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COWBOYS QB TONY ROMO, REDSKINS S SEAN TAYLOR & SEAHAWKS K JOSH BROWN NAMED NFC PLAYERS OF WEEK 12

Quarterback **TONY ROMO** of the Dallas Cowboys, safety **SEAN TAYLOR** of the Washington Redskins and kicker **JOSH BROWN** of the Seattle Seahawks are the NFC 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: QB TONY ROMO, DALLAS COWBOYS

- Taking center stage on Thanksgiving, Romo completed 22 of 29 passes (75.9 percent) for 306 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions for a 148.9 passer rating in the Cowboys' 38-10 win over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Romo's five touchdown passes tied the franchise single-game record and he became the sixth Dallas quarterback to accomplish the feat. The last Cowboy to throw five touchdowns in a game was Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **TROY AIKMAN** in 1999. The former Eastern Illinois star connected with wide receiver **TERRY GLENN** in the first quarter on a 30-yard scoring strike. The Cowboys scored twice in the second quarter on a two-yard TD pass from Romo to Glenn and a one-yard touchdown pass from Romo to running back **MARION BARBER**. Romo and Barber teamed up again in the third quarter with a two-yard score and Romo's final TD was a seven-yard toss to wide receiver **TERRELL OWENS**. In the first half, the four-year veteran threw for 171 yards and three touchdowns. He was perfect in the second half, posting a 158.3 passer rating by completing nine of 10 passes (90.0 percent) for 135 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. At one point, Romo completed 13 consecutive passes, the longest streak by a Dallas quarterback since **RANDALL CUNNINGHAM** in 2000.

In his fourth season from Eastern Illinois, this is Romo's second career Player of the Week Award and his second in the past three weeks (Week 10).

DEFENSE: S SEAN TAYLOR, WASHINGTON REDSKINS

- In a key NFC showdown, Taylor had six tackles, an interception and a pass defensed in the Redskins' 17-13 win over the Carolina Panthers. In a tight game, Taylor made two impact plays down the stretch to help Washington pull out the victory. With 2:16 remaining in the game and the Redskins holding on to a 17-13 lead, Carolina faced a fourth-and-six from the Washington 33-yard line. Panthers wide receiver **DREW CARTER** caught a short pass and Taylor came up and stopped the receiver two yards short of the first down, turning the ball over on downs to the Redskins. On Carolina's final drive, with the Panthers looking to take the lead, Taylor sealed the game with an interception in the end zone with 1:10 remaining. For the game, the Washington defense held the Panthers to 264 total yards with 101 rushing yards and 163 passing yards.

In his third year from Miami, this is Taylor's first career Player of the Week Award.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K JOSH BROWN, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

- With the snow falling for the first time at a Seattle home game, Brown was successful on all four field goal attempts and both PATs in the Seahawks' 34-24 victory on Monday night. Kicking in windy and snowy conditions, Brown was perfect on the night, converting field goals of 45, 41, 37 and 28 yards. After the Packers went ahead 7-0, Brown had three field goals to account for the next nine points to give Seattle a 9-7 lead. Brown's fourth field goal came with 23 seconds remaining in the first half and cut the Green Bay lead to 14-12. For the season, Brown has converted 18 of 22 field goals (81.8 percent) and ranks fourth in the NFC with 79 points.

In his fourth season from Nebraska, this is Brown's third career Player of the Week Award and his second this season (Week 6).

2006 NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Wk 1	QB Kurt Warner, Arizona	DE John Abraham, Atlanta	K Jeff Wilkins, St. Louis
Wk 2	QB Eli Manning, NY Giants	DT Tommie Harris, Chicago	K Ryan Longwell, Minnesota
Wk 3	QB Brett Favre, Green Bay	LB Scott Fujita, New Orleans	K John Kasay, Carolina
Wk 4	WR Santana Moss, Washington	DT Tommie Harris, Chicago	K Morten Andersen, Atlanta
Wk 5	RB Frank Gore, San Francisco	CB Lito Sheppard, Philadelphia	RB-PR Reggie Bush, New Orleans
Wk 6	RB Tiki Barber, NY Giants	DE James Hall, Detroit	K Josh Brown, Seattle
Wk 7	TE Alge Crumpler, Atlanta	CB Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay	K Matt Bryant, Tampa Bay
Wk 8	QB Michael Vick, Atlanta	DE Aaron Kampman, Green Bay	WR Sam Hurd, Dallas
Wk 9	QB Drew Brees, New Orleans	LB Brandon Moore, San Francisco	S Troy Vincent, Washington
Wk 10	QB Tony Romo, Dallas	DE Julius Peppers, Carolina	CB-PR Devin Hester, Chicago
Wk 11	RB Frank Gore, San Francisco	DE Mike Rucker, Carolina	P Mat McBriar, Dallas
Wk 12	QB Tony Romo, Dallas	S Sean Taylor, Washington	K Josh Brown, Seattle

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 12 were:

- Seattle running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER**, who had a club-record 40 rush attempts for 201 yards. Alexander's 201 rushing yards marked the third-highest total in franchise history and the second 200-yard game of his career.
- New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES**, who completed 21 of 30 passes (70.0 percent) for 349 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 131.1 passer rating in the Saints' 31-13 win over the Atlanta Falcons. Brees has passed for at least 300 yards in five consecutive games.
- Arizona wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD**, who caught 11 passes for a career-high 172 yards in the Cardinals' 31-26 loss at Minnesota.
- San Francisco running back **FRANK GORE**, who carried 21 times for 134 rushing yards with one touchdown in the 49ers' 20-17 loss at St. Louis. Gore, who has rushed for 100 yards in three consecutive games, added four catches for 31 yards.
- St. Louis running back **STEVEN JACKSON**, who rushed for 121 yards, including a 36-yard touchdown run in the Rams' 20-17 win over San Francisco. Jackson added nine catches for 71 yards.
- Minnesota quarterback **BRAD JOHNSON**, who completed 27 of 41 passes (65.9 percent) for 271 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 108.9 passer rating in the Vikings' 31-26 win over the Arizona Cardinals.
- Arizona quarterback **MATT LEINART**, who set an NFL rookie record with 405 passing yards with one touchdown.
- Minnesota running back **CHESTER TAYLOR**, who rushed for 136 yards with one touchdown on 27 carries and added three catches for 35 yards.
- Philadelphia running back **BRIAN WESTBROOK**, who recorded 170 scrimmage yards, including 124 rushing yards, and one touchdown in the Eagles' 45-21 loss at Indianapolis.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 12 were:

- Minnesota linebacker **BEN LEBER**, who forced two fumbles and had two tackles.
- Minnesota safety **DWIGHT SMITH**, who had six tackles and two interceptions.
- New Orleans defensive end **WILL SMITH**, who tied his career-high with 2.0 sacks and finished with five tackles, three quarterback hurries, a pass defensed and a forced fumble.
- Arizona safety **ADRIAN WILSON**, who had nine tackles and returned a fumble 99 yards for a touchdown. Wilson, who had a 99-yard interception-return touchdown earlier this year, is the only player in NFL history with two 99-yard touchdown returns on defense.
- Green Bay cornerback **CHARLES WOODSON**, who had two interceptions, four tackles and an additional pass defensed.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 12 were:

- Arizona kick returner **J.J. ARRINGTON**, who had six returns for 220 yards (36.7 average), including a 99-yard kickoff-return touchdown on the game's opening kick.
- Washington punter **DERRICK FROST**, who placed four of his eight punts inside the 20-yard line and posted a net average of 35.5 yards per punt.