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GIANTS RB TIKI BARBER, LIONS DE JAMES HALL & SEAHAWKS K JOSH BROWN NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 6

Running back **TIKI BARBER** of the New York Giants, defensive end **JAMES HALL** of the Detroit Lions, and kicker **JOSH BROWN** of the Seattle Seahawks are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the sixth week of the 2006 season (October 15-16), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB TIKI BARBER, NEW YORK GIANTS

- Facing the league's No. 1 ranked rushing defense (69.3 yards allowed per game entering Week 6), Barber rushed for a season-high 185 yards on 26 carries (7.1 average) in the Giants' 27-14 road victory over the Atlanta Falcons. The 185-yard performance is the fifth-highest total for Barber and the 33rd time the 10-year veteran has gone over the century mark (three times in 2006). Barber led a New York attack that amassed 259 yards on the ground against a defense that had allowed just 277 rushing yards in Atlanta's previous four games combined. For the day, the former Virginia standout had eight runs of at least 10 yards, the highest single-game total by a player since Seattle's **SHAUN ALEXANDER** accomplished the feat in 2004 (11/14/04). This season, Barber is tied with Atlanta's **MICHAEL VICK** for the most 10+ yard runs in the league with 19. In addition to his 185 rushing yards, Barber added three catches for 42 yards, finishing the contest with 227 yards from scrimmage, the fourth-highest total in his career.

In his 10th season from Virginia, this is Barber's sixth career Player of the Week Award.

DEFENSE: DE JAMES HALL, DETROIT LIONS

- Detroit's Hall tied a career-high with 3.5 sacks (30.5 yards lost) and finished with seven tackles, two quarterback hits and a forced fumble as the Lions defeated the Buffalo Bills 20-17 at Ford Field, giving rookie head coach **ROD MARINELLI** his first career victory. Late in the third quarter, with the Bills driving and Detroit clinging to a seven-point lead, Hall sacked Buffalo's quarterback and forced a fumble that was recovered by the Lions at the Detroit 38-yard line. The Lions kicked a field goal on the ensuing drive to go up 20-10, providing Detroit with its margin of victory. Hall's total of 3.5 sacks is the most by a player in a single game this season and the fifth multiple-sack game of his seven-year career. The Lions' defense allowed just 242 total net yards (157 passing, 85 rushing) and held Buffalo running back **WILLIS MC GAHEE**, the AFC's leading rusher, to 66 yards on 17 carries.

In his seventh year from Michigan, this is Hall's second career Player of the Week Award.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K JOSH BROWN, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- In a battle of NFC West division rivals, Seattle's Brown capped a wild finish with a game-winning 54-yard field goal as time expired in the Seahawks' 30-28 come-from-behind victory over the St. Louis Rams. Brown became the first kicker since 1997 (**PETE STOYANOVICH**) with a game-winning field goal of at least 54 yards on the game's final play with his team trailing at the time and is the only player in NFL history to kick three field goals of at least 49 yards in the fourth quarter (49, 49, 54). The former seventh-round draft pick now has four career game-winning field goals on the final play, including two of at least 50 yards – his other 50+ yard game-winner earned him his first Player of the Week Award (Week 7, 2005). In Week 1 of this season, Brown kicked a game-winning 42-yard field goal as time ran out against the Detroit Lions to give Seattle a 9-6 win.

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

2006 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Week 1	QB Kurt Warner, Arizona	DE John Abraham, Atlanta	K Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis
Week 2	QB Eli Manning, NY Giants	DT Tommie Harris, Chicago	K Ryan Longwell, Minnesota
Week 3	QB Brett Favre, Green Bay	LB Scott Fujita, New Orleans	K John Kasay, Carolina
Week 4	WR Santana Moss, Washington	DT Tommie Harris, Chicago	K Morten Andersen, Atlanta
Week 5	RB Frank Gore, San Francisco	CB Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia	RB-PR Reggie Bush, NO
Week 6	RB Tiki Barber, NY Giants	DE James Hall, Detroit	K Josh Brown, Seattle

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 6 were:

- New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES**, who completed 27 of 37 passes (73.0 percent) for 275 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions in the Saints' 27-24 win over the Philadelphia Eagles. Brees completed 11 of 12 passes (91.7 percent) for 134 yards in the final quarter, throwing a 48-yard touchdown pass and setting up **JOHN CARNEY's** game-winning field goal as time expired.
- Philadelphia wide receiver **REGGIE BROWN**, who had six receptions for a career-high 121 yards and scored two touchdowns. Brown hauled in a 60-yard TD reception and added a 15-yard touchdown run.
- Carolina quarterback **JAKE DELHOMME**, who completed 24 of 39 passes (61.5 percent) for a career-high 365 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions in the Panthers' 23-21 victory over the Baltimore Ravens. Delhomme's 365 yards is the third-highest single-game total in team history and he tied a franchise record with his eighth career 300-yard game.
- Tampa Bay rookie quarterback **BRUCE GRADKOWSKI**, who completed 25 of 44 passes for 184 yards with two touchdowns and one interception in the Buccaneers' 14-13 win over the Cincinnati Bengals. Gradkowski, who recorded his first NFL victory, capped off the comeback with an eight-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with 35 seconds remaining.
- Seattle quarterback **MATT HASSELBECK**, who completed 19 of 34 attempts for 268 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 110.9 passer rating. Hasselbeck guided Seattle 47 yards down the field in the final 1:44 to set up Brown's game-winning field goal.
- Detroit running back **KEVIN JONES**, who carried 23 times for a season-high 127 yards (5.5 avg.) with one touchdown and added six receptions for 36 yards.
- Dallas wide receiver **TERRELL OWENS**, who tied a career-high with three touchdown receptions in the Cowboys' 34-6 win over the Houston Texans. Owens, who had five catches for 45 yards on the day, has 25 multiple-TD games in his career, fourth-most all-time.
- Carolina wide receiver **STEVE SMITH**, who had eight catches for 189 yards, including a 72-yard touchdown reception. Smith's 189 yards is the third-highest mark in club history.
- Detroit wide receiver **ROY WILLIAMS**, who posted career-highs with 10 receptions and 161 yards with one touchdown (28 yards). Williams leads the league with 552 receiving yards and has recorded a 100-yard game in three of Detroit's six games this season.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 6 were:

- Seattle defensive end **BRYCE FISHER**, who had 2.0 sacks and four total tackles.
- New Orleans linebacker **SCOTT FUJITA**, who recorded a team-high eight tackles, 1.0 sack, an interception and two passes defended.
- Carolina defensive end **JULIUS PEPPERS**, who had 2.0 sacks, nine tackles, one forced fumble and two quarterback hurries. Peppers, who leads the league with 8.0 sacks, has recorded a sack in five consecutive games and last week became the franchise leader (48.5).
- New York linebacker **BRANDON SHORT**, who had a team-best eight tackles and a career-high 2.0 sacks as the Giants recorded seven sacks, the most by the team since 1998.
- Chicago linebacker **BRIAN URLACHER**, who recorded 19 tackles, three quarterback hits, two passes defended and a forced fumble in the Bears' 24-23 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night. Late in the fourth quarter, Urlacher forced a fumble which was picked up by cornerback **CHARLES TILLMAN** and returned 40 yards for a touchdown to cut the Arizona lead to 23-17 with 5:00 remaining.
- Tampa Bay defensive lineman **ELLIS WYMS**, who came off the bench and recorded five tackles and 2.0 sacks, the first multiple-sack performance in his career.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 6 were:

- New Orleans kicker **JOHN CARNEY**, who had two field goals, including a 31-yard game-winner as time expired. The kick marked the 14th game-winning field goal in Carney's career and the 11th in the final 10 seconds of a game.
- New York kicker **JAY FEELY**, who had nine points in the first game against his former team. Feely converted both field goal attempts (21, 39) and three PATs.

- Chicago rookie punt returner **DEVIN HESTER**, who capped the Bears' comeback from 20 points down with an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown with 2:58 remaining. Hester returned six punts for 152 yards (25.3 avg.) on the night and became the third player in NFL history to record at least two 80-yard punt return touchdowns in their rookie season (Week 1, 84-yard PR-TD).
- Dallas punter **MAT MC BRIAR**, who posted a 56.8 gross average on four punts, the highest single-game average in club history (minimum four punts). McBriar, who had a 46.0 net average on the day, had punts of 47, 75, 56 and 49 yards.