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CARDINALS QB KURT WARNER, BEARS CB NATHAN VASHER & GIANTS WR DAVID TYREE NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 11

Quarterback **KURT WARNER** of the Arizona Cardinals, cornerback **NATHAN VASHER** of the Chicago Bears and wide receiver **DAVID TYREE** of the New York Giants are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 11th week of the 2005 season (November 20-21), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: QB KURT WARNER, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- It was a triumphant return to St. Louis for former Rams star **KURT WARNER** as he led the Arizona Cardinals to a 38-28 win at the Edward Jones Dome. Displaying the form that helped him win a pair of Most Valuable Player awards and guide the Rams to victory in Super Bowl XXXIV, Warner completed 27 of 39 attempts for 285 yards and three touchdowns, posting a 115.9 passer rating with no interceptions. Warner's three-touchdown performance was his first since the 2001 season finale and came at an opportune time, helping Arizona snap a three-game losing streak. With the home team nursing a 17-16 fourth quarter lead, Warner connected for a nine-yard touchdown strike to rookie free agent tight end **ADAM BERGEN**, followed by a two-point conversion to wide receiver **ANQUAN BOLDIN** for a 24-17 advantage the Cardinals would not surrender.

A former NFL Europe League star with the Amsterdam Admirals, Warner earned his fifth career Player of the Week award and first since Week 12 of 2001.

DEFENSE: CB NATHAN VASHER, CHICAGO BEARS

- The Chicago Bears defense turned in a dominant performance against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday at Soldier Field, earning a hard fought 13-3 win with cornerback **NATHAN VASHER** playing a major role. The victory improves the NFC North leading Bears to 7-3. Vasher totaled two interceptions, four tackles, and one forced fumble on the day. His first interception set the tone on the Panthers' opening drive, giving the Bears possession at the Carolina eight-yard line after a 46-yard return, leading to a **MUHSIN MUHAMMAD** three-yard touchdown reception and a 7-0 advantage. Vasher recorded his second pick later in the first quarter, returning the interception 22 yards to the Carolina 18. That set up a 33-yard field goal by **ROBBIE GOULD** for a 10-0 lead. Chicago's defense limited the Panthers to three points, its lowest output of the season.

In his second season from Texas, this is Vasher's second consecutive Player of the Week award. He earned Special Teams honors for his 108-yard return of a missed field goal last week against San Francisco, the longest play in NFL history.

SPECIAL TEAMS: WR DAVID TYREE, NEW YORK GIANTS

- New York Giants wide receiver **DAVID TYREE**'s special teams play helped spark the Giants to a 27-17 win over the Philadelphia Eagles at Giants Stadium, improving the team to 7-3. With New York leading 3-0 late in the second quarter, Tyree - who returned to action after missing the previous three games due to injury - blocked a punt deep in Eagles territory that was recovered by teammate **BRANDON JACOBS** at the Philadelphia one-yard line. Four plays later, New York capitalized on a one-yard touchdown pass from **ELI MANNING** to **AMANI TOOMER** for a 10-0 halftime advantage they would never relinquish. The blocked punt was the team's first since December 28, 2003.

In his third season from Syracuse, this is Tyree's second Player of the Week award (Week 8, 2004).

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
Wk 8	RB Tiki Barber, NY Giants	CB Charles Tillman, Chicago	K Joe Nedney, San Francisco
Wk 9	RB Shaun Alexander, Seattle	DE Mike Rucker, Carolina	K Robbie Gould, Chicago
Wk 10	RB Samkon Gado, Green Bay	S Darren Sharper, Minnesota	CB Nathan Vasher, Chicago
Wk 11	QB Kurt Warner, Arizona	CB Nathan Vasher, Chicago	WR David Tyree, NY Giants

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 11 were:

- New York running back **TIKI BARBER**, who rushed for 112 yards on 21 carries and added two receptions for 22 yards, including his 500th career reception.
- New York wide receiver **PLAXICO BURRESS**, who posted six receptions for 113 yards, including a 61-yards touchdown catch.
- Minnesota running back **MEWELDE MOORE**, who totaled 122 yards rushing, including 90 in the second half, averaging 5.5 yards per carry in a 20-17 road win over Green Bay.
- Carolina wide receiver **STEVE SMITH**, who had a franchise-record and career-high 14 receptions for 169 yards.
- New York wide receiver **AMANI TOOMER**, who totaled six receptions for 56 yards and one touchdown, including his 500th career catch.
- Tampa Bay rookie running back **CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS**, who rushed for 116 yards on 19 carries, including a nine-yard touchdown run in a 30-27 road win over Atlanta.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 11 were:

- Tampa Bay linebacker **DERRICK BROOKS**, who had 13 tackles, 1.0 sack and one forced fumble, which helped set up the club's game-winning field goal.
- Chicago defensive end **ALEX BROWN**, who posted 2.0 sacks and two forced fumbles, finishing with four tackles and one pass defended.
- Minnesota rookie free agent cornerback **DOVONTE EDWARDS**, who had two tackles and his first career interception, which he returned 51 yards for a touchdown.
- Green Bay defensive end **AARON KAMPMAN**, who had seven tackles, 2.0 sacks, one forced fumble and one pass defended.
- Tampa Bay defensive end **ANTHONY MC FARLAND**, who tied his season high with seven tackles and added 1.0 sack and a fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown.
- Chicago defensive end **ADEWALE OGUNLEYE**, who totaled 3.0 sacks and had one pass defended.
- Tampa Bay defensive end **SIMEON RICE**, who had two tackles, one pass defended and one sack and forced fumble that led to a touchdown.
- Arizona safety **ADRIAN WILSON**, who became the first safety in team history to record 3.0 sacks, posting eight tackles, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.
- New York safety **GIBRIL WILSON**, who had eight tackles and one interception

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 11 were:

- Tampa Bay kicker **MATT BRYANT**, who connected on three of three field goals, including a game-winning 45-yarder with 42 seconds remaining.
- Dallas kicker **BILLY CUNDIFF**, who joined the team on Saturday and hit two of two field goal attempts, including a franchise-record 56-yarder in a 20-7 win over Detroit.
- Arizona kicker **NEIL RACKERS**, who was a perfect three of three on field goal attempts (32, 33, 51), extending his streak of consecutive field goals without a miss to 33, tied with **FUAD REVEIZ** for the third longest streak in NFL history.