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**TEXANS WR DE ANDRE HOPKINS, DOLPHINS DE CAMERON WAKE & STEELERS K CHRIS BOSWELL NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 6**

Wide receiver **DE ANDRE HOPKINS** of the Houston Texans, defensive end **CAMERON WAKE** of the Miami Dolphins and kicker **CHRIS BOSWELL** of the Pittsburgh Steelers are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in Week 6 (October 15, 18-19), the NFL announced today.

**OFFENSE: WR DE ANDRE HOPKINS, HOUSTON TEXANS**

- Hopkins had 10 catches for 148 yards and two touchdowns in the Texans' 31-20 win at Jacksonville.
- With the Texans trailing 14-10 in the fourth quarter, Hopkins recorded touchdown catches on back-to-back possessions (nine and 26 yards) to give Houston a 24-14 advantage.
- Hopkins is the first player in NFL history with at least nine catches and 145 receiving yards in three consecutive games. He had a nine-catch, 157-yard performance at Atlanta in Week 4 and posted 11 catches for 169 yards in Week 5 against Indianapolis.
- He has posted at least 100 receiving yards in each of his past four games, which is tied for the longest streak in franchise history (**ANDRE JOHNSON**, 2008).
- Hopkins leads the NFL in receiving yards (726) this season, and his 52 catches rank second in the league (**KEENAN ALLEN**, 53).
- In his third season from Clemson, this is Hopkins' first career Player of the Week Award and first by a Texans wide receiver since **ANDRE JOHNSON** in 2010 (Week 2).
- He is the first Texan to be named Offensive Player of the Week since quarterback **RYAN FITZPATRICK** in 2014 (Week 13).

**DEFENSE: DE CAMERON WAKE, MIAMI DOLPHINS**

- Wake had four sacks and two forced fumbles in the Dolphins' 38-10 win at Tennessee.
- All four of Wake's sacks came in the second quarter, as he became the first NFL player with four sacks in the first half since **CHRIS CLEMONS** (September 24, 2012 vs. Green Bay).
- He recorded sack-fumbles on back-to-back possessions in the second quarter. Both fumbles were recovered by the Dolphins, with the second takeaway leading to a seven-yard touchdown run by **LAMAR MILLER** that gave Miami a 17-3 lead.
- Wake's four sacks led all NFL players in Week 6 and marked the second four-sack performance of his career. He recorded 4.5 sacks against Arizona on September 30, 2012.
- In his seventh season from Penn State, this is Wake's third career Player of the Week Award and first since 2014 Kickoff Weekend.
- Wake is the second Dolphin to be named Defensive Player of the Week at least once in three consecutive seasons, joining **JASON TAYLOR** (2002-06).

**SPECIAL TEAMS: K CHRIS BOSWELL, PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

- Boswell converted all four field-goal attempts and one PAT in the Steelers' 25-13 win against Arizona.
- He was the only AFC player to convert four field goal-attempts with no misses in Week 6, including a career-long 51-yarder in the third quarter. He also connected on field goals from 47, 48 and 28 yards.
- His 13 points were the second-most in the conference and tie for third-most among NFL players for the week.
- Since taking over as the Steelers' placekicker in Week 5, Boswell has converted all five of his field-goal attempts and all four PATs.
- In his 1st season from Rice, this is Boswell's first career Player of the Week Award.
- Boswell is the first Steeler to be named Special Teams Player of the Week since **ANTONIO BROWN** in 2014 (Week 17).

## 2015 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Marcus Mariota, Tennessee	CB Aqib Talib, Denver	PR-WR Jarvis Landry, Miami
<b>Wk 2</b>	QB Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	CB Darrelle Revis, N.Y. Jets	PR-WR Travis Benajamin, Cleveland
<b>Wk 3</b>	WR A.J. Green, Cincinnati	LB Preston Brown, Buffalo	P Pat McAfee, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 4</b>	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	S T.J. Ward, Denver	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
<b>Wk 5</b>	QB Josh McCown, Cleveland	S Mike Adams, Indianapolis	K Mike Nugent, Cincinnati
<b>Wk 6</b>	WR DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	DE Cameron Wake, Miami	K Chris Boswell, Pittsburgh

### Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 6 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- New England wide receiver **DANNY AMENDOLA**, who had seven catches for 105 yards in the Patriots' 34-27 win at Indianapolis.
- New England running back **LE GARRETTE BLOUNT**, who rushed for 93 yards on 16 carries with two total touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving).
- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY**, who completed 23 of 37 passes (62.2 percent) for 312 yards with three touchdowns for a 104.8 passer rating.
- Pittsburgh wide receiver **MARTAVIS BRYANT**, who had six catches for 137 yards and two touchdowns.
- Cincinnati quarterback **ANDY DALTON**, who completed 22 of 33 passes (66.7 percent) for 243 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 118.6 passer rating in the Bengals' 34-21 win at Buffalo.
- New York Jets running back **CHRIS IVORY**, who rushed for 146 yards and one touchdown and had three catches for 50 yards in the Jets' 34-20 win against Washington.
- New York Jets wide receiver **BRANDON MARSHALL**, who had seven catches for 111 yards and one touchdown.
- San Diego quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS**, who completed 43 of 65 passes (66.2 percent) for 503 yards with two touchdowns for a 99.7 passer rating against Green Bay.

### Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 6 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- Denver linebacker **SHAQUIL BARRETT**, who had nine tackles, 1.5 sacks, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and a pass defensed in the Broncos' 26-23 overtime win at Cleveland.
- Houston safety **ANDRE HAL**, who had two interceptions, including a 31-yard interception return-touchdown, and three tackles.
- Pittsburgh safety **MIKE MITCHELL**, who had two tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery.

### Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 6 as submitted by AFC clubs:

- New England linebacker **JAMIE COLLINS**, who had a blocked PAT in the fourth quarter.
- Denver kicker **BRANDON MC MANUS**, who converted four field-goal attempts and two PATs.