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GIANTS QB ELI MANNING, RAMS DT AARON DONALD & CARDINALS K CHANDLER CATANZARO NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 14

Quarterback **ELI MANNING** of the New York Giants, defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** of the St. Louis Rams and kicker **CHANDLER CATANZARO** of the Arizona Cardinals are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 14th week of the 2015 season (December 10, 13-14), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB ELI MANNING, NEW YORK GIANTS

- Manning completed 27 of 31 passes (career-high 87.1 percent) for 337 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions for a career-best 151.5 passer rating in the Giants' 31-24 win at Miami.
- Manning's 87.1 completion percentage is the highest by a Giants quarterback in a regular-season game (minimum 20 attempts) and the second-best mark in franchise history behind **PHIL SIMMS'** 88.0 completion percentage (22 of 25) in Super Bowl XXI.
- He is the first Giants quarterback to have a passer rating of at least 150 in a game since 2002 (**KERRY COLLINS**, 158.3 on December 22).
- Manning threw touchdown passes to **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** (84 and six yards), **RUEBEN RANDLE** (six yards) and **WILL TYE** (five yards). Manning's 84-yard touchdown pass to Beckham with 11:13 remaining in the fourth quarter broke a 24-24 tie and proved to be the game-winning score.
- He has six touchdown passes of at least 50 yards this season, the most in the NFL.
- In his 12th season from Mississippi, this is Manning's fourth career Player of the Week Award and second this season (Week 5).
- Manning's four Player of the Week Awards are tied for the most by a quarterback in team history (Collins).

DEFENSE: DT AARON DONALD, ST. LOUIS RAMS

- Donald had a career-high three sacks and five tackles in the Rams' 21-14 win over Detroit. He was also credited with a career-best six quarterback hits.
- He leads NFL defensive tackles with a career-high 11 sacks this season and ranks fifth in the league – second in the NFC – among all players.
- This marked the second time in his career in which Donald recorded at least two sacks in a game. He had two sacks in the Rams' Week 1 victory over Seattle and was named the NFC Defensive Player of the Week.
- Donald's three sacks resulted in a loss of 17 yards. He had four tackles either at or behind the line of scrimmage.
- In his second year from Pittsburgh, this is Donald's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 1).
- Donald is the only defensive tackle in franchise history to win the award multiple times.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K CHANDLER CATANZARO, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Catanzaro converted all three field-goal attempts – including the game-winning 47-yarder with 1:23 remaining – and both PATs in the Cardinals' 23-20 win over Minnesota.
- It marked the second time in his career in which Catanzaro kicked the game-winning field goal in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter. He kicked the game-winning 32-yard field goal with 0:02 remaining in the Cardinals' Week 11 win over Cincinnati (34-31).
- Catanzaro has made 16 consecutive field-goal attempts.
- He tied for the conference lead in Week 14 with 11 kicking points. Catanzaro ranks third in the NFL – second in the NFC – with 119 points this season.
- In his second season from Clemson, this is Catanzaro's third career Player of the Week Award. He won the award twice as a rookie last season (Weeks 6 and 15).
- In the past 10 seasons, Catanzaro and **PATRICK PETERSON** (Weeks 9 and 12, 2011) are the only Cardinals to be named Player of the Week multiple times in their first two seasons.

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
Wk 12	QB Russell Wilson, Seattle	LB Luke Kuechly, Carolina	P Sam Martin, Detroit
Wk 13	QB Cam Newton, Carolina	S Malcolm Jenkins, Philadelphia	K Dan Bailey, Dallas
Wk 14	QB Eli Manning, New York Giants	DT Aaron Donald, St. Louis	K Chandler Catanzaro, Arizona

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

- Seattle wide receiver **DOUG BALDWIN**, who had six catches for 82 yards and three touchdowns in the Seahawks' 35-6 win at Baltimore.
- New York Giants wide receiver **ODELL BECKHAM JR.**, who had seven catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns.
- New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES**, who completed 31 of 41 passes (75.6 percent) for 312 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 113.1 passer rating in the Saints' 24-17 win at Tampa Bay.
- Washington quarterback **KIRK COUSINS**, who completed 24 of 31 passes (77.4 percent) for 300 yards and one touchdown for a 104.2 passer rating in the Redskins' 24-21 win at Chicago.
- Carolina wide receiver **TED GINN JR.**, who had two catches for 120 yards and two touchdowns in the Panthers' 38-0 win over Atlanta.
- St. Louis rookie running back **TODD GURLEY**, who rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns.
- Green Bay running back **EDDIE LACY**, who rushed for 124 yards and a touchdown in the Packers' 28-7 win over Dallas.
- Carolina quarterback **CAM NEWTON**, who completed 15 of 21 passes (71.4 percent) for 265 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 153.3 passer rating.
- Arizona quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who completed 25 of 35 passes (71.4 percent) for 310 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 117.6 passer rating.
- Washington tight end **JORDAN REED**, who had nine catches for 120 yards and a touchdown.
- Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON**, who completed 23 of 32 passes (71.9 percent) for 292 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions for a 139.6 passer rating.

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

- Arizona defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL**, who had a sack, a fumble recovery and four tackles.
- Philadelphia defensive end **FLETCHER COX**, who had a sack and eight tackles in the Eagles' 23-20 win over Buffalo.
- Green Bay linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS**, who had a sack and six tackles.
- Carolina defensive tackle **KAWANN SHORT**, who had two sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

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

- St. Louis punter **JOHNNY HEKKER**, who placed four of his six punts inside the 20-yard line and averaged 47.3 yards per punt with a net average of 45.5 yards.
- Green Bay special teamer **JEFF JANIS**, who had three special teams tackles and returned two kickoffs for 40 yards.
- Philadelphia punter **DONNIE JONES**, who averaged 50.4 yards per punt with a net average of 43.3 yards.
- Carolina punter **BRAD NORTMAN**, who averaged 49.0 yards per punt with a net average of 46.5 yards.
- Philadelphia kicker **CALEB STURGIS**, who converted all three field-goal attempts and both PATs.