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COLTS RB JONATHAN TAYLOR, CHIEFS DT CHRIS JONES & BENGALS K EVAN MCPHERSON NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 11

Running back **JONATHAN TAYLOR** of the Indianapolis Colts, defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** of the Kansas City Chiefs and kicker **EVAN MCPHERSON** of the Cincinnati Bengals are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played in Week 11 (November 18, 21-22).

OFFENSE: RB JONATHAN TAYLOR, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

- Taylor rushed for 185 yards on 32 attempts (5.8 avg.) and added 19 yards receiving on three receptions for a total of 204 scrimmage yards in addition to scoring five touchdowns (four rushing, one receiving). His five touchdowns and 185 rushing yards are both the most by any player this season.
- Taylor is the first player in NFL history to record at least 175 rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown in a single game.
- This is the first Offensive Player of the Week award for Taylor and he becomes the first Colts running back to receive the honor since Joseph Addai (Week 8, 2007).
- He joins Michael Bennett and Melvin Gordon as the only former Wisconsin running backs to win Offensive Player of the Week.

DEFENSE: DT CHRIS JONES, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

- Jones recorded five tackles, 3.5 sacks, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass defensed in Kansas City's 19-9 win over Dallas. His 3.5 sacks are the second-most in a single game by an AFC player this season.
- This is the second Defensive Player of the Week award for Jones (Week 2, 2017).
- Jones joins Neil Smith (Week 16, 1994 and Week 5, 1993) and Art Still (Weeks 3 and 14, 1986) as the only Chiefs defensive linemen to earn the honor multiple times.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K EVAN MCPHERSON, CINCINNATI BENGALS

- McPherson connected on all four field goal attempts – from 54, 53, 51 and 47 yards - and two of his three point after attempts for a total of 14 points in Cincinnati's 32-13 win at Las Vegas.
- He is the first kicker this season to make three field goals of at least 50 yards in one game.

- This is the second Special Teams Player of the Week award for McPherson this season (Week 1). He joins Doug Pelfrey (1994) as the only Bengals kickers to earn the honor twice in one season.
- McPherson is the ninth rookie kicker to win multiple Special Teams Player of the Week awards and the first since Harrison Butker (2017).

2021 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	DE Maxx Crosby, Las Vegas	K Evan McPherson, Cincinnati
Wk 2	RB Derrick Henry, Tennessee	LB Odafe Oweh, Baltimore	K Daniel Carlson, Las Vegas
Wk 3	QB Josh Allen, Buffalo	DE Myles Garrett, Cleveland	K Justin Tucker, Baltimore
Wk 4	QB Joe Burrow, Cincinnati	LB Tremaine Edmunds, Buffalo	P Rigoberto Sanchez, Indianapolis
Wk 5	QB Lamar Jackson, Baltimore	DE Greg Rousseau, Buffalo	K Nick Folk, New England
Wk 6	RB Derrick Henry, Tennessee	LB T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	K Matthew Wright, Jacksonville
Wk 7	WR Ja'Marr Chase, Cincinnati	DE Yannick Ngakoue, Las Vegas	P Rigoberto Sanchez, Indianapolis
Wk 8	QB Mike White, N.Y. Jets	DB Adrian Phillips, New England	K Randy Bullock, Tennessee
Wk 9	QB Justin Herbert, L.A. Chargers	DE/LB Josh Allen, Jacksonville	P Tommy Townsend, Kansas City
Wk 10	QB Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	CB Xavien Howard, Miami	LB E.J. Speed, Indianapolis
Wk 11	RB Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	DT Chris Jones, Kansas City	K Evan McPherson, Cincinnati