards for a touchdown to give Indianapolis a 35-17 lead.
- His 35-yard score was one of six Colts touchdowns of at least 30 yards against Washington. Indianapolis is the first team to score at least six touchdowns of 30 yards or more in the same game since Washington did so on November 27, 1966 against the New York Giants.
- Four of Jackson's seven tackles came behind or within three yards of the line of scrimmage.
- He leads the Colts with 101 tackles this season, including a career-high four sacks.
- In his ninth season from Maryland, this is Jackson's second career Player of the Week Award and first since 2012 with Cleveland (Week 12).
- Jackson is the first Colts defender to be named Defensive Player of the Week since linebacker **JERRELL FREEMAN** in 2013 (Week 16).

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: K JOSH SCOBEE, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

- Scobee converted both field-goal attempts, including the game-winning 43-yarder with 28 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, and added one PAT in the Jaguars' 25-24 win against the New York Giants.
- His game-winning kick capped the scoring in the largest comeback victory in franchise history, as Jacksonville overcame a 21-0 deficit against the Giants. It marked Scobee's seventh career game-winning field goal in the final minute of the fourth quarter or overtime, and the first since 2010.
- Scobee, who is the Jaguars' all-time leading scorer with 995 career points, also added a 28-yard field goal in the second quarter against the Giants.
- In his 11th season from Louisiana Tech, this is Scobee's eighth career Player of the Week Award, the most in franchise history.
- Scobee is the second Jaguars player to win a Player of the Week Award in 2014, joining rookie linebacker **TELVIN SMITH** (Defense, Week 7).

## 2014 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	TE Julius Thomas, Denver	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Dan Carpenter, Buffalo
<b>Wk 2</b>	TE Antonio Gates, San Diego	DE Chandler Jones, New England	RB-KR C.J. Spiller, Buffalo
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Andrew Luck, Indianapolis	DE Corey Liuget, San Diego	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
<b>Wk 4</b>	RB Jamaal Charles, Kansas City	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	K Nick Novak, San Diego
<b>Wk 5</b>	WR Demaryius Thomas, Denver	DT Marcell Dareus, Buffalo	LB Tank Carder, Cleveland
<b>Wk 6</b>	QB Joe Flacco, Baltimore	DT Jurrell Casey, Tennessee	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Denver	LB Telvin Smith, Jacksonville	DT Chris Jones, New England
<b>Wk 8</b>	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	S Louis Delmas, Miami	RB-KR Knile Davis, Kansas City
<b>Wk 9</b>	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	CB Brent Grimes, Miami	PR-WR Julian Edelman, New England
<b>Wk 10</b>	RB Justin Forsett, Baltimore	S Jaiquawn Jarrett, N.Y. Jets	FB Anthony Sherman, Kansas City
<b>Wk 11</b>	RB Jonas Gray, New England	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	P Mike Scifres, San Diego
<b>Wk 12</b>	RB Justin Forsett, Baltimore	S Charles Woodson, Oakland	RB Boobie Dixon, Buffalo
<b>Wk 13</b>	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, Houston	LB D'Qwell Jackson, Indianapolis	K Josh Scobee, Jacksonville

### Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 13 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- San Diego wide receiver **KEENAN ALLEN**, who had 11 catches for 121 yards and two touchdowns in the Chargers' 34-33 win at Baltimore.
- Denver running back **C.J. ANDERSON**, who rushed for 168 yards on 32 carries (5.3 average) and added a receiving touchdown in the Broncos' 29-16 win at Kansas City.
- Pittsburgh running back **LE' VEON BELL**, who rushed for 95 yards with one touchdown and added 159 receiving yards in the Steelers' 35-32 loss against New Orleans.
- Houston wide receiver **DE ANDRE HOPKINS**, who had nine catches for 238 yards (26.4 average) and two touchdowns.
- Indianapolis quarterback **ANDREW LUCK**, who completed 19 of 27 passes (70.4 percent) for 370 yards and five touchdowns for a 137.0 passer rating in the Colts' 49-27 win against Washington.

### Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 13 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Cleveland cornerback **JOE HADEN**, who had one tackle and an interception in the Browns' 26-10 loss at Buffalo.
- Miami linebacker **JELANI JENKINS**, who had 16 tackles in the the Dolphins' 16-13 win at the New York Jets.
- Jacksonville defensive tackle **SEN' DERRICK MARKS**, who had three tackles, two sacks and one forced fumble.
- Denver linebacker **DE MARCUS WARE**, who had three tackles, two tackles for a loss, a sack and an interception.
- Houston defensive end **J.J. WATT**, who had three tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a touchdown catch.

### Other nominee for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 13 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Buffalo punter **COLTON SCHMIDT**, who punted five times for 229 yards (45.8 average) and placed three inside the 20-yard line.