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JETS QB RYAN FITZPATRICK, RAIDERS DE KHALIL MACK & JAGUARS PR-WR RASHAD GREENE NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 14

Quarterback **RYAN FITZPATRICK** of the New York Jets, defensive end **KHALIL MACK** of the Oakland Raiders and rookie punt returner-wide receiver **RASHAD GREENE** of the Jacksonville Jaguars are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 14th week of the 2015 season (December 10, December 13-14), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB RYAN FITZPATRICK, NEW YORK JETS

- Fitzpatrick passed for 263 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 108.9 passer rating in the Jets' 30-8 win against Tennessee.
- All three of Fitzpatrick's touchdown passes came in the first half, including a 16-yard score to **ERIC DECKER** in the first quarter and touchdown throws to running back **BILAL POWELL** (16 yards) and wide receiver **BRANDON MARSHALL** (69 yards) in the second quarter en route to a 27-0 halftime lead.
- The performance marked the third game in a row in which Fitzpatrick passed for at least two touchdowns and no interceptions with a passer rating of 100 or better.
- In his 11th season from Harvard, this is Fitzpatrick's third career Player of the Week Award and first since 2014 with Houston (Week 13).
- This week marks the second in a row in which a Jet has been recognized as the AFC Offensive Player of the Week (**BRANDON MARSHALL**, Week 13).

DEFENSE: DE KHALIL MACK, OAKLAND RAIDERS

- Mack posted seven tackles and five sacks with one forced fumble in the Raiders' 15-12 victory at Denver.
- His five sacks, all of which came in the second half, tied the single-game franchise record set by Pro Football Hall of Famer **HOWIE LONG** against Washington on October 2, 1983.
- With Oakland trailing 12-7 with 1:58 remaining in the third quarter, Mack sacked **BROCK OSWEILER** in the end zone and forced a fumble that resulted in a safety, pulling the Raiders within three points entering the final quarter.
- Mack, who leads the NFL with 14 sacks, is the third player to record at least five sacks in the second half of a game since sacks became an official statistic in 1982 and the first to do so since **VONNIE HOLLIDAY** on December 22, 2002 against Buffalo.
- In his second season from Buffalo, this is Mack's first career Player of the Week Award and first by a Raiders defensive lineman since **LAMARR HOUSTON** in 2012 (Week 7).
- He is the first Raider to be named Defensive Player of the Week since safety **CHARLES WOODSON** in 2014 (Week 12).

SPECIAL TEAMS: PR-WR RASHAD GREENE, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

- Greene had a 73-yard punt return-touchdown in the Jaguars' 51-16 win against Indianapolis.
- Green's 73-yard punt return, which gave with the Jaguars a 23-13 lead in the third quarter, was the fourth-longest in club history and marked the first-ever punt return-touchdown by a Jaguars rookie.
- Jacksonville, which scored 21 points in both the third and fourth quarter against the Colts, is the third team to score at least 21 points in both the third and fourth quarter of the same game since 1970 and the first to accomplish the feat since 2006 (San Diego on November 12, 2006 vs. Cincinnati).
- Green also added one reception for 18 yards as a wide receiver.
- In his first season from Florida State, this is Greene's first career Special Teams Player of the Week Award and the first by a Jaguar since kicker **JOSH SCOBEE** in 2014 (Week 13).
- Greene is the first Jaguars rookie to win a Special Teams Player of the Week Award since **MAURICE JONES-DREW** in 2006 (Week 14).

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 Benjamin, 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
Wk 11	QB Brock Osweiler, Denver	DE J.J. Watt, Houston	P Dustin Colquitt, Kansas City
Wk 12	RB C.J. Anderson, Denver	CB Leon Hall, Cincinnati	S Will Hill, Baltimore
Wk 13	WR Brandon Marshall, N.Y. Jets	S Tyvon Branch, Kansas City	PR-WR Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh
Wk 14	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, N.Y. Jets	DE Khalil Mack, Oakland	PR-WR Rashad Green, Jacksonville

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 14 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Jacksonville quarterback **BLAKE BORTLES**, who passed for 250 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 114.6 passer rating.
- Cleveland running back **ISAIAH CROWELL**, who rushed for 145 yards and two touchdowns in the Browns' 24-10 win against San Francisco.
- New York Jets wide receiver **BRANDON MARSHALL**, who had six catches for 125 yards and one touchdown.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 14 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Jacksonville defensive end **ANDRE BRANCH**, who had four tackles, two sacks, a forced fumble, one pass defensed and a fumble-return touchdown.
- Cleveland linebacker **ARMONTY BRYANT**, who had seven tackles and two sacks.
- Kansas City linebacker **DEE FORD**, who had seven tackles and three sacks in the Chiefs' 10-3 win against San Diego.
- Pittsburgh cornerback **WILLIAM GAY**, who had two tackles and an interception return-touchdown in the Steelers' 33-20 win at Cincinnati.
- New England defensive end **JABAAL SHEARD**, who had four tackles, two sacks and two forced fumbles in the Patriots' 27-6 win at Houston.
- New York Jets defensive end **MUHAMMAD WILKERSON**, who had five tackles, three sacks and one forced fumble.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 14 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Pittsburgh kicker **CHRIS BOSWELL**, who converted all four field-goal attempts and three PATs.
- Oakland punter **MARQUETTE KING**, who punted 10 times for 460 yards (46.0 average) and placed five inside his opponent's 20-yard line.