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## **COLTS WR MARVIN HARRISON, PATRIOTS DE TY WARREN & JETS K MIKE NUGENT NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR DECEMBER**

Wide receiver **MARVIN HARRISON** of the Indianapolis Colts, defensive end **TY WARREN** of the New England Patriots, and kicker **MIKE NUGENT** of the New York Jets are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for December, the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: WR MARVIN HARRISON, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

- Harrison, the NFL's third-leading receiver (95) with the league's second most receiving yards (1,366) had his most productive month of the season in December, finishing with 34 receptions for 545 yards and seven touchdowns in five games. He recorded at least one touchdown in four of the five games and chalked up more than 100 receiving yards three times as the Colts clinched their fourth consecutive AFC South title. Harrison caught seven passes for 172 yards and a touchdown at Tennessee on Dec. 3 and followed that performance with six catches for 101 yards at Jacksonville. He had his club-record ninth career three-touchdown game against Cincinnati in a Dec. 18 Monday nighter and had a second consecutive multiple-TD game with eight catches for 112 yards and two touchdowns at Houston on Christmas Eve. In the season finale against Miami, Harrison caught another TD on five catches for 74 yards. Harrison now has recorded eight consecutive seasons with at least 80 receptions, 1,000 yards and 10 TDs and became the first wideout to record 10 or more TDs in eight consecutive seasons.

In his 11th season from Syracuse, this is Harrison's third Player of the Month honor (Sept. 1999; Nov. 2002).

### **DEFENSE: DE TY WARREN, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

- New England's Warren recorded 43 December tackles – including a team-high 4.0 sacks – to finish strong in the finest season of his four-year career. Warren notched 10 tackles in three of five games during the month as the Patriots went 4-1 to claim its fourth consecutive AFC East title. His contributions throughout the year helped the Patriots establish a franchise record by allowing a meager 14.81 points per game, a mark that ranked second in the NFL. Warren began the month with a 2.0-sack performance against Detroit on Dec. 3, part of a 10-tackle performance in the Patriots' 28-21 victory over Detroit. The following week in Miami, Warren matched his 10-tackle performance and added another sack. He closed out the month with yet another 10-tackle day -- his seventh double-digit total of the season – while adding a sack in New England's season-ending victory over the Titans on Dec. 31. Warren finished second on the team with a career-high 117 tackles on the year and tied for second on the club with a career-best 7.5 sacks.

This is the first Player of the Month award for Warren, who is in his fourth season from Texas A&M.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: K MIKE NUGENT, NEW YORK JETS**

- New York's Nugent was a perfect 12 for 12 in December field goal attempts, helping the Jets earn a 4-1 record in the month en route to the AFC's No. 5 playoff seed with a 10-6 record. The Jets will next face division rival New England for the third time this season on Sunday afternoon. Nugent accounted for 47 of the team's 113 points in the month, including a 30-yard game-winner in Week 16 at Miami with 10 seconds remaining to claim a 13-10 win. That kick allowed the Jets to control their playoff destiny in Week 17, which they did successfully by beating the Raiders 23-3, helped by Nugent's three-for-three field goal performance.

In his second year from Ohio State, this is Nugent's first career Player of the Month distinction. He is the third Jets player this season to earn a Player of the Month Award (**WR LAVERANUES COLES**, September; **KR JUSTIN MILLER**, October).

## **2006 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH**

	<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Defense</u></b>	<b><u>Special Teams</u></b>
<b>September</b>	WR Laveranues Coles, New York	LB Bart Scott, Baltimore	K Matt Stover, Baltimore
<b>October</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Indianapolis	CB Champ Bailey, Denver	KR-CB Justin Miller, New York
<b>November</b>	RB LaDainian Tomlinson, San Diego	DE Jason Taylor, Miami	P Brian Moorman, Buffalo
<b>December</b>	WR Marvin Harrison, Indianapolis	DE Ty Warren, New England	K Mike Nugent, New York