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## **RAIDERS RB LA MONT JORDAN, COLTS DE ROBERT MATHIS & CHIEFS K LAWRENCE TYNES NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 7**

Running back **LA MONT JORDAN** of the Oakland Raiders, defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS** of the Indianapolis Colts and kicker **LAWRENCE TYNES** of the Kansas City Chiefs are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the seventh week of the 2005 season (October 21, 23-24), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: RB LA MONT JORDAN, OAKLAND RAIDERS**

- Oakland running back **LA MONT JORDAN** tied a team record with three rushing touchdowns en route to 122 yards on 28 carries (4.4-yard average) in a 38-17 home victory over Buffalo. Jordan's TD runs came from one, 17 and seven yards, respectively, placing him in the team's record book as one of seven Raiders to rush for three TDs in one game, joining **TONY TERESA** (1960), **PETE BANASZAK** (1975), **MARK VAN EEGHEN** (1979), **BOOKER RUSSELL** (1979), **MARCUS ALLEN** (1982, 1984 twice, 1985) and **RICH GANNON** (2000). Entering the game, the Bills possessed the NFL's ninth-ranked defense and departed Oakland with a No. 16 ranking. Eleven of Jordan's 28 carries went for six yards or more and nine of his rushes resulted in a Raiders' first-down. Jordan also caught four passes for 40 yards and has at least four receptions in each of Oakland's six games.

In his fifth year from Maryland, this is Jordan's first career Player of the Week Award.

### **DEFENSE: DE ROBERT MATHIS, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

- In helping the Colts reach their first 7-0 start in franchise history and remain the NFL's only unbeaten team, defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS** recorded 1.0 sack, forced a fumble, and made four tackles in a 38-20 win at Houston. Mathis' forced fumble was recovered by Colts defensive tackle **MONTAE REAGOR**, who picked up the loose ball and ran 37 yards for a touchdown. The quick 6-2, 235-pound defensive end now has a sack in a team-record seven consecutive games, besting the club's previous high-mark of six games which was held by **DAN FOOTMAN** since 1997. Mathis was part of a defensive unit that allowed the Texans only six net passing yards.

This is the first Player of the Week distinction for Mathis, who leads the NFL with 8.0 sacks.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: K LAWRENCE TYNES, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

- Kansas City kicker **LAWRENCE TYNES** was a perfect three-for-three in field goal attempts, including two from beyond 50 yards, amid intermittent rain, winds and slick turf in a 30-20 victory at Miami on Friday night. The Greenock, Scotland native was successful from 30, 51 and 52 yards – all of which he kicked in the second half. The game was moved to Friday in order to accommodate the South Florida community as Hurricane Wilma approached. Tynes, a 2002 NFL Europe veteran, became the first Chiefs kicker to split the uprights from a distance of 50 yards or more twice in one game since **NICK LOWERY** did it on November 26, 1987 at Detroit. Lowery accomplished the feat three times in his 14-year career with the Chiefs.

In his second season from Troy State, this is the first Player of the Week honor for Tynes.

## 2005 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<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
<b>Wk 5</b>	QB Tom Brady, NE	DT Dewayne Robertson, NY	K Josh Scobee, Jacksonville
<b>Wk 6</b>	RB LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	DE Jared Allen, Kansas City	P Todd Sauerbrun, Denver
<b>Wk 7</b>	RB LaMont Jordan, Oakland	DE Robert Mathis, Indianapolis	K Lawrence Tynes, Kansas City

### Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 7 were:

- Denver running back **MIKE ANDERSON**, who gained 120 rushing yards and one touchdown on 24 carries for a 5.0-yard average in a 24-23 loss against the New York Giants.
- Indianapolis running back **EDGERRIN JAMES**, who ran the ball 21 times for the Colts, totaling 139 yards and a pair of touchdowns (6.6-yard average). James also caught a pass for eight yards.
- Pittsburgh running back **WILLIE PARKER**, who in a key divisional contest against the Bengals, rushed for 131 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries (4.7-yard average) in the team's 27-13 victory at Cincinnati. The game marked Pittsburgh's 10th consecutive road win, establishing a franchise record and equaling the third-highest consecutive road-win mark in NFL history.
- Kansas City tackle **WILLIE ROAF**, who contributed significantly toward a 185-yard rushing day for the Chiefs against Miami, which entered the game with the NFL's sixth-ranked defense. Kansas City running backs ran the ball 41 times for 183 yards.

### Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 7 were:

- Oakland defensive end **DERRICK BURGESS**, who recorded 2.0 sacks for the third consecutive game.
- Pittsburgh safety **CHRIS HOPE**, who notched an interception and seven tackles in helping the Steelers' defense halt Bengals quarterback **CARSON PALMER**'s streak of 100.0+ passer rating games at nine (53.8). Hope's run support contributed to a unit that allowed only 91 yards to a Cincinnati ground game that was averaging 124.5 entering the contest.
- Kansas City cornerback **PATRICK SURTAIN**, who posted six tackles and defended three passes against his former team.

### Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 7 were:

- Houston rookie **WR-KR JEROME MATHIS**, who set three franchise records Sunday against Indianapolis. Mathis recorded the franchise's first-ever kickoff return for a TD (89 yards), the most single-game kick return yards (266) by a Texans player, and posted the team's highest single-game kick return average of 38.0 (seven returns). The rookie's 266 kick return yards account for the fifth-most in NFL history in a single game.
- Cleveland rookie **WR-KR JOSHUA CRIBBS**, who broke away for a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and totaled 152 yards on four kick returns for a 38.0-yard average in the team's 13-10 loss to Detroit. Cribbs is the fifth rookie in Browns history to return a kickoff for a score and added a pair of solo special teams tackles.