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AFC STANDOUTS AIM FOR FIRST PRO BOWL

Heated playoff races and blustery temperatures set the table for an exciting home stretch of the 2005 NFL season. As games are won and legends are born, fans, coaches and players will soon conclude NFL All-Star voting for the 2006 Pro Bowl. Several of this season's top AFC performers aim to play under the Hawaiian sun for the first time in their careers.

Fan voting for the Pro Bowl – which will be held on Sunday, February 12 (ESPN, 6:00 PM ET) – on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless, concludes on December 13. NFL players and coaches will cast their votes on December 19-20, and the team will be announced on Wednesday, December 21 at 4:00 PM (ET) on the *2006 Pro Bowl Selection Show* on ESPN.

Following are AFC players ranking in the top five in conference statistics who have never been selected to a Pro Bowl:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>STATISTIC</u>	<u>AFC RANKING</u>
Passer Rating	Carson Palmer	Cincinnati	106.6	2
	Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	101.5	3
	Jake Plummer	Denver	91.2	5
Receptions	Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis	67	2
	Deion Branch	New England	65	4
Rushing Yards	Larry Johnson	Kansas City	1,108	3
	Reuben Droughns	Cleveland	1,029	T5
	Willis McGahee	Buffalo	1,029	T5
Scrimmage Yards	Larry Johnson	Kansas City	1,337	T3
	LaMont Jordan	Oakland	1,337	T3
	Reuben Droughns	Cleveland	1,329	5
Interceptions	Greg Wesley	Kansas City	6	3
	Cato June	Indianapolis	5	T4
	Odell Thurman (R)	Cincinnati	5	T4
Sacks	Derrick Burgess	Oakland	11.0	T1
	Robert Mathis	Indianapolis	10.5	T2
	Kyle Vanden Bosch	Tennessee	10.5	T2
	Aaron Schobel	Buffalo	9.0	5
Scoring	Lawrence Tynes	Kansas City	101	2
	Shayne Graham	Cincinnati	97	3
	Nate Kaeding	San Diego	93	4
Punt Returns	B.J. Sams	Baltimore	11.2	1
	Pacman Jones (R)	Tennessee	10.3	2
	Wes Welker	Miami	9.5	3
	Dennis Northcutt	Cleveland	8.7	4
	Jerricho Cotchery	New York	8.7	5
Kick Returns	Jerome Mathis (R)	Houston	30.8	2
	Quincy Morgan	Pittsburgh	28.2	3
	Pacman Jones (R)	Tennessee	26.8	4
	Derrick Wimbush (R)	Jacksonville	26.3	5