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TEXANS WR ANDRE JOHNSON, PATRIOTS DE JARVIS GREEN & BROWNS KR-WR JOSHUA CRIBBS NAMED AFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 4

Wide receiver **ANDRE JOHNSON** of the Houston Texans, defensive end **JARVIS GREEN** of the New England Patriots and kick returner-wide receiver **JOSHUA CRIBBS** of the Cleveland Browns are the AFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the fourth week of the 2006 season (October 1-2), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: WR ANDRE JOHNSON, HOUSTON TEXANS

- Sheer will to get his hands on the football coupled with efficient route running enabled Houston's Andre Johnson to pull down nine receptions for 101 receiving yards and a touchdown in a thrilling 17-15 victory against his hometown Miami Dolphins. Six of the 25-year-old standout's nine receptions resulted in a gain of more than 10 yards or a touchdown. Sunday's game in Reliant Stadium marked the second consecutive week that Johnson has led the AFC in receptions and receiving yards. The 6-3, 220-pounder's final catch was a three-yard touchdown reception in the back left corner of the end zone for a 17-6 lead with 9:54 remaining to earn the club its first win of the season. Johnson set up the score with a game-long 30-yard reception, fighting through a double team on third-down to move Houston to the Miami seven-yard line. Johnson is tied for the league lead in receptions with 30.

In his fourth year from Miami, this is Johnson's first Player of the Week Award.

DEFENSE: DE JARVIS GREEN, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Entering Cincinnati to face the high-flying Bengals, New England's Green fought his way to the quarterback for a career-high 3.0 sacks in a convincing 38-13 win. Starting at right defensive end, Green became the first Patriots player to record 3.0 sacks in a game since linebacker **MIKE VRABEL** in 2003. In addition to his penetrating pass rush, Green played a significant role in limiting a strong Bengals ground attack. Cincinnati entered the game ranked 10th in the NFL in rushing, averaging 121.0 yards, but was limited to only 71 at home Sunday. The Patriots (3-1) led 24-13 early in the fourth quarter when Green registered his first sack of the day, dropping the Cincinnati quarterback for a 10-yard loss, forcing and recovering a fumble at the Bengals' 13-yard line. The strip-sack set up teammate **COREY DILLON**'s one-yard touchdown plunge to earn the Patriots a commanding 31-13 lead. Green also had sacks of nine yards and 11 yards on the day.

In his fifth year from LSU, this is Green's first Player of the Week distinction.

SPECIAL TEAMS: KR-WR JOSHUA CRIBBS, CLEVELAND BROWNS

- Boosting the Browns with a jolt of electricity to jump-start a comeback victory after trailing by 18 points, Cribbs ran through the Raiders for kick returns of 65 and 53 yards, respectively, in a 24-21 win at Oakland. Down 14-0 in the second quarter, Cribbs fielded a kick on his own three-yard line and ran it back to the Oakland 32 where **PHIL DAWSON** ultimately split the uprights from 28 yards for the team's first points. After the Raiders answered with another touchdown for a 21-3 advantage, Cribbs again charged the Browns with a 53-yard return to Oakland's 43. Seven plays later, Cleveland quarterback **CHARLIE FRYE** tossed his first of three career-high touchdown passes to narrow the score to 21-10. The 6-1 Cribbs stands fifth in the NFL with a 27.8-yard kick return average while teammate **DENNIS NORTHCUTT** tops the NFL with a 15.1-yard average in punt returns. The Browns (1-3) travel east this week to face Carolina.

In his second year from Kent State, this is Cribbs' 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

Other nominees for AFC Offensive Player of Week 4 were:

- Cleveland quarterback **CHARLIE FRYE**, who passed for a career-high three touchdowns against two interceptions, completing 22 of 32 attempts for 192 yards and a 89.6 passer rating. Frye completed passes to a career-high nine receivers.
- Indianapolis wide receiver **MARVIN HARRISON**, who caught seven passes for 79 yards in a 31-28 road win against the Jets. Harrison (956) surpassed **ANDRE REED** (951) as the fourth-leading receiver in NFL history.
- Baltimore tight end **TODD HEAP**, who led the Ravens with four receptions for 60 yards, including a 10-yard catch and run for the game-winning touchdown with 41 seconds remaining in a 16-13 win against San Diego.
- Kansas City quarterback **DAMON HUARD**, who completed 13 of his first 15 passes and threw two touchdowns. Huard finished the day with a 133.3 passer rating in a 41-0 home win against San Francisco.
- Buffalo quarterback **J.P. LOSMAN**, who completed a career-best 71.9 percent of his passes on a career-high 23 completions in Sunday's 17-12 home victory against Minnesota. Losman finished the game with 222 passing yards with one touchdown without an interception for a 101.3 passer rating.
- Indianapolis quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**, who completed 21 of 30 (70.0 percent) attempts for 217 yards and a touchdown. Manning became the first quarterback in Colts history to record a game-winning touchdown run in the final minute of a game.
- New England rookie running back **LAURENCE MARONEY**, who ran for 125 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries (8.3-yard average). Maroney led a running game that produced 238 yards, the highest single-game total for the franchise since 1993.

Other nominees for AFC Defensive Player of Week 4 were:

- Buffalo linebacker **ANGELO CROWELL**, who posted a team-leading 12 tackles and registered his second interception on the season. Crowell leads NFL linebackers with two interceptions.
- Cleveland linebacker **ANDRA DAVIS**, who registered seven tackles and 1.0 sack. Davis was in the middle of a defense that allowed only 59 second half total yards.
- Kansas City linebacker **DERRICK JOHNSON**, who posted nine tackles and 1.5 sacks in addition to a forced fumble in a shutout victory.
- Indianapolis defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS**, who chalked up 2.0 sacks for 16 yards and forced a fumble.
- Baltimore linebacker **BART SCOTT**, who compiled 19 tackles and an interception which he returned 24 yards to set up a Ravens touchdown.

Other nominees for AFC Special Teams Player of Week 4 were:

- New England punt returner-running back **KEVIN FAULK**, who recorded a 43-yard punt return for the team's longest in five years. Faulk also returned three kickoffs for 62 yards (20.7 average).
- Kansas City kick returner-punt returner **DANTE HALL**, who registered a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown, marking his 11th career score on a kick or punt return for the third-most such scores in NFL history. He totaled three punt returns for 82 yards and returned a kickoff for 22 yards.
- Baltimore kick returner-punt returner **B.J. SAMS**, who averaged 24.3 yards on four kick returns and had one punt return for 17 yards.