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## **SAINTS QB DREW BREES, 49ERS LB BRANDON MOORE & REDSKINS S TROY VINCENT NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 9**

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints, linebacker **BRANDON MOORE** of the San Francisco 49ers and safety **TROY VINCENT** of the Washington Redskins are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played the ninth week of the 2006 season (November 5-6), the NFL announced today.

### **OFFENSE: QB DREW BREES, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

- Facing one of the NFL's toughest pass defenses, Brees completed 24 of 32 passes (75.0 percent) for 314 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 136.7 passer rating in the Saints' 31-14 road win over Tampa Bay. The six-year veteran was perfect in the opening quarter, completing all 11 attempts for 157 yards and two TDs against a Buccaneers defense that entered the game ranked No. 3 in the NFC versus the pass. On the club's opening drive, Brees was five-of-five for 53 yards, including a 15-yard scoring strike to rookie wide receiver **MARQUES COLSTON** to put the Saints up 7-0. Brees wasted little time on the team's next possession as his first pass went for 52 yards and a touchdown to wide receiver **DEVERY HENDERSON** to give New Orleans a 14-0 lead. After Tampa Bay closed to within 17-14, the former Purdue standout completed four-of-four passes for 49 yards on a third-quarter drive that ended with a **DEUCE MC ALLISTER** touchdown run. On the team's next possession, Brees put the game out of reach with a 45-yard scoring toss to Henderson. In his first season with New Orleans, Brees has led the team to a 6-2 record and first place in the NFC South.

In his sixth season from Purdue, this is Brees' third career Player of the Week Award and first in the NFC.

### **DEFENSE: LB BRANDON MOORE, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

- Making just his third start of the season, Moore played a big role in San Francisco's 9-3 win over the Minnesota Vikings by recording a career-high 14 tackles, three quarterback pressures and two half-sacks. The five-year veteran was all over the field, posting 10 of his tackles within two yards of the line of scrimmage or behind, including four tackles for a loss. In the fourth quarter, with the 49ers clinging to a 6-3 lead and the Vikings at the San Francisco 27-yard line, Moore combined with defensive end **BRYANT YOUNG** to sack the quarterback. Young forced a fumble that was recovered by rookie linebacker **MANNY LAWSON** and San Francisco kicked a field goal on the ensuing possession. For the game, the 49ers' defense limited the Vikings to 238 yards of total offense, including just 103 net passing yards.

In his fifth year from Oklahoma, this is Moore's first career Player of the Week Award.

### **SPECIAL TEAMS: S TROY VINCENT, WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

- It was a thrilling play at the end of an exhilarating game between two NFC East rivals. With six seconds on the clock and the score tied 19-19, Dallas lined up for a potential game-winning field goal. Vincent, playing in just his second game with the Redskins after signing with the team last month, shot through the line and blocked the kick. Teammate **SEAN TAYLOR** recovered the ball and his return helped set up **NICK NOVAK**'s game-winning 47-yard field goal with no time remaining to give Washington a 22-19 victory. It marked the second time in this rivalry's history that the winning score occurred with no time left in regulation. Vincent was making his first appearance on special teams with the kick-blocking unit in nearly 10 years and had never blocked a kick in his 15-year career. The veteran safety started his first game with the Redskins and recorded six tackles.

In his 15th season from Wisconsin, this is Vincent's first career Player of the Week Award.

## 2006 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	QB Kurt Warner, Arizona	DE John Abraham, Atlanta	K Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis
<b>Wk 2</b>	QB Eli Manning, NY Giants	DT Tommie Harris, Chicago	K Ryan Longwell, Minnesota
<b>Wk 3</b>	QB Brett Favre, Green Bay	LB Scott Fujita, New Orleans	K John Kasay, Carolina
<b>Wk 4</b>	WR Santana Moss, Washington	DT Tommie Harris, Chicago	K Morten Andersen, Atlanta
<b>Wk 5</b>	RB Frank Gore, San Francisco	CB Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia	RB-PR Reggie Bush, New Orleans
<b>Wk 6</b>	RB Tiki Barber, NY Giants	DE James Hall, Detroit	K Josh Brown, Seattle
<b>Wk 7</b>	TE Alge Crumpler, Atlanta	CB Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay	K Matt Bryant, Tampa Bay
<b>Wk 8</b>	QB Michael Vick, Atlanta	DE Aaron Kampman, Green Bay	WR Sam Hurd, Dallas
<b>Wk 9</b>	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	LB Brandon Moore, San Francisco	S Troy Vincent, Washington

### Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 9 were:

- Tampa Bay wide receiver **JOEY GALLOWAY**, who had four receptions for 97 yards (24.3 average) and two touchdowns (44 and 17 yards).
- Detroit running back **KEVIN JONES**, who rushed for 110 yards and two touchdowns in the Lions' 30-14 win over the Atlanta Falcons. Jones added four receptions for 30 yards and finished with 140 scrimmage yards.
- Detroit quarterback **JON KITNA**, who guided the Lions to a season-high 435 yards and completed 20 of 32 passes (62.5 percent) for 321 yards with one touchdown and one interception.
- Seattle running back **MAURICE MORRIS**, who had 30 carries for a career-high 138 yards in the Seahawks' 16-0 win on Monday night over the Oakland Raiders.
- Detroit wide receiver **ROY WILLIAMS**, who had six catches for 138 yards (23.0 average), including a career-long 60-yard touchdown.

### Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 9 were:

- Detroit cornerback **DRE' BLY**, who had an interception and three passes defended as the Lions held Atlanta's offense to 154 net passing yards.
- New Orleans defensive end **WILL SMITH**, who led the Saints' defensive line with seven tackles and added a career-high 2.0 sacks along with a forced fumble.
- Seattle defensive tackle **CRAIG TERRILL**, who recorded five tackles and a career-high 3.0 sacks as the Seahawks amassed nine sacks against Oakland, tying the third-best single-game total in franchise history. The Seattle defense held the Raiders to 185 total yards.
- Washington linebacker **MARCUS WASHINGTON**, who had 12 tackles, 1.0 sack and a pass defended.
- Green Bay defensive tackle **COREY WILLIAMS**, who had a career-best 3.0 sacks in Green Bay's 24-10 loss at Buffalo.

### Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 9 were:

- Detroit kicker **JASON HANSON**, who scored 12 points, converting all three field goal attempts and three PATs. Hanson added two touchbacks on kickoffs and helped the Lions limit Atlanta to an average drive start of the 25-yard line.
- San Francisco kicker **JOE NEDNEY**, who was three-for-three on field goal attempts, including a 51-yarder, and accounted for all nine of the 49ers' points. Nedney also successfully executed an onside kick in the second quarter.
- Washington kicker **NICK NOVAK**, who converted two of three field goal attempts, including the game-winner from 47 yards out with no time remaining on the clock.