



K Mason Crosby Named NFC Special Teams Player Of The Week

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Running back **MATT FORTÉ** of the **Chicago Bears**, safety **ADRIAN WILSON** of the **Arizona Cardinals** and kicker **MASON CROSBY** of the Green Bay Packers are the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for games played on NFL Kickoff 2010 Weekend (September 9, 12-13), the NFL announced today.

OFFENSE: RB MATT FORTÉ, CHICAGO BEARS

- In Chicago's 19-14 win over Detroit, Forté totaled 201 scrimmage yards (151 receiving, 50 rushing), becoming the fourth Bear in franchise history with 200 scrimmage yards in a single game (Pro Football Hall of Famers **WALTER PAYTON** and **GALE SAYERS** and **NEAL ANDERSON**).
- His 151 receiving yards are the most by a running back in NFL history on Kickoff Weekend and the second-most by a Bears running back all-time (Pro Football Hall of Famer **GEORGE MC AFEE**, 157 yards, December 7, 1947).
- Forté's 89-yard touchdown reception is the longest touchdown from scrimmage by a running back in franchise history. It is also tied for the longest play from scrimmage by the Bears in Soldier Field history, tying the 89-yard touchdown reception by wide receiver **RICKY WATTS** from quarterback **VINCE EVANS** (September 21, 1980).
- In his third season from Tulane, this is Forté's first career Player of the Week Award.
- He is the fourth Bears running back to be named Offensive Player of the Week, joining Hall of Famer Payton (three times), Anderson and **ANTHONY THOMAS**.



DEFENSE: S ADRIAN WILSON, ARIZONA CARDINALS

- Wilson recorded two interceptions, a sack and a blocked field goal in the Cardinals' 17-13 win at St. Louis. His second interception sealed the game as he picked off the Rams' final pass in the end zone.
- He is the first player since **JULIUS PEPPERS** in 2004 to record an interception, a sack and a blocked field goal in a single game. Wilson is also the first player in franchise history with two interceptions, a sack and a blocked field goal in the same contest.
- Wilson has now posted an interception and at least a half-sack in the same game five times in his career. He is one of just 10 players in NFL history with at least 20 interceptions (25) and 20 sacks (21.5).
- In his 10th year from North Carolina State, this is Wilson's fourth career Player of the Week Award and first since Week 7, 2009.

- His four career Defensive Player of the Week Awards are the most in franchise history.

SPECIAL TEAMS: K MASON CROSBY, GREEN BAY PACKERS

- Crosby had two field goals and three PATs in the Packers' 27-20 win at Philadelphia.
- He converted a 49-yard attempt in the second quarter to tie the game 3-3.
- With the Packers leading 10-3, Crosby extended the lead with a franchise-record 56-yard field goal on the final play of the first half. The field goal was the longest in team annals, besting the previous mark of 54 yards held by **CHRIS JACKE**, **RYAN LONGWELL** and **DAVE RAYNER**.
- The game marked the first of Crosby's career with two field goals of at least 49 yards.
- In his fourth season from Colorado, this is Crosby's second career Player of the Week Award (Week 1, 2007).
- Crosby joins Longwell (five) and Jacke (two) as the only kickers in team history to be honored multiple times.

Other nominees for NFC Offensive Player of Week 1:

- Arizona wide receiver **STEVE BREASTON**, who had a career-high 132 yards on seven receptions and also made a touchdown-saving play by forcing a fumble at the Arizona four-yard line after a Cardinals turnover.
- New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES**, who completed 27 of 36 passes (75.0 percent) for 237 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 101.3 passer rating in the Saints' 14-9 win over Minnesota.
- Tampa Bay quarterback **JOSH FREEMAN**, who completed 17 of 28 passes (60.7 percent) for 182 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for a 88.7 passer rating in the Buccaneers' 17-14 win over Cleveland.
- Seattle quarterback **MATT HASSELBECK**, who completed 18 of 23 passes (78.3 percent) for 170 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for a 108.3 passer rating in the Seahawks' 31-6 win over San Francisco.
- **New York Giants** wide receiver **HAKEEM NICKS**, who had four catches for 75 yards and three touchdowns in the Giants' 31-18 win over Carolina.

Other nominees for NFC Defensive Player of Week 1:

- Tampa Bay cornerback **RONDE BARBER**, who had a 64-yard interception-return to set up a touchdown and three tackles.
- Chicago linebacker **LANCE BRIGGS**, who had 10 tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- New Orleans cornerback **JABARI GREER**, who posted seven tackles and two passes defended.
- Washington cornerback **DE ANGELO HALL**, who had eight tackles, two passes defended, forced a fumble and scored on a 32-yard fumble-return in the Redskins' 13-7 win over Dallas.
- New York Giants defensive end/linebacker **MATHIAS KIWANUKA**, who had two sacks, four tackles and a forced fumble.
- Washington safety **LA RON LANDRY**, who had 17 tackles and a pass defended.
- Green Bay linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS**, who had seven tackles, two sacks and a forced fumble.
- Seattle cornerback **MARCUS TRUFANT**, who had three passes defended and returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown.
- Chicago linebacker **BRIAN URLACHER**, who had eight tackles, a sack and three tackles for a loss.

- Detroit defensive end **KYLE VANDEN BOSCH**, who had a team-high 11 tackles in the Lions' 19-14 loss at Chicago.

Other nominees for NFC Special Teams Player of Week 1:

- Tampa Bay rookie punter **CHRIS BRYAN**, who punted seven times for 288 yards (41.1 average) with a long of 57 yards and placed two punts inside the 20-yard line.
- Washington kicker **GRAHAM GANO**, who had two field goals, including a 49-yarder.
- Green Bay kick returner **JORDY NELSON**, who averaged 31.2 yards per kickoff return, including a long of 51 yards.
- New Orleans kick returner **COURTNEY ROBY**, who had a team-high two special teams tackles and returned three kicks for 70 yards (23.3 average).

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