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VIKINGS QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER, EAGLES LB JEREMIAH TROTTER & SEAHAWKS K JOSH BROWN NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 7

Quarterback **DAUNTE CULPEPPER** of the Minnesota Vikings, linebacker **JEREMIAH TROTTER** of the Philadelphia Eagles and kicker **JOSH BROWN** of the Seattle Seahawks are the NFC 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: QB DAUNTE CULPEPPER, MINNESOTA VIKINGS

- In yet another nail-biting finish between long-time rivals, Minnesota Vikings quarterback **DAUNTE CULPEPPER** led his team to a thrilling 23-20 come-from-behind win over the Green Bay Packers at the Metrodome. Trailing 17-0 at halftime, Culpepper led Minnesota to 23 second-half points, completing 23 of 31 pass attempts for 280 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 123.1 passer rating. After Green Bay tied the score with 24 seconds remaining, Culpepper completed two of two pass attempts for 26 yards, setting up kicker **PAUL EDINGER**'s game-winning 56-yard field goal as time expired. Culpepper has thrown 14 consecutive touchdown passes against the Packers without an interception, the longest active streak for any quarterback against one opponent. He also added 41 rushing yards on seven carries.

In his seventh season from Central Florida, this is Culpepper's eighth career Player of the Week award.

DEFENSE: LB JEREMIAH TROTTER, PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

- Linebacker **JEREMIAH TROTTER** was a key performer for a Philadelphia defense that rose to the occasion against the San Diego Chargers, helping the club to an exciting 20-17 victory at Lincoln Financial Field. Trotter posted 11 tackles and added 1.0 sack, one interception and one forced fumble, as the Eagles held standout Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** to a career-low seven rushing yards on 17 carries. Trotter and the Eagles ended Tomlinson's NFL record-tying streak of 18 consecutive games with a touchdown. The game marked the first time Trotter has posted both a sack and an interception on the same day. He also added three quarterback pressures in the win.

In his eighth season from Stephen F. Austin, this is Trotter's first career Player of the Week honor.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K JOSH BROWN, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- Seahawks kicker **JOSH BROWN** helped Seattle to a 13-10 comeback win over the Dallas Cowboys at Qwest Field, improving the NFC West leaders to 5-2. Brown connected on two of two field goals on a rainy afternoon in the Pacific Northwest, as points were at a premium throughout the day. After the Seahawks rallied to tie the score 10-10 with 40 seconds remaining and then regained possession following an interception, Brown capitalized on his game-winning opportunity. His 50-yarder split the uprights as time expired, capping a thrilling win for the home team. Brown became the first Seahawks kicker to convert two 50-yard field goals in a game since **JOHN KASAY** did it exactly 14 years before, on October 23, 1991 against the San Diego Chargers.

In his third season from Nebraska, this is Brown'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
Wk 3	RB Shaun Alexander, Seattle	DT Rod Coleman, Atlanta	P Josh Bidwell, Tampa Bay
Wk 4	WR Plaxico Burress, NY Giants	DE Darren Howard, New Orleans	K Neil Rackers, Arizona
Wk 5	QB Matt Hasselbeck, Seattle	CB Al Harris, Green Bay	PR R.W. McQuarters, Detroit
Wk 6	RB Shaun Alexander, Seattle	CB Anthony Henry, Dallas	P Josh Bidwell, Tampa Bay
Wk 7	QB Daunte Culpepper, Minnesota	LB Jeremiah Trotter, Philadelphia	K Josh Brown, Seattle

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 7 were:

- Washington quarterback **MARK BRUNELL**, who completed 13 of 20 attempts for 252 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions, posting a 147.9 passer rating in a 52-17 home win against San Francisco.
- Atlanta running back **WARRICK DUNN**, who rushed for 155 yards in a 27-14 win over the New York Jets.
- Green Bay quarterback **BRETT FAVRE**, who completed 28 of 36 attempts for 315 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions, posting a 121.6 passer rating against Minnesota.
- Detroit quarterback **JEFF GARCIA**, who completed 22 of 34 attempts for 210 yards and added a one-yard touchdown run in a 13-10 win over Cleveland.
- St. Louis running back **STEVEN JACKSON**, who carried 20 times for 97 yards, scoring on six and one-yard touchdown runs in a 28-17 win over New Orleans.
- Chicago running back **THOMAS JONES**, who carried 25 times for 139 yards, helping the Bears to a 10-6 win over Baltimore.
- Philadelphia quarterback **DONOVAN MC NABB**, who completed a franchise-record 35 of 54 pass attempts for 287 yards and one touchdown.
- New York quarterback **ELI MANNING**, who completed 23 of 42 attempts for 214 yards and two touchdowns, including a game-winning two-yard touchdown pass with five seconds remaining in a 24-23 win over Denver.
- Washington wide receiver **SANTANA MOSS**, who totaled five receptions for 112 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown catch.
- Washington running back **CLINTON PORTIS**, who rushed 19 times for 101 yards, scoring on touchdown runs of five, one and one yards.
- New York wide receiver **AMANI TOOMER**, who posted eight receptions for 62 yards, including a game-winning two-yard touchdown catch with five seconds remaining.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 7 were:

- Seattle cornerback **JORDAN BABINEAUX**, whose interception late in the fourth quarter set up a game-winning field goal.
- Atlanta rookie defensive end **CHAUNCEY DAVIS**, who returned a fumble 24 yards for a touchdown.
- Seattle defensive end **BRYCE FISHER**, who posted nine tackles and added a game-high 2.0 sacks.
- St. Louis safety **MIKE FURREY**, who in his second career start posted two tackles and returned an interception 67 yards for a touchdown.
- Chicago defensive tackle **TANK JOHNSON**, who posted five tackles and 2.0 sacks.
- Washington linebacker **MARCUS WASHINGTON**, who led the team with nine tackles, forced one fumble and had 1.0 sack.
- Detroit defensive tackle **DAN WILKINSON**, who had three tackles and 2.0 sacks.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 7 were:

- Minnesota kicker **PAUL EDINGER**, who connected on three of three field goal attempts, including a game-winning 56-yarder as time expired.
- St. Louis defensive end **TYOKA JACKSON**, who blocked a second-quarter field goal attempt for the club's first blocked field goal in two seasons.
- Philadelphia safety **QUINTIN MIKELL**, who blocked a fourth-quarter field goal that resulted in a touchdown and led the team with three special teams tackles.
- Philadelphia cornerback **MATT WARE**, who returned a blocked field goal and raced 65 yards for what would prove to be the game-winning touchdown. The score was the first of his career.