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EAGLES QB DONOVAN MC NABB, RAMS S ADAM ARCHULETA & VIKINGS P CHRIS KLUWE NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Quarterback **DONOVAN MC NABB** of the Philadelphia Eagles, safety **ADAM ARCHULETA** of the St. Louis Rams, and punter **CHRIS KLUWE** of the Minnesota Vikings are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for September, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB DONOVAN MC NABB, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

- McNabb helped the Eagles to two wins in September, passing for eight touchdowns to tie him with Cincinnati's **CARSON PALMER** for most in the NFL. The former Syracuse star completed 61.1 percent of his attempts (77 of 126) for an NFL-best 964 yards, posting a 99.4 passer rating. McNabb topped 300 yards passing in consecutive games for the first time in his career in a 42-3 win over the San Francisco 49ers on September 18 (342) and a 23-20 triumph against the Oakland Raiders last week (365). McNabb has been especially proficient on third-down attempts, completing 66.7 percent (18 of 27) for 330 yards and a 133.3 passer rating, tops in the NFL.

In his seventh season, this is McNabb's third career Player of the Month Award. He has been previously honored in September of 2002 and 2004.

DEFENSE: S ADAM ARCHULETA, ST. LOUIS RAMS

- Archuleta made game-altering plays in successive weeks to help the Rams to a 2-1 record and a share of first place in the NFC West. With the Arizona Cardinals driving for a potential game-winning touchdown in the waning moments of an eventual 17-12 St. Louis victory on September 18, Archuleta recorded his first sack of the season, pushing Arizona to the Rams' 10 yard-line in what would become the final play from scrimmage. Then last Sunday, with the Rams trailing Tennessee 10-0 in the second quarter, Archuleta ended the Titans' bid for additional points with an 85-yard interception-return touchdown, sparking St. Louis to a 31-27 victory. For the month, the Chandler, Arizona native totaled 22 tackles and one pass defended, starting all three games at strong safety.

In his fifth season from Arizona State, this is Archuleta's second career Player of the Month Award (November, 2003).

SPECIAL TEAMS: P CHRIS KLUWE, MINNESOTA VIKINGS

- After signing with Seattle as an undrafted rookie free agent this spring, Kluwe joined the Vikings in time for Week 1 and turned in a dominant September performance. The Seal Beach, California native leads the NFL with a 49.9-yard average and ranks third in the league and first in the conference with a 42.3-yard net punting average. In his NFL debut on September 11 against Tampa Bay, Kluwe averaged 54.3 yards on four punts, with a long of 62 yards. He followed that performance by averaging 46.7 yards on three punts against the Cincinnati Bengals on September 18 and concluded the month with a 48.4-yard average in the Vikings' 33-16 win over New Orleans.

In his rookie season from UCLA, Kluwe is the first punter to win the Special Teams Player of the Month Award since October 2002 when Buffalo's **BRIAN MOORMAN** earned the honor.

2004 NFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
September	QB Donovan McNabb, Philadelphia	S Adam Archuleta, St. Louis	P Chris Kluwe, Minnesota

