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## **SEAHAWKS QB RUSSELL WILSON, PACKERS LB CLAY MATTHEWS & FALCONS P MATT BOSHER NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 16**

Quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** of the Seattle Seahawks, linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS** of the Green Bay Packers and punter **MATT BOSHER** of the Atlanta Falcons are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 16th week of the 2014 season (December 18, 20-22), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: QB RUSSELL WILSON, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

- Wilson completed 20 of 31 passes (64.5 percent) for 339 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 122.9 passer rating in the Seahawks' 35-6 win at Arizona. He also rushed for 88 yards and a touchdown.
- He is the only player in NFL history to have two career games with at least 300 passing yards and 85 rushing yards. Wilson has recorded both performances this season (Week 7).
- Wilson had an 80-yard touchdown pass to tight end **LUKE WILLSON** and a 55-yard rush. He is the first player since 1990 (**RANDALL CUNNINGHAM**, December 2) to have an 80-yard pass and a 50-yard run in a game.
- He led an offense that gained a franchise-record 596 total net yards, including 329 passing and 267 rushing. It is the first time in team history Seattle gained at least 300 passing yards and 250 rushing yards in a game.
- With the win, Seattle moved into the top spot in the NFC heading into the final week of the season.
- In his third season from Wisconsin, this is Wilson's fourth career Player of the Week Award and second this season (Week 5). He was also honored in Week 13, 2012 and Week 13, 2013.
- Wilson's four Player of the Week Awards are tied with **DAVE KRIEG** for the most by a quarterback in franchise history.

### **DEFENSE: LB CLAY MATTHEWS, GREEN BAY PACKERS**

- Matthews had six tackles, 2.5 sacks and a pass defensed in the Packers' 20-3 win at Tampa Bay. Green Bay clinched a playoff berth and hosts Detroit in Week 17 for the NFC North division title.
- Matthews had 2.5 sacks, his 12th career game with at least two sacks and the most by a Packer this season.
- Four of his tackles resulted in a loss and he also had a tackle at the line of scrimmage for no gain.
- He was part of a defensive unit that limited Tampa Bay to 109 total net yards (16 rushing, 93 passing), the fewest the Packers have allowed in a game since 2006 (104 yards vs. Minnesota, December 21).
- Matthews has 10 sacks, his fourth career 10+ sack season. That is tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** and **KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA** for the most 10+ sack seasons in franchise history.
- In his sixth year from Southern California, this is Matthews' fourth career Player of the Week Award and first since 2010 (Week 9). He was also honored in Week 13, 2009 and Week 2, 2010.
- Matthews's four Defensive Player of the Week Awards are tied with **CHARLES WOODSON** for the most in franchise history. Matthews had been tied with White (three) for second place.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: P MATT BOSHER, ATLANTA FALCONS**

- Boshers placed four of his five punts inside the 20-yard line and allowed zero punt-return yards in the Falcons' 30-14 win at New Orleans. Atlanta hosts Carolina in Week 17 for the NFC South division title.
- He had a net average of 44.2 yards per punt and had two 50+ yard punts (55 and 54 yards).
- Boshers' four punts inside the 20-yard line gave the Saints starting field position at the 10-yard line twice, the nine-yard line and the 13-yard line.
- Three of Boshers' punts were downed at or inside the 10-yard line. The Saints scored zero points on those ensuing drives.
- Boshers is the franchise leader in career punting average (45.5) and net average (40.2).
- In his fourth season from Miami, this is Boshers' first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first punter in franchise history to be named Special Teams Player of the Week.
- This is the first time in franchise history that three different players have been honored as Special Teams Player of the Week in a season (**MATT BRYANT**, Week 1 and **DEVIN HESTER**, Week 3).

## 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
<b>Wk 16</b>	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Clay Matthews, Green Bay	P Matt Bosher, Atlanta

### Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 16 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Green Bay wide receiver **RANDALL COBB**, who had 11 catches for 131 yards.
- Philadelphia tight end **ZACH ERTZ**, who had 15 catches for 115 yards in the Eagles' loss to Washington.
- San Francisco running back **FRANK GORE**, who rushed for 158 yards and a touchdown in the 49ers' overtime loss to San Diego.
- Washington wide receiver **DE SEAN JACKSON**, who had four catches for 126 yards in the Redskins' 27-24 win over Philadelphia.
- Detroit wide receiver **CALVIN JOHNSON**, who had six catches for 103 yards in the Lions' 20-14 win at Chicago.
- Green Bay running back **EDDIE LACY**, who rushed for 99 yards and a touchdown.
- New York Giants quarterback **ELI MANNING**, who completed 25 of 32 passes (78.1 percent) for 391 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 148.8 passer rating in the Giants' 37-27 win at St. Louis.
- Green Bay wide receiver **JORDY NELSON**, who had nine catches for 113 yards and a touchdown.
- Dallas quarterback **TONY ROMO**, who completed 18 of 20 passes (90.0 percent) for 218 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a 151.7 passer rating in the Cowboys' 42-7 win over Indianapolis.
- Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN**, who completed 30 of 40 passes (75.0 percent) for 322 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 106.5 passer rating.
- Carolina running back **JONATHAN STEWART**, who rushed for 122 yards in the Panthers' 17-13 win over Cleveland.
- Seattle tight end **LUKE WILLSON**, who had three catches for 139 yards and two touchdowns.

### Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 16 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Atlanta safety **KEMAL ISHMAEL**, who had a forced fumble, fumble recovery and four tackles.
- Washington linebacker **RYAN KERRIGAN**, who had a sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery and six tackles.
- Green Bay linebacker **JULIUS PEPPERS**, who had two sacks and a forced fumble.
- Detroit defensive tackle **NDAMUKONG SUH**, who had two sacks and four tackles.
- New York Giants rookie defensive end **KERRY WYNN**, who had a sack, an interception, a fumble recovery and three tackles.

### Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 16 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- New York Giants special teamer **ORLEANS DARKWA**, who had two special teams tackles and forced a fumble. He also added a 12-yard touchdown run.
- Washington kicker **KAI FORBATH**, who converted both field-goal attempts, including the game-winning 26-yarder with five seconds remaining in the game.