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REDSKINS WR SANTANA MOSS, BUCCANEERS LB SHELTON QUARLES & BEARS PR BOBBY WADE NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 2

Wide receiver **SANTANA MOSS** of the Washington Redskins, linebacker **SHELTON QUARLES** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and punt returner **BOBBY WADE** of the Chicago Bears are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the second week of the 2005 season (September 18-19), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR SANTANA MOSS, WASHINGTON REDSKINS

- Moss helped the Redskins to a thrilling 14-13 come-from-behind win over their arch-rivals, the Dallas Cowboys, on Monday night. The win was Washington's first at Texas Stadium since 1995 and occurred in memorable fashion. Trailing 13-0 late in the fourth quarter, Moss broke free for a 39-yard touchdown reception on a fourth-and-15, drawing the Redskins closer with 3:46 remaining. Then, on the team's ensuing possession, Moss' 70-yard touchdown reception provided the game-winning points, as the Redskins improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1991. Moss finished the game with five receptions for 159 yards and two touchdowns.

In his fifth season from Miami, this is Moss' second career Player of the Week Award. The last Redskins wide receiver to earn Offensive recognition was **ROD GARDNER** in 2001 (Week 6).

DEFENSE: LB SHELTON QUARLES, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

- Quarles led the team with 10 tackles and added 1.0 sack and a safety in a 19-3 home win over the Buffalo Bills. His second quarter sack of Buffalo quarterback **J.P. LOSMAN** gave the Buccaneers a 2-0 lead. Quarles is the first player in team history to have both a touchdown and a safety. The veteran linebacker helped limit the Bills to eight first downs and 147 total yards as Tampa Bay started the season with consecutive victories for the first time since 2000.

In his ninth season from Vanderbilt, this is Quarles' second career Player of the Week Award. He previously earned Special Teams honors in Week 11 of 1997.

SPECIAL TEAMS: PR BOBBY WADE, CHICAGO BEARS

- Wade helped break open a close game in the second quarter of an eventual 38-6 win over Detroit Lions, scoring on a 73-yard punt return for his first career touchdown. With Chicago holding a 10-6 advantage, Wade's punt return extended the lead to 11 points, and the Bears never looked back, scoring the next 21 points to close out the victory. Wade returned three punts on the day for 87 yards and also added one reception in the win.

In his third season from Arizona, this is Wade's first career Player of the Week Award.

2005 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Drew Bledsoe, Dallas	DT Bryant Young, San Francisco	K John Carney, New Orleans
Wk 2	WR Santana Moss, Washington	LB Shelton Quarles, Tampa Bay	PR Bobby Wade, Chicago

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 2 were:

- Seattle running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER**, who rushed for 144 yards on 28 carries, including a 14-yard touchdown run and added two receptions for 11 yards in a 21-18 win over Atlanta.
- Washington quarterback **MARK BRUNELL**, who posted a 94.1 passer rating, completing 20 of 34 attempts for 291 yards and two touchdowns.
- Carolina running back **STEPHEN DAVIS**, who rushed for 77 yards, including three one-yard touchdown runs in a 27-17 win over New England.
- Chicago running back **THOMAS JONES**, who rushed for 139 yards on 20 carries, including touchdown runs of 3 and 16 yards.
- Philadelphia quarterback **DONOVAN MC NABB**, who completed 23 of 29 attempts for 342 yards and a career high-tying five touchdowns, posting a 155.4 passer rating in a 42-3 over San Francisco.
- Philadelphia tight end **L.J. SMITH**, who totaled career-bests nine catches and 110 yards with one touchdown.
- Tampa Bay running back **CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS**, who gained 128 yards rushing on 24 carries, including a three-yard touchdown run.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 2 were:

- St. Louis safety **ADAM ARCHULETA**, who had 10 tackles and 1.0 sack in a 12-7 win over NFC West-rival Arizona.
- Carolina cornerback **KEN LUCAS**, who totaled 11 tackles and one pass defensed.
- Philadelphia cornerback **LITO SHEPPARD**, who had 1.0 sack and one interception in the same game for the first time in his career.
- Chicago cornerback **NATHAN VASHER**, who had two interceptions, four pass break-ups and one tackle.
- Washington linebacker **MARCUS WASHINGTON**, who had 11 tackles, including eight solo.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 2 were:

- St. Louis punter **REGGIE HODGES**, who averaged 42.9 yards on seven punts.
- Arizona kicker **NEIL RACKERS**, who scored all 12 points for the Cardinals on field goals of 29, 26, 48 and 35 yards and added four touchbacks on five kickoffs.
- Carolina kicker **JOHN KASAY**, who converted field goals of 51 and 52 yards.
- Philadelphia linebacker **MARK SIMONEAU**, who posted two tackles on special teams and kicked an extra point, becoming the first defensive player since **TED THOMPSON** in 1981 to accomplish the feat.