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STEELERS RB WILLIE PARKER, JETS DT DEWAYNE ROBERTSON & RAVENS DE TREVOR PRYCE NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 10

Running back **WILLIE PARKER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, defensive tackle **DEWAYNE ROBERTSON** of the New York Jets and defensive end **TREVOR PRYCE** of the Baltimore Ravens are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 10th week of the 2006 season (November 12-13), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB WILLIE PARKER, PITTSBURGH STEELERS

- Pittsburgh's **WILLIE PARKER** rushed for a career-high 213 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries (9.7 average) in the Steelers' 38-31 win over the visiting New Orleans Saints. With the score tied 24-24 early in the third quarter, Parker took off on a 72-yard run to the Saints' 14-yard line and scored four plays later on a three-yard run to give the Steelers a 31-24 lead on the first snap of the fourth quarter. The Steelers' rusher, who celebrated his 26th birthday last Saturday, was off to the races again on Pittsburgh's next possession. On a second-down play from the Steelers' 20, he ran 76 yards to the Saints' four and rushed into the end zone on the next snap for a 38-24 lead with 9:55 left in the game. Parker's 213 yards account for the second-highest single game rushing total in club history, trailing only **JOHN "FRENCHY" FUQUA**, who posted 218 yards on December 20, 1970, at Philadelphia. The last player to record two runs of 70-plus yards in the same game was Pro Football Hall of Famer **BARRY SANDERS** (Oct. 12, 1997) against Tampa Bay. Sunday was Parker's fourth 100-yard rushing performance in five games at Heinz Field this season, and marked the fourth game this year in which he scored multiple touchdowns.

In his third year from North Carolina, this is Parker's second career Player of the Week Award.

DEFENSE: DT DEWAYNE ROBERTSON, NEW YORK JETS

- Making an impact in the middle of the Jets' defense, defensive tackle **DEWAYNE ROBERTSON** racked up six tackles, including a sack, for a 17-14 divisional win at New England. All but one of Robertson's six tackles were made within one yard of the line of scrimmage with his furthest from the line coming three yards downfield. With Robertson's pressure helping lead the way, the Jets limited New England to three of 12 (25.0 percent) on third-down conversion tries. New York's win dealt the Patriots their second loss in as many games, halting New England's streak of 57 games in a row without consecutive losses. Only the San Francisco 49ers' run of 60 games (Nov. 12, 1995 to Oct. 17, 1999) was longer. Robertson's sack came early in the fourth quarter on a third-and-17 play from the Jets' 39-yard line. The four-yard loss pushed New England back four yards and forced a punt, enabling the Jets to maintain a 10-6 lead. With the win, the Jets (5-4) trail New England (6-3) by one game for first place in the AFC East.

In his fourth season from Kentucky, this is the second Player of the Week Award of Robertson's career.

SPECIAL TEAMS: DE TREVOR PRYCE, BALTIMORE RAVENS

- With the game on the line and 42 seconds left in regulation, Baltimore defensive end **TREVOR PRYCE** ensured a Ravens victory by blocking a 43-yard field goal try in a 27-26 win at Tennessee. The play capped a 19-point comeback – the largest in Ravens' history – to advance to 7-2 for the first time in team annals. After Tennessee had marched 42 yards from its 34-yard line in a span of 1:08, the Titans lined up for the 43-yard field goal attempt, which was extinguished by Pryce. "That was a first," the four-time NFL All-Star said of his field goal block to win the game. "I was telling someone that it might be one of the biggest plays of my life." The win lifts Baltimore three games ahead of second-place Cincinnati (4-5) in the AFC North.

In his 10th year from Clemson, this is Pryce's first Player of the Week honor.

2006 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Chad Pennington, New York	LB Ray Lewis, Baltimore	K Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis
Wk 2	QB Peyton Manning, Indianapolis	CB Rashean Mathis, Jacksonville	S Coy Wire, Buffalo
Wk 3	WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Cin.	S Kerry Rhodes, New York	PR-WR Terrence Wilkins, Ind.
Wk 4	WR Andre Johnson, Houston	DE Jarvis Green, New England	KR-WR Joshua Cribbs, Cleveland
Wk 5	QB Damon Huard, Kansas City	DT Jamal Williams, San Diego	K Lawrence Tynes, Kansas City
Wk 6	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	S Troy Polamalu, Pittsburgh	TE Casey Cramer, Tennessee
Wk 7	QB Peyton Manning, Indianapolis	DE Derrick Burgess, Oakland	KR-RB Laurence Maroney, NE
Wk 8	RB Larry Johnson, Kansas City	S Sean Jones, Cleveland	K Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis
Wk 9	RB LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	DE Jason Taylor, Miami	P Brian Moorman, Buffalo
Wk 10	RB Willie Parker, Pittsburgh	DT Dewayne Robertson, New York	DE Trevor Pryce, Baltimore

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 10 were:

- Kansas City tight end **TONY GONZALEZ**, who caught six catches for 84 yards in a 13-10 loss at Miami. With his 84 yards, Gonzalez (8,412) has now gained the third-most combined net yards in team history.
- Cincinnati wide receiver **CHAD JOHNSON**, who recorded 11 receptions for a team-record 260 yards and two touchdowns in a 49-41 loss to San Diego. Johnson's 260 receiving yards were the most in a game since Dec. 17, 2000, when **TERRELL OWENS** (San Francisco) posted 283 against Chicago.
- Baltimore quarterback **STEVE MC NAIR**, who passed for a personal season-high 373 yards and three touchdowns with two interceptions against Tennessee, his former team.
- Cincinnati quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who completed 31 of 42 passes (73.8 percent) for 440 yards and three touchdowns without an interception for a 131.1 passer rating. His 440 yards passing are the most by a quarterback this season and is the third-highest single-game total in Bengals history.
- San Diego quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS**, who passed for 337 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions on 24 of 36 passing (66.7 percent) for a 124.4 passer rating.
- Pittsburgh quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER**, who completed 17 of 28 passes for 264 yards and three touchdowns without an interception for a 127.7 passer-rating. His three TD passes tied a career high.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 10 were:

- Kansas City defensive end **JARED ALLEN**, who had seven tackles, including a sack, and a fumble recovery.
- Miami safety **YEREMIAH BELL**, who posted nine tackles and three passes defended in a victory.
- Buffalo cornerback **NATE CLEMENTS**, who forced and recovered a fumble and totaled six tackles with three passes defended.
- New York safety **ERIK COLEMAN**, who notched eight tackles and an interception against New England.
- Buffalo linebacker **ANGELO CROWELL**, who tied a career high with 15 tackles and forced a fumble which was recovered by a teammate and returned 68 yards for a touchdown.
- New York defensive end **SHAUN ELLIS**, who registered five tackles, including a sack, and forced a fumble.
- Pittsburgh linebacker **JAMES FARRIOR**, who recorded 10 tackles, forced a fumble and recorded a special teams tackle against the New Orleans Saints.
- Buffalo linebacker **LONDON FLETCHER-BAKER**, who chalked-up a season-high 16 tackles and added a pass defended in a 17-16 road loss against the Colts.
- Pittsburgh linebacker **LARRY FOOTE**, who led all Steelers with 11 tackles, defended one pass and forced a key fumble that led to a game-tying touchdown.
- Indianapolis defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS**, who had three solo tackles, including 2.0 sacks.
- San Diego linebacker **SHAUN PHILLIPS**, who posted a sack and forced fumble on the same play. Phillips totaled two tackles for losses on the day at Cincinnati.
- Houston cornerback **DUNTA ROBINSON**, who led the Texans with seven solo tackles and an interception in a 13-10 win at Jacksonville.
- Baltimore linebacker **ADALIUS THOMAS**, who led the team with 13 tackles and posted a sack.
- Denver linebacker **AL WILSON**, who registered one sack for a five-yard loss among his team-leading 10 solo tackles in Denver's 17-13 win at Oakland.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 10 were:

- Kansas City punter **DUSTIN COLQUITT**, who punted eight times for a 40.6-yard net average with one punt inside the 20 and a long of 52 yards.
- Pittsburgh running back-kick returner **NAJEH DAVENPORT**, who returned four kickoffs for 97 yards (24.3 avg.), including a 40-yard return on the game's opening kickoff.

- Buffalo cornerback-kick returner **TERRENCE MC GEE**, who had four kickoff returns for 147 yards, including an 88-yard kick return for the longest non-scoring return in team history.
- New York kick returner **JUSTIN MILLER**, who returned three kicks for 103 yards (34.3 avg.) with a long of 62 yards.
- Buffalo punter **BRIAN MOORMAN**, who punted four times for a 49.3-yard net average. Moorman's hang time held the Colts without a single punt return yard.