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**COWBOYS WR DEZ BRYANT, LIONS S GLOVER QUIN &  
CARDINALS K CHANDLER CATANZARO NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 15**

Wide receiver **DEZ BRYANT** of the Dallas Cowboys, safety **GLOVER QUIN** of the Detroit Lions and rookie kicker **CHANDLER CATANZARO** of the Arizona Cardinals are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 15th week of the 2014 season (December 11, 14-15), the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: WR DEZ BRYANT, DALLAS COWBOYS**

- Bryant had six catches for 114 yards and three touchdowns in the Cowboys' 38-27 primetime victory at Philadelphia with first place in the NFC East on the line. The win moved Dallas into sole possession of first place in the division with two games to play.
- Bryant had touchdown catches of four, 26 and 25 yards. His third touchdown gave Dallas a 35-24 lead with 12:48 remaining in the fourth quarter.
- He leads the league with 13 touchdown receptions, tying his career-high set last year. Since 2012, Bryant leads the NFL with 38 receiving touchdowns. He is the only player in the league with at least 12 receiving touchdowns in each of the past three seasons.
- In the past 25 seasons, Bryant is one of only four Cowboys with at least 100 receiving yards and three touchdown catches in a game (**MICHAEL IRVIN, TERRELL OWENS, MILES AUSTIN**).
- In his fifth season from Oklahoma State, this is Bryant's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first Cowboys wide receiver to win an Offensive Player of the Week Award in the final month of the season since Pro Football Hall of Famer Michael Irvin (Week 17, 1991).

**DEFENSE: S GLOVER QUIN, DETROIT LIONS**

- Quin had an interception, a 56-yard return and three tackles, including one for a loss, in the Lions' 16-14 win over Minnesota. The Lions improved to 10-4 and moved into a tie for first place in the NFC North with two weeks remaining in the regular season.
- With the Lions trailing 14-0 in the second quarter and the Vikings driving in Detroit territory, Quin intercepted a pass and returned it 56 yards to the Minnesota 11-yard line. Two plays later, the Lions scored a touchdown to cut the deficit in half.
- In the fourth quarter, Quin had a tackle for a loss which eventually forced the Vikings to attempt a field goal, which was blocked. The Lions kicked the game-winning field goal on the ensuing drive after the defensive stop.
- Quin is tied for the NFL lead with six interceptions. The last Lion to lead the league in interceptions in a season was Pro Football Hall of Famer **LEM BARNEY** in 1967.
- In his sixth year from New Mexico, this is Quin's second career Player of the Week Award and first with the Lions. He was previously honored in Week 12, 2010 with the Houston Texans.
- Quin is the third safety in team history to be named Defensive Player of the Week, joining **WILLIE CLAY** (Week 17, 1995) and **KURT SCHULZ** (Week 4, 2000).

**SPECIAL TEAMS: K CHANDLER CATANZARO, ARIZONA CARDINALS**

- Catanzaro converted all four field-goal attempts, scoring all of Arizona's points in the Cardinals' 12-6 win at St. Louis. Arizona tied a franchise record with its 11th win and is the first NFC team to clinch a playoff berth.
- He made field goals of 23, 44, 51 and 46 yards. It marked the second time this season he kicked four field goals in a game without a miss (Week 2).
- Catanzaro is the first rookie in team history to score 100 points (103).
- The Cardinals are the only team in the NFL to win a game this season without scoring a touchdown. It marked the first time since 1935 (November 24) that the Cardinals won on the road without scoring a TD.
- In his rookie season from Clemson, this is Catanzaro's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 6).
- In the past 10 seasons, Catanzaro and **PATRICK PETERSON** (Week 9 and 12, 2011) are the only Cardinals rookies to be named Special Teams Player of the Week multiple times.

## 2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	K Matt Bryant, Atlanta
<b>Wk 2</b>	RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago	PR Ted Ginn, Jr., Arizona
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	PR-KR-WR Devin Hester, Atlanta
<b>Wk 4</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Antoine Bethea, San Francisco	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
<b>Wk 5</b>	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Julius Peppers, Green Bay	K Phil Dawson, San Francisco
<b>Wk 6</b>	T Tyron Smith, Dallas	DE Ezekiel Ansah, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Keenan Robinson, Washington	PR Stedman Bailey, St. Louis
<b>Wk 8</b>	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	LB Anthony Barr, Minnesota	K Kai Forbath, Washington
<b>Wk 9</b>	WR Jeremy Maclin, Philadelphia	LB Junior Galette, New Orleans	ST Justin Bethel, Arizona
<b>Wk 10</b>	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
<b>Wk 11</b>	WR Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	LB Chris Borland, San Francisco	K Greg Zuerlein, St. Louis
<b>Wk 12</b>	RB Eddie Lacy, Green Bay	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	KR Josh Huff, Philadelphia
<b>Wk 13</b>	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	CB Richard Sherman, Seattle	ST Adam Thielen, Minnesota
<b>Wk 14</b>	QB Cam Newton, Carolina	LB Devon Kennard, New York Giants	PR-WR Tavon Austin, St. Louis
<b>Wk 15</b>	WR Dez Bryant, Dallas	S Glover Quin, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona

### Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 15 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Carolina quarterback **DEREK ANDERSON**, who completed 25 of 40 passes (62.5 percent) for 277 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions in the Panthers' 19-17 win over Tampa Bay.
- New York Giants rookie wide receiver **ODELL BECKHAM, JR.**, who had 12 catches for 143 yards and three touchdowns in the Giants' 24-13 win over Washington.
- New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES**, who completed 29 of 36 passes (80.6 percent) for 375 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 137.8 passer rating in the Saints' 31-15 win at Chicago.
- Dallas quarterback **TONY ROMO**, who completed 22 of 31 passes (71.0 percent) for 265 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 129.1 passer rating.

### Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 15 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- New York Giants defensive end **JASON PIERRE-PAUL**, who had 2.5 sacks, seven tackles and a forced fumble.
- New Orleans linebacker **JUNIOR GALETTE**, who had two sacks and a forced fumble.
- New Orleans linebacker **DAVID HAWTHORNE**, who had three sacks and five tackles.
- Carolina defensive end **CHARLES JOHNSON**, who had four tackles, a half-sack and a forced fumble.
- Detroit defensive end **JASON JONES**, who had four tackles and a sack, forced a fumble and blocked a field goal.
- Arizona defensive tackle **FROSTEE RUCKER**, who had a sack, four tackles and a forced fumble.
- Seattle linebacker **BOBBY WAGNER**, who had 10 tackles and a sack in the Seahawks' 17-7 win over San Francisco.

### Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 15 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Carolina kicker **GRAHAM GANO**, who converted four of his five field-goal attempts and scored 13 points.
- Detroit kicker **MATT PRATER**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and one PAT.