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STEELERS RB LE' VEON BELL, RAVENS LB ELVIS DUMERVIL & PATRIOTS P RYAN ALLEN NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 14

Running back **LE' VEON BELL** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, linebacker **ELVIS DUMERVIL** of the Baltimore Ravens and punter **RYAN ALLEN** of the New England Patriots are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in the 14th week of the 2014 season (December 4, 7-8), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB LE' VEON BELL, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

- Bell had 235 scrimmage yards (185 rushing, 50 receiving) and three total touchdowns (two rushing, one receiving) in the Steelers' 42-21 win at Cincinnati.
- Bell, who had at least 200 scrimmage yards in each of his past two games, joins Pro Football Hall of Famer **WALTER PAYTON** (1977) as the only players in NFL history with 200+ scrimmage yards in three consecutive games.
- With the Steelers trailing 14-10 at halftime, all three of Bell's touchdowns came in the second half. He caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** to open the third quarter scoring and added two fourth-quarter touchdown runs (13 and 22 yards).
- His 235 scrimmage yards led AFC players in Week 14, and his three total touchdowns tied for the most among NFL players.
- Bell ranks first in the AFC with 1,924 scrimmage yards this season, which is already the second-most in a season in franchise history (**BARRY FOSTER**, 2,034 scrimmage yards in 1992).
- In his second season from Michigan State, this is Bell's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first Steelers running back to win an Offensive Player of the Week Award since **RASHARD MENDENHALL** in 2011 (Week 6).

DEFENSE: LB ELVIS DUMERVIL, BALTIMORE RAVENS

- Dumervil had four tackles, 3.5 sacks and one forced fumble in the Ravens' 28-13 win at Miami.
- His 3.5 sacks led all players in Week 14, and the Ravens' six sacks were the most among AFC clubs. Baltimore limited Miami to 249 total net yards.
- Each of Dumervil's 3.5 sacks came during series in which the Dolphins were forced to punt or turned the ball over on downs.
- Dumervil is tied for the NFL lead with 16.0 sacks this season, eclipsing **PETER BOULWARE** (15.0 in 2001) for the Ravens' single-season record.
- In his ninth season from Louisville, this is Dumervil's second career Player of the Week Award and first since 2007 with Denver (Week 14).
- Dumervil is the first Ravens defender to be named Defensive Player of the Week since linebacker **TERRELL SUGGS** in 2011 (Week 14).

SPECIAL TEAMS: P RYAN ALLEN, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Allen punted five times for 247 yards (49.4 average) and placed four inside the 13-yard line in the Patriots' 23-14 win at San Diego.
- He placed punts at the 13, 10, 11 and 10-yard lines on each of his first four kicks, helping to limit the Chargers' average drive start to their own 16-yard line for the game.
- Allen, whose longest punt against San Diego covered 60 yards, and the Patriots' punt coverage yielded only two punt returns for seven yards.
- In his second season from Louisiana Tech, this is Allen's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Allen is the third Patriots player to be named Special Teams Player of the Week in 2014, joining defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** (Week 7) and wide receiver **JULIAN EDELMAN** (Week 9).

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
Wk 12	RB Justin Forsett, Baltimore	S Charles Woodson, Oakland	RB Boobie Dixon, Buffalo
Wk 13	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, Houston	LB D'Qwell Jackson, Indianapolis	K Josh Scobee, Jacksonville
Wk 14	RB Le'Veon Bell, Pittsburgh	LB Elvis Dumervil, Baltimore	P Ryan Allen, New England

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 14 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Denver running back **C.J. ANDERSON**, who rushed for 58 yards and three touchdowns in the Broncos' 24-17 win against Buffalo.
- Oakland rookie quarterback **DEREK CARR**, who completed 22 of 28 passes (78.6 percent) for 254 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 140.2 passer rating in the Raiders' 24-13 win against San Francisco.
- New England wide receiver **JULIAN EDELMAN**, who had eight catches for 141 yards (17.6 average) and one touchdown.
- Baltimore quarterback **JOE FLACCO**, who completed 25 of 33 passes (75.8 percent) for 269 yards with two touchdowns for a 106.8 passer rating.
- Indianapolis wide receiver **T.Y. HILTON**, who had 10 catches for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the Colts' 25-24 win at Cleveland.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 14 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Indianapolis safety **MIKE ADAMS**, who had four tackles and one interception.
- Denver cornerback **CHRIS HARRIS, JR.**, who posted five tackles, a sack and an interception.
- Cleveland linebacker **PAUL KRUGER**, who had one sack, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in the Browns' 25-24 loss to Indianapolis.
- Pittsburgh linebacker **ARTHUR MOATS**, who registered four tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- New York Jets defensive tackle **SHELDON RICHARDSON**, who had seven tackles and three sacks in the Jets' 30-24 overtime loss at Minnesota.
- Oakland defensive lineman **ANTONIO SMITH**, who had two sacks.
- Houston defensive end **J.J. WATT**, who had four tackles, all for a loss, with three sacks and one pass defended in the Texans' 27-13 win at Jacksonville.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 14 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Cleveland punter **SPENCER LANNING**, who punted nine times for 407 yards (45.2 average) and placed five inside the 20-yard line.
- Oakland punter **MARQUETTE KING**, who punted five times for 234 yards (46.8 average) and placed two inside the 20-yard line.
- Pittsburgh punter **BRAD WING**, who punted six times for 285 yards (47.5 average) and placed two inside the 20-yard line.