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PANTHERS RB DE SHAUN FOSTER, SEAHAWKS CB ANDRE DYSON & GIANTS P JEFF FEAGLES NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 13

Running back **DE SHAUN FOSTER** of the Carolina Panthers, cornerback **ANDRE DYSON** of the Seattle Seahawks and punter **JEFF FEAGLES** of the New York Giants are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 13th week of the 2005 season (December 4-5), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB DE SHAUN FOSTER, CAROLINA PANTHERS

- In a showdown between clubs with designs on the NFC South division championship, the Carolina Panthers took a step forward with a 24-6 win over the Atlanta Falcons, thanks in large part to the play of running back **DE SHAUN FOSTER**. Foster posted his season high with 131 rushing yards – the first 100-yard performance by a Panther rusher this season – adding a six-yard touchdown run and averaging 5.5 yards per carry. He also continued to be a major factor in the passing game, scoring the first touchdown of the day on an 18-yard reception and totaling three catches for 49 yards. Foster, who posted 180 yards from scrimmage against the Falcons, has six receptions of at least 20 yards this season, tied with Philadelphia's **BRIAN WESTBROOK** for the most in the NFL by a running back.

In his fourth season from UCLA, this is Foster's first career Player of the Week award.

DEFENSE: CB ANDRE DYSON, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- The Seattle Seahawks tied a franchise record with their eighth consecutive victory, a 42-0 shutout of the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday night, with cornerback **ANDRE DYSON** playing a leading role. Dyson returned an interception 72 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter, giving Seattle a 14-0 advantage. Then on the first possession of the second half, Dyson scooped up a fumble and scampered 25 yards for a score, becoming the second defensive player in team history with two touchdowns in a single game. The last time it happened was in 1984, when cornerback **DAVE BROWN**, a member of the team's Ring of Honor, returned a pair of interceptions for touchdowns in a 45-0 win over the Kansas City Chiefs on November 4.

In his fifth season from Utah, this is Dyson's first career Player of the Week award.

SPECIAL TEAMS: P JEFF FEAGLES, NEW YORK GIANTS

- The New York Giants earned a leg up in the NFC East with a key 17-10 victory against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday at Giants Stadium, with punter **JEFF FEAGLES** playing a major role in the win. The NFL all-time leader with 284 consecutive games played, Feagles averaged 44.7 yards on six punts, dropping two punts inside the 20-yard line. His first punt of the day was downed by teammate **DAVID TYREE** at the Dallas two-yard line, giving New York the field position edge. Then with less than two minutes remaining and the Giants clinging to a seven-point lead, Feagles' 49-yard punt was downed by Tyree at the Dallas four, ensuring the Cowboys would need to drive 96 yards in their bid to force overtime.

In his 18th season from Miami, this is Feagles' second career Player of the Week award. He previously earned the honor with the Arizona Cardinals in Week 13 of 1995.

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
Wk 12	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, St. Louis	DE Alex Brown, Chicago	K David Akers, Philadelphia
Wk 13	RB DeShaun Foster, Carolina	CB Andre Dyson, Seattle	P Jeff Feagles, NY Giants

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 13 were:

- New York running back **TIKI BARBER**, who rushed for 115 yards on 30 carries, reaching the century mark for the third consecutive game.
- Arizona wide receiver **ANQUAN BOLDIN**, who had an NFC Week 13-best 156 receiving yards, posting 11 catches including a game-winning 54-yard touchdown catch in a 17-10 win at San Francisco.
- Tampa Bay wide receiver **JOEY GALLOWAY**, who led all receivers with five receptions for 75 yards, including a 30-yard touchdown catch in a 10-3 win against New Orleans.
- Minnesota quarterback **BRAD JOHNSON**, who completed 17 of 23 attempts for 256 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions, posting a 139.0 passer rating in a 21-16 win at Detroit. Johnson improved to 5-0 as a starter this season.
- Washington running back **CLINTON PORTIS**, who rushed for 136 yards on 27 carries, scoring touchdowns of 47 and one yard in a 24-9 win against St. Louis.
- Minnesota wide receiver **KOREN ROBINSON**, who had four receptions for 148 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown catch.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 13 were:

- Tampa Bay cornerback **RONDE BARBER**, who tied a career high and his own franchise record with three interceptions, finishing the game with nine tackles.
- New York linebacker **ANTONIO PIERCE**, who returned a fumble 12 yards for a touchdown and added seven tackles and one pass defended.
- New York defensive end **MICHAEL STRAHAN**, who had 2.0 sacks, seven tackles and knocked down one pass.
- Seattle rookie linebacker **LOFA TATUPU**, who returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown and added nine tackles.
- Chicago cornerback **CHARLES TILLMAN**, who intercepted a pass in the end zone in the waning moments of the first half, returning it 95 yards to set up a field goal in a 19-7 win against the Green Bay Packers. He also added seven tackles, 1.0 sack and one forced fumble.
- Washington linebacker **MARCUS WASHINGTON**, who had a team-leading seven tackles and 1.0 sack with two quarterback pressures.
- Arizona safety **ADRIAN WILSON**, who had seven tackles, 1.0 sack, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 13 were:

- Chicago rookie kicker **ROBBIE GOULD**, who connected on four of five field goal attempts from 21, 40, 25, and 35 yards.
- San Francisco safety **KEITH LEWIS**, who blocked a third-quarter punt that led to a field goal. He also added an interception on the day.
- Arizona kicker **NICK NOVAK**, who connected on three of three field goal attempts from 30, 35 and 19 yards in his first game with the Cardinals.
- New York wide receiver **DAVID TYREE**, who downed two punts inside the five-yard line and added a key tackle on a kickoff at the 17-yard line, setting up a defensive touchdown on the following play.