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JETS WR LAVERANUES COLES, RAVENS LB BART SCOTT & RAVENS K MATT STOVER NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

Wide receiver **LAVERANUES COLES** of the New York Jets, linebacker **BART SCOTT** of the Baltimore Ravens, and kicker **MATT STOVER**, also of Baltimore, are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Month for September, the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR LAVERANUES COLES, NEW YORK JETS

- New York's No. 1 receiver leads the NFL with 24 receptions and stands second in the league with 331 receiving yards and a touchdown, helping the Jets post a 2-1 September record. Coles' seven third-down receptions tie him with Indianapolis' **REGGIE WAYNE** and Pittsburgh's **HINES WARD** for the high mark in the AFC. Coles has posted either 100 receiving yards or 10 catches in each of the Jets' three September contests and has recorded a reception of more than 40 yards in two of the three. The Jacksonville native's 331 receiving yards are the most by a Jets player in the first three games of a season since Pro Football Hall of Famer **DON MAYNARD** (356) in 1968 when New York eventually went on to defeat the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III.

In his seventh season from Florida State, this is Coles' first career Player of the Month Award.

DEFENSE: LB BART SCOTT, BALTIMORE RAVENS

- September was a month to remember for the Ravens' defense, led by Scott from his linebacker position. Leading the AFC and tied for the league-lead in sacks with 5.0, Scott is a significant reason why Baltimore stands No. 1 in the NFL against the run (34.3 yards per game) and No. 2 overall (197.3 total yards allowed per game) in addition to allowing a meager 6.7 points per contest. Scott's heavy pressure on the quarterback has contributed to the team's NFL-best plus-10 turnover differential, featuring a league-high seven interceptions. Scott – who had 2.0 sacks in two September games and 1.0 in another for a total of 34 yards lost – stands second on the club with 23 tackles. He also registered five passes defended in the month to help the Ravens post a 3-0 record, tied with Cincinnati for first-place in the AFC North.

In his fifth year from Southern Illinois, this is Scott's first Player of the Month honor.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K MATT STOVER, BALTIMORE RAVENS

- Baltimore's Stover was a perfect nine-for-nine in field goal attempts for September, extending his career-long consecutive field goals-made streak to 29 – the longest active streak in the NFL. Stover has not missed a field goal since the Ravens' seventh game of 2005. The 17-year NFL veteran from Louisiana Tech connected on at least two field goals in each of the Ravens' three September games. In Week 3 at Cleveland, he was successful on a 52-yard attempt with 20 seconds remaining in regulation to seize the victory. The kick was the longest of his 12 career game-winning field goals. Among NFL kickers with at least 150 field goal attempts, Stover is the third-most accurate of all-time, splitting the uprights on 389 of 466 tries (83.5 percent). Stover also kicked three touchbacks on kickoffs in the month.

Stover and Scott are the fifth set of teammates in the past 10 seasons to earn a conference's Player of the Month Awards in the same month. This last occurred in December of 2003 when **GRANT WISTROM** (defense) and **JEFF WILKINS** (special teams) achieved the double distinction for the St. Louis Rams.

2006 AFC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
September	WR Laveranues Coles, New York	LB Bart Scott, Baltimore	K Matt Stover, Baltimore