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CARDINALS WR LARRY FITZGERALD, COWBOYS LB SEAN LEE & CARDINALS KR-RB DAVID JOHNSON NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 2

Wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** of the Arizona Cardinals, linebacker **SEAN LEE** of the Dallas Cowboys and kick returner-running back **DAVID JOHNSON** of the Cardinals are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the second week of the 2015 season (September 17, 20-21), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR LARRY FITZGERALD, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Fitzgerald had eight catches for 112 yards and three touchdowns in the Cardinals' 48-23 win at Chicago. His three touchdowns matched his single-game high which he accomplished in the 2008 NFC Championship Game.
- Including the postseason, he now has 101 career touchdown receptions, the most among active players. Fitzgerald has 19 more touchdown catches than the next wide receiver on the list (**STEVE SMITH SR.**, 82).
- The performance marked his 18th career game with multiple touchdown catches (including the postseason).
- Fitzgerald extended his streak to 165 consecutive games with a catch, the longest active streak in the NFL and a franchise record.
- In his 12th season from Pittsburgh, this is Fitzgerald's fourth career Player of the Week Award and first since Week 8, 2014.
- Only **KURT WARNER** (five) has more Offensive Player of the Week Awards in franchise history.
- Fitzgerald's four Offensive Player of the Week Awards are the most among active wide receivers.

DEFENSE: LB SEAN LEE, DALLAS COWBOYS

- Lee had a game-high 14 tackles, an interception and two passes defensed in the Cowboys' 20-10 win at Philadelphia.
- Five of his tackles came within two yards of the line of scrimmage or behind, including two for a loss. He had four tackles against the run which resulted in a total of minus-five yards.
- In the third quarter, with the Cowboys leading 13-0, the Eagles drove to the Dallas three-yard line. On second-and-goal, Lee intercepted a pass in the end zone to end the scoring threat.
- Lee was part of a defensive unit that allowed 226 total net yards and seven net rushing yards.
- With 1:21 remaining in the game, Lee sealed the victory by recovering the onside kick.
- In his sixth year from Penn State, this is Lee's third career Player of the Week Award. He was previously honored in Week 13, 2010 and Week 7, 2013.
- Lee is one of three Cowboys to win Defensive Player of the Week at least three times. He joins **DE MARCUS WARE** (four) and **ED "TOO TALL" JONES** (three).

SPECIAL TEAMS: KR-RB DAVID JOHNSON, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Johnson had a 108-yard kickoff-return touchdown and a 13-yard touchdown run in the Cardinals' victory.
- His 108-yard kickoff-return TD ties for the second-longest in NFL history and is the longest in franchise history.
- Johnson is the first Cardinals player to have a kickoff-return touchdown and a rushing touchdown in the same game since Pro Football Hall of Famer **OLLIE MATSON** on December 13, 1958.
- Johnson, who had a 55-yard touchdown reception in Week 1, is the first player in NFL history with a kickoff-return touchdown, rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown in his first two games to begin a career.
- He is the third rookie in franchise history with a kickoff-return touchdown in his first two games to begin a career, joining Matson (1952) and **LES GOBLE** (1954).
- In his rookie season from Northern Iowa, this is Johnson's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the Cardinals' first rookie returner to be named Special Teams Player of the Week since **PATRICK PETERSON** in 2011 (Weeks 9 and 12).
- Johnson joins **KURT WARNER** and **BRYCE PAUP** as the only players from Northern Iowa to win a Player of the Week Award.

2015 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	WR Julio Jones, Atlanta	DT Aaron Donald, St. Louis	PR-WR Tavon Austin, St. Louis
Wk 2	WR Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	LB Sean Lee, Dallas	KR-RB David Johnson, Arizona

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Green Bay wide receiver **RANDALL COBB**, who had eight catches for 116 yards in the Packers' 27-17 win over Seattle.
- Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES**, who had 13 catches for 135 yards in the Falcons' 24-20 win at the New York Giants.
- Washington rookie running back **MATT JONES**, who rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns in the Redskins' 24-10 win over St. Louis.
- Carolina quarterback **CAM NEWTON**, who threw two touchdown passes and ran for one score in the Panthers' 24-17 win over Houston.
- Minnesota running back **ADRIAN PETERSON**, who rushed for 134 yards and added 58 receiving yards in the Vikings' 26-16 win over Detroit.
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who completed 25 of 33 passes (75.8 percent) for 249 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 116.9 passer rating.
- Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN**, who completed 30 of 46 passes (65.2 percent) for 363 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 96.6 passer rating.
- Tampa Bay rookie quarterback **JAMEIS WINSTON**, who completed 14 of 21 passes (66.7 percent) for 207 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 114.6 passer rating. He also added a touchdown run.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Atlanta linebacker **KROY BIERMANN**, who had a sack, a forced fumble and three tackles.
- Green Bay linebacker **JAYRONE ELLIOTT**, who had an interception and a forced fumble.
- Arizona safety **TONY JEFFERSON**, who had nine tackles and a 26-yard interception-return touchdown.
- Carolina linebacker **A.J. KLEIN**, who had an interception and four tackles.
- Tampa Bay defensive end **JACQUIES SMITH**, who had three sacks and two forced fumbles.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 2 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Tampa Bay rookie kicker **KYLE BRINDZA**, who converted four of five field-goal attempts, including a long of 55 yards.
- Green Bay kicker **MASON CROSBY**, who converted all four field-goal attempts and became the franchise's all-time leading scorer (1,057 points).
- Dallas punter **CHRIS JONES**, who averaged 52.5 yards per punt with a net average of 45.8 yards.
- Carolina punter **BRAD NORTMAN**, who punted seven times and averaged 53.9 yards per punt.