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COLTS RB JOSEPH ADDAI & JAGUARS LB CLINT INGRAM NAMED NFL ROOKIES OF MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

Running back **JOSEPH ADDAI** of the Indianapolis Colts and linebacker **CLINT INGRAM** of the Jacksonville Jaguars are the NFL Offensive and Defensive Rookies of the Month for November, the NFL announced today. Ingram and the Jaguars host Addai and the Colts this Sunday in an AFC South showdown.

OFFENSE: RB JOSEPH ADDAI, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

- The Colts' Addai topped all rookies with six touchdowns in November and led the 2006 class in rushing with 342 yards on 68 carries for a 5.0-yard average while hauling in 10 receptions for 90 yards to help Indianapolis post a 3-1 record in the month. The 30th player selected overall in April had rushing touchdowns in three of Indianapolis' four games. Addai racked up a career-best 24 carries for 171 yards (7.1-yard average) and four touchdowns in a 45-21 Nov. 26 Sunday night victory against Philadelphia. The first-round pick from LSU became the eighth rookie in NFL history to score four rushing touchdowns in a game and set the club's single-game rookie mark for overall touchdowns. Addai notched 10 rushes of 10 or more yards in the team's four November games, including at least one in each of the four. A key cog in the NFL's No. 3-ranked offense, Addai has scored eight TDs on the season (seven rushing), paces all rookies with 845 rushing yards, and has 30 receptions to his credit for 245 yards.

Addai is the first Colt to earn NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month honors since his backfield teammate, running back **DOMINIC RHODES**, won the award in December 2001.

DEFENSE: LB CLINT INGRAM, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

- Starting every November game for the 7-5 Jaguars, Ingram recorded 43 total tackles – 23 of them solos – along with an interception as Jacksonville limited three of its four opponents to 13 points or less en route to a 2-2 November ledger. A significant contributor to Jacksonville's starting lineup, Ingram has proven to be equal to the task with starts in each of the team's past seven games. The third-round selection from Oklahoma was the first rookie Jaguar to start on defense this season – a defense that currently stands No. 4 in the NFL in yards allowed (278.9). The 6-2, 245-pounder recorded a career-high 14 tackles (nine solo) against Tennessee on a 37-7 Nov. 5 victory and followed that performance with nine tackles (four solo) in a 13-10 defeat to Houston. Eight days later before a national television audience on Monday night (Nov. 20), Ingram registered his first career interception against the New York Giants along with 10 tackles in a 26-10 victory. Six days later in Buffalo (Nov. 26), the 80th overall selection in last April's draft and the 13th linebacker chosen, tallied 10 tackles – three for losses – and defended a pass in a 27-24 loss at Buffalo.

The last Jaguar to garner an NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month Award was **RASHEAN MATHIS** in November of 2003.

2006 NFL ROOKIES OF THE MONTH

	<u>Offense (College)</u>	<u>Defense (College)</u>
September	T Marcus McNeill, San Diego (Auburn)	S Donte Whitner, Buffalo (Ohio State)
October	WR Marques Colston, New Orleans (Hofstra)	DE Mark Anderson, Chicago (Alabama)
November	RB Joseph Addai, Indianapolis (LSU)	LB Clint Ingram, Jacksonville (Oklahoma)

Other nominees for the November NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month were:

- Jacksonville running back **MAURICE JONES-DREW** (second round, UCLA), who in four games totaled 190 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 28 carries (6.8-yard average) and also had 13 receptions for 148 yards (11.4-yard average). Jones-Drew leads all rookies with nine TDs (seven rushing) on the season.
- Pittsburgh wide receiver **SANTONIO HOLMES** (first round, Ohio State), who caught 16 passes for 221 yards (13.8 average) and scored his first career TD. Holmes also returned two kickoffs for 48 yards (24.0 average) and six punts for 50 yards (8.3 average).

Other nominees for the November NFL Defensive Rookie of the Month Award were:

- Green Bay linebacker **A.J. HAWK** (first round, Ohio State), who had 46 tackles and 1.0 sack.
- St. Louis cornerback **TYE HILL** (first round, Clemson), who had two interceptions during the month and ties for the NFL rookie lead this season with three.
- Cleveland linebacker **KAMERION WIMBLEY** (first round, Florida State), who in four games notched 10 tackles, 3.5 sacks for 25 yards and 1 tackle for a loss.
- Houston linebacker **DE MECO RYANS** (second round, Alabama), who totaled 36 tackles in four games, reaching double-digits in two of Houston's four November contests. Ryans also added a sack and a pass defended in the month.