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PANTHERS QB CAM NEWTON, BUCCANEERS LB LAVONTE DAVID & PACKERS K MASON CROSBY NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 11

Quarterback **CAM NEWTON** of the Carolina Panthers, linebacker **LAVONTE DAVID** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and kicker **MASON CROSBY** of the Green Bay Packers are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 11th week of the 2015 season (November 19, 22-23), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB CAM NEWTON, CAROLINA PANTHERS

- Newton tied the franchise single-game record with five touchdown passes in the Panthers' 44-16 win over Washington. With the victory, Carolina improved to 10-0 for the first time in club history.
- He became the first Panthers quarterback to throw four touchdown passes in a first half and the performance marked his first career game with at least four touchdown passes.
- Newton's five touchdown passes went to five different players.
- In his career, he has 102 passing touchdowns and 39 rushing touchdowns and is the only player in NFL history with at least 100 passing touchdowns and 25 rushing touchdowns in a player's first five seasons.
- Newton finished the game with a 123.3 passer rating, his third consecutive game with a 100+ rating.
- In his fifth season from Auburn, this is Newton's fifth career Player of the Week Award and second this season (Week 9).
- Newton's five Offensive Player of the Week Awards are the most in franchise history. He is the only Panthers player to win five Player of the Week Awards in his first five NFL seasons.
- He is the only Panthers quarterback to win the award multiple times.

DEFENSE: LB LAVONTE DAVID, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

- David had two interceptions, including a 20-yard touchdown, and six tackles in the Buccaneers' 45-17 win at Philadelphia.
- His two interceptions are tied for the most by a Buccaneers linebacker in a game and David is the only linebacker in franchise history to have two such games.
- Over the past 20 seasons, David and Pro Football Hall of Famer **DERRICK BROOKS** are the only linebackers in team history to have two interceptions in a game.
- This season, David is the only player with at least 80 tackles (87), two interceptions (two), two sacks (two) and a forced fumble (one).
- In his fourth year from Nebraska, this is David's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 12, 2013).
- David joins Brooks (six) and **HARDY NICKERSON** (three) as the only linebackers in team history to win multiple Defensive Player of the Week Awards.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K MASON CROSBY, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Crosby converted all five field-goal attempts (42, 47, 40, 42 and 52 yards) and had a league-best 16 points in the Packers' 30-13 win at Minnesota.
- All five of Crosby's field goals were from at least 40 yards. He is the first player in NFL history to make at least five field goals in a game without a miss, with each attempt coming from 40+ yards.
- Crosby's five field goals tied the franchise single-game record.
- It marked the second career game in which Crosby converted all five field-goal attempts (October 6, 2013).
- In his ninth season from Colorado, this is Crosby's sixth career Player of the Week Award and first since 2013 (Week 5).
- Crosby's six Special Teams Player of the Week Awards are the most in franchise history.

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
Wk 3	QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	S Tyrann Mathieu, Arizona	PR-RB Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
Wk 4	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	CB Josh Norman, Carolina	K Robbie Gould, Chicago
Wk 5	QB Eli Manning, New York Giants	DE Fletcher Cox, Philadelphia	PR Bobby Rainey, Tampa Bay
Wk 6	WR Calvin Johnson, Detroit	DT Kawann Short, Carolina	LB Michael Mauti, New Orleans
Wk 7	QB Kirk Cousins, Washington	DE Michael Bennett, Seattle	KR Dwayne Harris, New York Giants
Wk 8	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	LB Kwon Alexander, Tampa Bay	PR Marcus Sherels, Minnesota
Wk 9	QB Cam Newton, Carolina	DT Linval Joseph, Minnesota	K Josh Brown, New York Giants
Wk 10	QB Kirk Cousins, Washington	CB Terence Newman, Minnesota	KR Ameer Abdullah, Detroit
Wk 11	QB Cam Newton, Carolina	LB Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	K Mason Crosby, Green Bay

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 11 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Green Bay wide receiver **JAMES JONES**, who had six catches for 109 yards with a touchdown and also added a two-point conversion.
- Tampa Bay running back **DOUG MARTIN**, who rushed for 235 yards, his second career 200-yard rushing game.
- Arizona rookie wide receiver **J.J. NELSON**, who had four catches for 142 yards and a touchdown in the Cardinals' 34-31 win over Cincinnati.
- Arizona quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who passed for 317 yards, four touchdowns and a 111.2 passer rating.
- Seattle rookie running back **THOMAS RAWLS**, who had 255 scrimmage yards – including 209 rushing – and scored two touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving) in the Seahawks' 29-13 win over San Francisco.
- Dallas quarterback **TONY ROMO**, who passed for two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 24-14 win at Miami.
- Detroit quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD**, who passed for 282 yards and rushed for a touchdown in the Lions' 18-13 win over Oakland.
- Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON**, who completed 24 of 29 passes (82.8 percent) for 260 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 138.5 passer rating.
- Tampa Bay rookie quarterback **JAMEIS WINSTON**, who threw five touchdown passes and had a 131.6 passer rating.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 11 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Detroit defensive end **EZEKIEL ANSAH**, who recorded his eighth sack of the season.
- Carolina cornerback **BENE BENWIKERE**, who had a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and five tackles.
- Arizona safety **DEONE BUCANNON**, who had eight tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery.
- Green Bay defensive end **DATONE JONES**, who had two sacks and a pass defended.
- Dallas linebacker **ROLANDO MC CLAIN**, who had an interception-return touchdown and three tackles.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 11 as submitted by NFC clubs:

- Arizona kicker **CHANDLER CATANZARO**, who converted both field-goal attempts, including the game-winner with two seconds remaining, and all four PATs.
- Detroit kicker **MATT PRATER**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and one PAT.