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<http://twitter.com/nfl345>**PACKERS QB AARON RODGERS, PANTHERS S ROMAN HARPER &
PACKERS PR MICAH HYDE NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 17**

Quarterback **AARON RODGERS** of the Green Bay Packers, safety **ROMAN HARPER** of the Carolina Panthers and punt returner **MICAH HYDE** of the Packers are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 17th week of the 2014 season (December 28), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB AARON RODGERS, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Rodgers completed 17 of 22 passes (77.3 percent) for 226 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 139.6 passer rating in the Packers' 30-20 win over Detroit. He also rushed for a touchdown.
- After leaving the game with a calf injury, Rodgers returned and completed 11 of 13 passes (84.6 percent) for 129 yards and scored two touchdowns (one passing, one rushing). He threw a touchdown pass on his first drive back as the Packers re-took the lead after Detroit had tied the game at 14.
- Green Bay clinched the NFC North and a first-round bye with the win.
- The performance marked Rodgers' 11th game this season with a 100+ passer rating.
- Rodgers finished the year with a 112.2 passer rating and is the only player in NFL history to have a 100+ rating in six consecutive seasons.
- At home this season, Rodgers threw 25 touchdown passes and no interceptions with a 133.2 passer rating.
- In his 10th season from California, this is Rodgers' 12th career Player of the Week Award and fourth this season (Weeks 4, 7 and 10). His four Player of the Week Awards this season are the most in the NFL.
- Rodgers' 12 Player of the Week Awards are tied for the most in franchise history with **BRETT FAVRE**.
- Since 2010, Rodgers' 12 Player of the Week Awards are the most in the NFL.

DEFENSE: S ROMAN HARPER, CAROLINA PANTHERS

- Harper had six tackles and a 31-yard interception-return touchdown in the Panthers' 34-3 win at Atlanta. With the victory, Carolina won the NFC South for the second consecutive season.
- With the Panthers leading 10-3 in the second quarter, Harper extended the team's advantage by picking off a pass and returning it 31 yards for a touchdown to give Carolina a 17-3 lead with 4:18 remaining in the first half.
- Harper was part of a defensive unit that limited the Falcons to three points and 288 total net yards.
- Carolina's secondary recorded two interception-return touchdowns as Harper (31 yards) and rookie **TRE BOSTON** (84) each scored for the Panthers. It marked the first time in franchise history the team returned two interceptions for touchdowns in a game.
- In his ninth year from Alabama, this is Harper's third career Player of the Week Award and first with the Panthers. He previously was honored in Weeks 2 and 10 in 2011 with the New Orleans Saints.
- Harper is the third safety in franchise history to be named Defensive Player of the Week, joining **PAT TERRELL** (Week 11, 1996) and **DEON GRANT** (Week 3, 2002).

SPECIAL TEAMS: PR MICAH HYDE, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Hyde had a 55-yard punt-return touchdown in the Packers' win as Green Bay clinched the NFC North and secured a first-round bye.
- With the game scoreless with just under five minutes to go in the first quarter, Hyde fielded a punt at his own 45-yard line and returned it 55 yards for the contest's first score to give the Packers a 7-0 lead.
- This season, Hyde tied for the NFL lead with two punt-return touchdowns. He averaged 15.8 yards per punt return, the highest in the league among players with at least 14 returns.
- In his second season from Iowa, this is Hyde's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the first Packers returner to be named Special Teams Player of the Week since 2008 (**WILL BLACKMON**, Week 1).
- This is the first time since Week 7, 1996 that the Packers won an Offensive and Special Teams Player of the Week Award in the same week. That week, wide receiver **DON BEEBE** (Offense) and kicker **CHRIS JACKE** (Special Teams) were honored.

2014 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	LB DeAndre Levy, Detroit	K Matt Bryant, Atlanta
Wk 2	RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia	CB Kyle Fuller, Chicago	PR Ted Ginn, Jr., Arizona
Wk 3	QB Matt Ryan, Atlanta	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	PR-KR-WR Devin Hester, Atlanta
Wk 4	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Antoine Bethea, San Francisco	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
Wk 5	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Julius Peppers, Green Bay	K Phil Dawson, San Francisco
Wk 6	T Tyron Smith, Dallas	DE Ezekiel Ansah, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona
Wk 7	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	LB Keenan Robinson, Washington	PR Stedman Bailey, St. Louis
Wk 8	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	LB Anthony Barr, Minnesota	K Kai Forbath, Washington
Wk 9	WR Jeremy Maclin, Philadelphia	LB Junior Galette, New Orleans	ST Justin Bethel, Arizona
Wk 10	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	CB Patrick Peterson, Arizona	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
Wk 11	WR Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	LB Chris Borland, San Francisco	K Greg Zuerlein, St. Louis
Wk 12	RB Eddie Lacy, Green Bay	S Kam Chancellor, Seattle	KR Josh Huff, Philadelphia
Wk 13	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	CB Richard Sherman, Seattle	ST Adam Thielen, Minnesota
Wk 14	QB Cam Newton, Carolina	LB Devon Kennard, New York Giants	PR-WR Tavon Austin, St. Louis
Wk 15	WR Dez Bryant, Dallas	S Glover Quin, Detroit	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona
Wk 16	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Clay Matthews, Green Bay	P Matt Bosher, Atlanta
Wk 17	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Roman Harper, Carolina	PR Micah Hyde, Green Bay

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 17 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas wide receiver **DEZ BRYANT**, who had four catches for 99 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 44-17 win at Washington.
- San Francisco running back **FRANK GORE**, who rushed for 144 yards in the 49ers' 20-17 win over Arizona.
- Philadelphia rookie wide receiver **JORDAN MATTHEWS**, who had eight catches for 105 yards and a touchdown in the Eagles' 34-26 win at the New York Giants.
- Carolina quarterback **CAM NEWTON**, who passed for a touchdown, rushed for a touchdown and had a 104.7 passer rating.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 17 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas linebacker **BRUCE CARTER**, who had 11 tackles and two interceptions.
- Minnesota linebacker **AUDIE COLE**, who had 14 tackles in the Vikings' 13-9 win over Chicago.
- Green Bay defensive end **MIKE DANIELS**, who had a sack and three tackles.
- Seattle linebacker **BRUCE IRVIN**, who had a sack, an interception-return touchdown, a forced fumble and five tackles in the Seahawks' 20-6 win over St. Louis.
- Carolina defensive tackle **STAR LOTULELEI**, who had two sacks and seven tackles.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 17 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Dallas kicker **DAN BAILEY**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and five PATs.
- Philadelphia special teamer **TREY BURTON**, who returned a blocked punt 27 yards for a touchdown.
- Philadelphia special teamer **JAMES CASEY**, who blocked a punt which was returned for a touchdown.
- Seattle kicker **STEVEN HAUSCHKA**, who converted both field-goal attempts and two PATs.
- Philadelphia rookie kicker **CODY PARKEY**, who converted both field-goal attempts and four PATs.