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STEELERS QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, JETS CB DARRELLE REVIS & BROWNS PR-WR TRAVIS BENJAMIN NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 2

Quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, cornerback **DARRELLE REVIS** of the New York Jets and punt returner-wide receiver **TRAVIS BENJAMIN** of the Cleveland Browns are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in Week 2 (September 17, 20-21), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

- Roethlisberger completed 21 of 27 passes (77.8 percent) for 369 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 155.8 passer rating in the Steelers' 43-18 win against San Francisco.
- He earned his 107th win as a starter, tying Pro Football Hall of Famer **TERRY BRADSHAW** for the most of any quarterback in Steelers history.
- Roethlisberger averaged 13.7 yards per attempt, the highest single-game average this season, and his 155.8 passer rating led all NFL players in Week 2.
- Roethlisberger connected with three different teammates on each of his touchdown passes and now has 255 career TDs, as he eclipsed Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN FOUTS** (254) and tied Hall of Famer **SONNY JURGENSEN** (255) for No. 15 on the all-time list.
- He also helped the Steelers convert two two-point conversions, connecting with wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** and tight end **HEATH MILLER** following first-half touchdowns as Pittsburgh built an early 16-3 lead.
- In his 12th season from Miami (Ohio), this is Roethlisberger's 12th Player of the Week Award, the most of any Steelers player since the accolade was instituted in 1984, and first since 2014 (Week 9).

DEFENSE: CB DARRELLE REVIS, NEW YORK JETS

- Revis had two fumble recoveries, an interception and four tackles in the Jets' 20-7 win at Indianapolis on *Monday Night Football*.
- With the Jets leading 10-0 in the third quarter, Revis ended consecutive Colts' drives with a fumble recovery at the goal line and an interception on the ensuing possession.
- Revis, who had a career-best three takeaways, also recovered a fumble in the second quarter.
- The Jets are the first team to force at least five turnovers in each of their first two games to begin a season since the 1992 Pittsburgh Steelers.
- In his ninth season from Pittsburgh, this is Revis' third career Defensive Player of the Week Award and first since 2011 (Week 6).
- Revis is the third Jet to be named Defensive Player of the Week three times since the award's inception in 1984, joining **MARK GASTINEAU** and **MO LEWIS**.

SPECIAL TEAMS: PR-WR TRAVIS BENJAMIN, CLEVELAND BROWNS

- Benjamin returned six punts for 154 yards (25.7 average), including a 78-yard touchdown, in the Browns' 28-14 win against Tennessee.
- As a wide receiver, Benjamin also posted a career-high 115 receiving yards on three catches, including two long touchdowns (60 and 50 yards).
- He is the second player in NFL history with a 75+ yard punt return-touchdown and two 50+ yard TD catches in the same game (**TAVON AUSTIN**, September 15, 2013).
- Benjamin, who had a 54-yard touchdown reception on Kickoff Weekend, is the first player with four 50-yard touchdowns in the first two weeks of a season since Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** (1963).
- His 154 punt-return yards were the third-most in a single game in franchise history.
- In his fourth season from Miami, this is Benjamin's third career Special Teams Player of the Week Award and first since 2013 (Week 5).
- Benjamin is the first Browns player to be named Special Teams Player of the Week since **TANK CARDER** in 2014 (Week 5).

2015 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Marcus Mariota, Tennessee	CB Aqib Talib, Denver	PR-WR Jarvis Landry, Miami
Wk 2	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	CB Darrelle Revis, N.Y. Jets	PR-WR Travis Benajamin, Cleveland

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

- Cincinnati running back **GIOVANI BERNARD**, who had 139 scrimmage yards (123 rushing, 16 receiving) in the Bengals' 24-19 win against San Diego.
- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY**, who completed 38 of 59 passes (64.4 percent) for 466 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 105.6 passer rating in the Patriots' 40-32 win at Buffalo.
- Pittsburgh wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN**, who had nine catches for 195 yards (21.7 average) and one touchdown.
- Oakland quarterback **DEREK CARR**, who passed for 351 yards and three touchdowns with a 100.9 passer rating in the Raiders' 37-33 win against Baltimore.
- Cincinnati quarterback **ANDY DALTON**, who passed for 214 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 126.1 passer rating.
- New York Jets wide receiver **ERIC DECKER**, who had eight catches for 97 yards and one touchdown.
- Denver quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**, who passed for 256 yards and three touchdowns in the Broncos' 31-24 win at Kansas City.
- New York Jets wide receiver **BRANDON MARSHALL**, who had seven catches for 101 yards and one touchdown.
- Jacksonville wide receiver **ALLEN ROBINSON**, who had six catches for 155 yards (25.8 average) and two touchdowns in the Jaguars' 23-20 win against Miami.

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

- Cleveland defensive end **ARMONTY BRYANT**, who posted 2.5 sacks, one forced fumble and six tackles.
- New England defensive end **CHANDLER JONES**, who had six tackles and three sacks.
- Pittsburgh linebacker **RYAN SHAZIER**, who totaled 15 tackles, one sack, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Denver linebacker **DE MARCUS WARE**, who had four tackles and one sack.

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

- New England kicker **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI**, who converted all four field-goal attempts and four PATs.
- Jacksonville kicker **JASON MYERS**, who converted all three field-goal attempts, including a game-winning 28-yarder, and both extra points.