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CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON, BRONCOS CB CHAMP BAILEY & BILLS P BRIAN MOORMAN NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Running back **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs, cornerback **CHAMP BAILEY** of the Denver Broncos, and punter **BRIAN MOORMAN** of the Buffalo Bills are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for November, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB LARRY JOHNSON, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

- Kansas City running back **LARRY JOHNSON** led the NFL in rushing for November with more than 100 yards in all four of the team's games to help the Chiefs post a 3-1 record for the month, raising their record on the season to 7-4 (.636). Johnson totaled 116 November attempts for 569 yards (4.9-yard average) and five touchdowns. The 6-1, 230-pounder compiled 722 yards of total offense in the past four games. With four consecutive 100-yard performances – in two of which he reached 100 yards rushing by halftime – Johnson can tie the franchise record of five consecutive 100-yard games (**PRIEST HOLMES**, 2002) this Sunday at home against the AFC West-leading Denver Broncos (9-2, .818). His 330 rushing yards the past two weeks account for the best two-game total in team history. Johnson set a franchise single-game record with 211 rushing yards at Houston (11/20), the most by any player in the NFL this season. His 968 rushing yards are tied for the third-most in the AFC and the Chiefs are 7-1 when Johnson runs for 100 yards.

In his third year from Penn State, this is Johnson's first career Player of the Month honor.

DEFENSE: CB CHAMP BAILEY, DENVER BRONCOS

- Denver's **CHAMP BAILEY** played a key role in November as the Broncos attained a perfect 3-0 mark for the month. An All-Star the past five consecutive seasons, Bailey intercepted one pass in each of the team's three November games; including one he returned 65 yards for a touchdown in Denver's 24-21 Thanksgiving Day win at Dallas on November 24. For the month Bailey made an impressive 20 tackles from his cornerback position and defended five passes in three November contests. The Broncos, winners of four consecutive games, allowed a total of 38 November points (12.6 per game average). Bailey was an important part of a Broncos defense that limited its November opponents to a meager 63.5 passer rating.

In his seventh year from Georgia, this is Bailey's first career Player of the Week award.

SPECIAL TEAMS: P BRIAN MOORMAN, BUFFALO BILLS

- Buffalo's **BRIAN MOORMAN** punted 13 times in the Bills' three November games with the month's top league-wide marks in gross punting average (48.3) and net average (42.2). Moorman did not have a per-game punting average below 48.2 yards in any of the club's three November contests and placed six of his 13 kicks (46.1 percent) inside his opponents' 20-yard line. Moorman had a net average of 42.2 yards for the month. Only two of Moorman's 13 punts traveled less than 45 yards and one of those was pooched 25 yards and produced a fair catch at his opponents' 15-yard line. Among the NFL's 21 punters who averaged 42.0 gross yards or better per November punt, the return average of a Moorman punt was 5.9 yards, good for the third-lowest mark in the NFL for the month. The Bills stand at 4-7 and are two games behind New England in the AFC East with five games to go.

In his fifth year from Pittsburg (Kansas) State, this is the second career Player of the Month distinction for Moorman (October 2002).

2005 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
September	QB Carson Palmer, Cincinnati	DE Dwight Freeney, Indianapolis	P Chris Hanson, Jacksonville
October	RB Edgerrin James, Indianapolis	DE Derrick Burgess, Oakland	P Todd Sauerbrun, Denver
November	RB Larry Johnson, Kansas City	CB Champ Bailey, Denver	P Brian Moorman, Buffalo