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## **COLTS RB JOSEPH ADDAI, PATRIOTS CB ASANTE SAMUEL & BILLS WR-PR ROSCOE PARRISH NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 12**

Running back **JOSEPH ADDAI** of the Indianapolis Colts, cornerback **ASANTE SAMUEL** of the New England Patriots and wide receiver-punt returner **ROSCOE PARRISH** of the Buffalo Bills are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the 12th week of the 2006 season (November 23, 26-27), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: RB JOSEPH ADDAI, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

- With a national television audience tuned in on Sunday night, Addai had a season-best 24 carries for 171 (7.1 average) yards and four touchdowns in a 45-21 win against Philadelphia to help the Colts keep sole possession of the NFL's best record (10-1). Leading all rookie rushers with 789 yards, Addai became the eighth rookie in NFL history to rush for four TDs in a game and set his club's single-game rookie mark for overall touchdowns. Addai had first-half scores of 15, 10 and 15 yards, becoming just the second player in NFL history with three first-half rushing touchdowns of 10 or more yards (Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON**, Colts vs. Denver 10/31/88). Ten of the rookie's 24 carries exceeded eight yards. Addai also notched two catches for 37 yards to join **MARSHALL FAULK**, **EDGERRIN JAMES**, and Pro Football Hall of Famer **LENNY MOORE** as the only rookie Colts to surpass 200 scrimmage yards in a game.

In his first year from LSU, this is Addai's first Player of the Week Award.

### **DEFENSE: CB ASANTE SAMUEL, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

- New England's Samuel recorded three interceptions in the Patriots' 17-13 win over the Chicago Bears, recording the first three-interception game for the franchise in more than 23 years and notched just the second three-pick game in the NFL this season. Clinging to a 10-3 lead late in the third quarter, Samuel recorded his second interception on the Patriots' seven-yard line to halt a Bears scoring chance and returned the ball 27 yards to place his offense near midfield. With 5:04 to play and the Patriots ahead 17-10, Chicago had a second-and-seven situation on the New England 15. Samuel made tackles on each of the two following plays to stymie the Bears and hold them to a field goal, keeping the Patriots ahead 17-13. The third-year cornerback came through again with 1:52 left in the game and New England leading 17-13 following a fumble that gave Chicago hope and the ball on its own 22. On the next snap, Samuel notched his third interception of the day – and a career-best sixth on the season – on the Patriots' 38 to lift New England to an 8-3 record. The last Patriot to intercept three passes in a regular-season game was **ROLAND JAMES** (Oct. 23, 1983) in a 31-0 win against Buffalo.

In his fourth year from Central Florida, this is Samuel's first Player of the Week honor.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: WR-PR ROSCOE PARRISH, BUFFALO BILLS**

- In a back-and-forth game full of big plays, Buffalo's Parrish made one of the biggest with an 82-yard punt return for a touchdown late in the third quarter for a 27-24 home victory against Jacksonville. With 4:11 to go in the third quarter, Parrish fielded a Jaguars punt on his own 18, spun around would-be tacklers for daylight along the left sideline following an exceptional block by rookie teammate **DONTE WHITNER** and motored for the score to give the Bills a 24-14 advantage in the eventual win. The play marked Buffalo's first punt return for a touchdown since 2004 when **NATE CLEMENTS** returned a Rams punt 86 yards for a score. Parrish also notched a 22-yard punt return earlier in the third quarter to establish a single-game club-record 104 punt return yards on the afternoon, surpassing the 98-yard mark held by **IKE HILL** since 1971. Parrish leads the NFL with a 13.9 punt return average. He also caught two passes for 36 yards, including a crucial 30-yard reception with 17 seconds left in regulation to set up a game-winning field goal.

In his second year from Miami, this is the first Player of the Week Award for Parrish.

## 2006 AFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Chad Pennington, New York	LB Ray Lewis, Baltimore	K Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 2</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Indianapolis	CB Rashean Mathis, Jacksonville	S Coy Wire, Buffalo
<b>Wk 3</b>	WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Cin.	S Kerry Rhodes, New York	PR-WR Terrence Wilkins, Ind.
<b>Wk 4</b>	WR Andre Johnson, Houston	DE Jarvis Green, New England	KR-WR Joshua Cribbs, Cleveland
<b>Wk 5</b>	QB Damon Huard, Kansas City	DT Jamal Williams, San Diego	K Lawrence Tynes, Kansas City
<b>Wk 6</b>	QB Philip Rivers, San Diego	S Troy Polamalu, Pittsburgh	TE Casey Cramer, Tennessee
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Peyton Manning, Indianapolis	DE Derrick Burgess, Oakland	KR-RB Laurence Maroney, NE
<b>Wk 8</b>	RB Larry Johnson, Kansas City	S Sean Jones, Cleveland	K Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis
<b>Wk 9</b>	RB LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	DE Jason Taylor, Miami	P Brian Moorman, Buffalo
<b>Wk 10</b>	RB Willie Parker, Pittsburgh	DT Dewayne Robertson, New York	DE Trevor Pryce, Baltimore
<b>Wk 11</b>	RB LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	DE Jason Taylor, Miami	KR B.J. Sams, Baltimore
<b>Wk 12</b>	RB Joseph Addai, Indianapolis	CB Asante Samuel, New England	PR Roscoe Parrish, Buffalo

### Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 12 were:

- Miami wide receiver **MARTY BOOKER**, who led his team with 115 receiving yards on seven catches, including two for touchdowns, in a 27-10 win at Detroit on Thanksgiving.
- New York wide receiver **LAVERANUES COLES**, who posted nine receptions for 111 yards and a touchdown in a 26-11 win against Houston.
- New York wide receiver **JERRICO COTCHERY**, who racked up 110 yards receiving on seven receptions.
- Miami quarterback **JOEY HARRINGTON**, who passed for three touchdowns and 213 yards on 19 of 29 passing (65.5 percent) for a 107.4 passer rating.
- Kansas City running back **LARRY JOHNSON**, who carried the ball 34 times for 157 yards (4.6 average) and a touchdown in a 19-10 Thanksgiving night win against Denver. Johnson has scored a touchdown in nine consecutive games.
- Baltimore quarterback **STEVE MC NAIR**, who posted a 102.8 passer rating, completing 18 of 24 (75 percent) of his passes for 140 yards with a TD and no interceptions in a 27-0 win against Pittsburgh.
- Cincinnati quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who completed 25 of 32 (78.1 percent) passes for 275 yards with three touchdowns against one interception for a 120.7 passer rating in a 30-0 win at Cleveland.
- New York quarterback **CHAD PENNINGTON**, who connected on 24 of his 31 pass attempts (77.4 percent) for 286 yards and a touchdown.
- San Diego running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON**, who added two more TDs for an NFL-leading total of 24 on the season in a 21-14 win against Oakland. Tomlinson rushed for 109 yards and two TDs on 19 carries (5.7 average) and completed a 19-yard touchdown pass for the victory.
- Tennessee rookie quarterback **VINCE YOUNG**, who led the Titans back from a 21-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat the New York Giants 24-21. Young set career highs in passing yards (249), touchdowns (two) and rushing yards (69) in the win. His performance marked the first time a rookie QB had accounted for three fourth-quarter touchdowns (two passing, one rushing) since Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN ELWAY** in 1983.

### Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 12 were:

- New York defensive end **SHAUN ELLIS**, who notched 1.5 sacks and five tackles.
- San Diego linebacker **RANDALL GODFREY**, who made a career-high three tackles for losses against Oakland, including a sack. Godfrey had 13 total tackles on the day.
- Miami defensive end **VONNIE HOLLIDAY**, who registered 2.0 sacks and another tackle as part of the Dolphins' eight-sack performance at Detroit.
- Tennessee cornerback **PACMAN JONES**, who accounted for two fourth-quarter interceptions which led to 10 points in the Titans' come-from-behind victory. Jones added a 29-yard punt return on special teams.
- Cincinnati safety **KEVIN KAESVIHARN**, who notched two interceptions and a sack with four tackles.
- Kansas City cornerback **TY LAW**, who posted seven tackles, an interception and forced a fumble.
- Indianapolis defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS**, who chalked up 2.0 sacks with two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.
- New York safety **KERRY RHODES**, who recorded 11 tackles and defended two passes, including an interception.
- Baltimore linebacker **BART SCOTT**, who tallied four tackles, including 1.5 sacks, and a fourth-quarter interception. Scott and the Ravens limited Pittsburgh to only 21 rushing yards on the day.
- New York defensive end **BRYAN THOMAS**, who posted 2.0 sacks among his four tackles. Thomas has at least 1.0 sack in three of his past four games.

**Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 12 were:**

- Tennessee kicker **ROB BIRONAS**, who kicked a game-winning field goal by splitting the uprights from 49 yards with 11 seconds remaining.
- San Diego rookie cornerback-kick returner **ANTONIO CROMARTIE**, who returned a kickoff 91 yards, tied for the seventh-longest kick return in franchise history.
- Buffalo kicker **RIAN LINDELL**, who booted home a 42-yard field goal as time expired for a three-point victory. Lindell is now 87 for 106 (82.08 percent) in field goal tries as a Bill for the highest mark in club annals.
- New York kicker **MIKE NUGENT**, who was flawless in four field goal tries from 23, 34, 54, and 40 yards. Nugent also was credited with a tackle on kickoff coverage.
- Baltimore kicker **MATT STOVER**, who connected on both of his field goal attempts (37, 40) and kicked off six times for a pair of touchbacks.
- Kansas City kicker **LAWRENCE TYNES**, who was a perfect four-of-four on field goal tries from 24, 34, 29, and 21 yards.