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## **CHARGERS QB DREW BREES, BRONCOS LB AL WILSON & RAIDERS K SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 4**

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the San Diego Chargers, linebacker **AL WILSON** of the Denver Broncos and kicker **SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI** of the Oakland Raiders are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the fourth week of the 2005 season (October 2-3), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: QB DREW BREES, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

- With a 137.5 passer rating on 19 of 24 passing (79.2 percent) with a pair of touchdowns, San Diego quarterback **DREW BREES** guided the Chargers to a 41-17 win at New England. The home loss for New England was its first since December 22, 2002. Brees' accuracy was consistent under pressure, completing seven of nine passes on third downs for 99 yards and a touchdown. The 6-0, 209-pounder from Austin, Texas completed his final seven third-down attempts. San Diego's 41 points account for the most scored against the Patriots in nearly seven years (Nov. 8, 1998: Atl 41, NE 10). With the win, San Diego ups its record to 2-2.

The fifth-year veteran from Purdue is the second Charger to earn Player of the Week honors in as many weeks as **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** earned the distinction for Week 3. This is the second Player of the Week Award for Brees (Week 8, 2004).

### **DEFENSE: LB AL WILSON, DENVER BRONCOS**

- Denver linebacker **AL WILSON** helped the Broncos (3-1) buck their way to a third consecutive victory in a 20-7 win at Jacksonville. Wilson was frequently found making plays around the ball Sunday by compiling six tackles, including 1.0 sack, two forced fumbles and a pass defended. His sack and forced fumble in the first quarter gave Denver the ball at the Jaguars' 29-yard line. Wilson keyed a defense that held Jacksonville and standout running back **FRED TAYLOR** to a franchise-low 12 rushing yards.

This marks the first Player of the Week honor for Wilson, a three-time AFC All-Star and seven-year veteran from Tennessee.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: K SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI, OAKLAND RAIDERS**

- Oakland kicker **SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI** was a perfect four-for-four in field goal tries from 30, 23, 49, and 43 yards, respectively, in a 19-13 home victory against Dallas. Janikowski's final three points from 43 yards came with 4:33 remaining in regulation, boosting Oakland's lead to 19-13 and forcing Dallas to drop thoughts of settling for a field goal on its final drive. The Raiders' defense stopped the Cowboys on downs at the Oakland five-yard line with 1:45 left in the game to make the home team's six-point lead stand for its first win on the year.

Janikowski adds this Player of the Week honor with his award earned in Week 9 of 2000.

### **2005 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

	<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Defense</u></b>	<b><u>Special Teams</u></b>
<b>Wk 1</b>	RB Willie Parker, Pittsburgh	LB Gary Brackett, Indianapolis	K Josh Scobee, Jacksonville
<b>Wk 2</b>	QB Trent Dilfer, Cleveland	CB Deltha O'Neal, Cincinnati	P Hunter Smith, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 3</b>	RB LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	S Lance Schulters, Miami	K Adam Vinatieri, New England
<b>Wk 4</b>	QB Drew Brees, San Diego	LB Al Wilson, Denver	K Sebastian Janikowski, Oakland

**Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 4 were:**

- Indianapolis wide receiver **MARVIN HARRISON**, who caught a pair of TDs – the 100th and 101st of his career – among nine receptions for 109 yards in a 31-10 win at Tennessee. Only **JERRY RICE** (197) and **CRIS CARTER** (130) have caught more touchdowns in NFL history than Harrison. The Colts (4-0) remain one of four unbeaten teams in the league.
- Cincinnati wide receiver **T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH**, who snared eight receptions for 105 yards in a 16-10 win against Houston to keep the club's perfect record (4-0) intact.
- Oakland running back **LA MONT JORDAN**, who rushed for a career-high 126 yards, including a two-yard TD run, on 26 carries (4.8-yard average). Jordan also caught four passes for 22 yards.
- Kansas City wide receiver **EDDIE KENNISON**, who registered 109 receiving yards on seven catches in a 37-31 loss to Philadelphia. The game marked back-to-back 100-yard receiving performances by Kennison.
- Baltimore running back **JAMAL LEWIS**, who rushed for 81 yards and a touchdown on 29 carries in a 13-3 win against the visiting Jets.
- Indianapolis quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**, who completed 20 of 27 passes for 264 yards and four touchdowns without an interception for a 144.1 passer rating.
- Cincinnati quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who completed 25 of 34 passes (73.5 percent) for 276 yards and a touchdown without an interception for a 107.0 passer rating. Palmer is the NFL's only quarterback to post a passer rating above 100.0 in every game he has played this season.
- Denver quarterback **JAKE PLUMMER**, who posted a 110.4 passer rating with two touchdowns on 19 of 26 passing (73.1 percent).

**Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 4 were:**

- San Diego linebacker **DONNIE EDWARDS**, who totaled 11 tackles and an interception. Edwards and the Chargers limited their opponent to 73 rushing yards.
- Kansas City rookie linebacker **DERRICK JOHNSON**, who recorded 10 tackles.
- Indianapolis defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS**, who notched a sack in his fourth consecutive game and added four quarterback pressures.
- Baltimore linebacker **TERRELL SUGGS**, who tied a career-high with seven tackles and one-half of a sack.

**Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 4 were:**

- Kansas City wide receiver-kick returner **DANTE HALL**, who scored his sixth career kick return-touchdown (96 yards), tying the NFL record for the most in a career with **MEL GRAY**, HOFer **OLLIE MATSON**, HOFer **GALE SAYERS**, and **TRAVIS WILLIAMS**. His 234 kick return yards stand as the third-highest single-game total in Chiefs history.
- Denver punter **TODD SAUERBRUN**, who averaged 48.5 yards on four punts with a net average of 42.5, and placed two punts inside the 20-yard line. Sauerbrun's longest punt traveled 56 yards and two of his five kickoffs resulted in touchbacks.
- Baltimore kicker **MATT STOVER**, who was successful on both of his field goal attempts from 42 and 25 yards, respectively. Stover also added an extra point.