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STEELERS QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, BILLS S BACCARI RAMBO & PATRIOTS K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 10

Quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, safety **BACCARI RAMBO** of the Buffalo Bills and kicker **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI** of the New England Patriots are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for Week 10 (November 12, November 15-16), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

- Roethlisberger completed 22 of 33 passes (66.7 percent) for 379 yards with three touchdowns for a 123.2 passer rating in the Steelers' 30-9 win against Cleveland.
- Roethlisberger, who led the league with 379 passing yards in Week 10, did not start the game due to a foot injury. His 379 passing yards are the most ever by a quarterback who did not start the game, eclipsing the mark previously held by Minnesota's **WADE WILSON** (374 yards on December 16, 1990).
- He passed for 286 yards in the first half, marking the second-most in the opening half of a game in his NFL career.
- Roethlisberger's three touchdown passes increased his season total to 10. He has now passed for at least 10 touchdowns in each of his first 12 seasons, tying Pro Football Hall of Famer **WARREN MOON** for the third-longest streak to begin a career in NFL history.
- In his 12th season from Miami (Ohio), this is Roethlisberger's 13th Player of the Week Award, the most of any Steelers player since the accolade was instituted in 1984, and first since Week 2 of this season.

DEFENSE: S BACCARI RAMBO, BUFFALO BILLS

- Rambo accounted for two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, an interception and three tackles in the Bills' 22-17 win at the New York Jets on *Thursday Night Football*.
- His first forced fumble came during kickoff coverage in the second quarter and was returned 19 yards by **DUKE WILLIAMS** for the game's first touchdown.
- His second forced fumble came in the third quarter when he stripped the ball from **CHRIS IVORY** and recovered it himself. The turnover led to a **DAN CARPENTER** field goal that provided the Bills with a 22-3 lead.
- Rambo ended the game with an interception on the Jets' final play from scrimmage with 24 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.
- In his third season from Georgia, this is Rambo's first career Player of the Week Award and first by a Bills safety since **JAIRUS BYRD** in 2012 (Week 6).
- Rambo joins linebacker **PRESTON BROWN** (Week 3) as the second Bills defender to be named Defensive Player of the Week this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Gostkowski converted both of his field-goal attempts, including the game-winning 54-yarder with one second remaining, and all three PATs in the Patriots' 27-26 win at the New York Giants.
- With his game-winning field goal, Gostkowski (264) surpassed **ADAM VINATIERI** (263) as the Patriots' all-time leader in made field goals.
- Dating back to 2014, Gostkowski has converted 30 consecutive field-goal attempts, the longest streak in franchise history.
- In his 10th season from Memphis, this is Gostkowski's third career Player of the Week Award and marks the second time he has been recognized this season (Week 7).
- He joins Vinatieri (eight) as the only Patriots to win at least three Special Teams Player of the Week Awards.

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
Wk 3	WR A.J. Green, Cincinnati	LB Preston Brown, Buffalo	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
Wk 4	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	S T.J. Ward, Denver	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
Wk 5	QB Josh McCown, Cleveland	S Mike Adams, Indianapolis	K Mike Nugent, Cincinnati
Wk 6	WR DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Chris Boswell, Pittsburgh
Wk 7	QB Ryan Tannehill, Miami	LB Telvin Smith, Jacksonville	K Stephen Gostkowski, New England
Wk 8	QB Tom Brady, New England	DE Derek Wolfe, Denver	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
Wk 9	QB Marcus Mariota, Tennessee	CB Darius Butler, Indianapolis	P Ryan Quigley, N.Y. Jets
Wk 10	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	S Baccari Rambo, Buffalo	K Stephen Gostkowski, New England

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 10 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY**, who passed for 334 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for a 92.8 passer rating.
- Pittsburgh wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN**, who had 10 catches for 139 yards and two touchdowns.
- New England tight end **ROB GRONKOWSKI**, who had five catches for 113 yards and one touchdown.
- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**, who passed for 217 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for 94.3 passer rating in the Dolphins' 20-19 win at Philadelphia.
- Kansas City running back **CHARCANDRICK WEST**, who had 161 scrimmage yards (69 rushing, 92 receiving) and two total touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving) in the Chiefs' 29-13 win at Denver.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 10 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Jacksonville cornerback **DAVON HOUSE**, who notched eight tackles, two interceptions and four passes defended in the Jaguars' 22-20 victory against Baltimore.
- Kansas City linebacker **JUSTIN HOUSTON**, who had two sacks and three tackles.
- Miami defensive tackle **NDAMUKONG SUH**, who posted eight tackles, including three tackles for a loss, and one sack.
- New York Jets defensive end **MUHAMMAD WILKERSON**, who had six tackles and two sacks against Buffalo.

Other nominee for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 10 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Kansas City kicker **CAIRO SANTOS**, who converted five of six field-goal attempts (48, 49, 34, 33 and 50 yards) and both PATs for 17 total points.
- Miami rookie linebacker **ZACH VIGIL**, who blocked a punt.