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<http://twitter.com/NFL345>**2015 PRO BOWL PLAYERS ANNOUNCED****PRO BOWL KICKS OFF SUPER BOWL WEEK IN PRIMETIME ON ESPN ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

The 2015 Pro Bowl will be played on Sunday, January 25, 2015 and televised live on ESPN at 8:00 PM ET from University of Phoenix Stadium in Arizona.

For the second consecutive season, the Pro Bowl will be “unconferenced.” Gone is the familiar AFC vs. NFC match-up that had existed since 1971. Instead, players were selected without regard to conference in voting by fans, coaches and players.

The Denver Broncos placed a league-best nine players in the Pro Bowl, which will be held prior to the Super Bowl for the sixth consecutive year and serve as the signature kickoff event of Super Bowl week.

The Pro Bowl players were determined by the consensus votes of fans, players and coaches. Each group’s vote counted one-third toward determining the 86 Pro Bowl selections announced today. Two additional “need” players will be chosen by each head coach and must be long snappers. The NFL is the only sports league that combines voting by fans, coaches and players to determine its all-star teams. In 1995, the NFL became the first professional sports league to offer online all-star voting.

Players will be assigned to teams through the Pro Bowl Draft, which will air on Wednesday, January 21 on NFL Network (8:00 PM ET). Pro Football Hall of Famers **CRIS CARTER** and **MICHAEL IRVIN** will serve as alumni team captains for their Pro Bowl squads – Team Carter and Team Irvin – and have final say over draft decisions. Pro Football Hall of Famers **JOHN RANDLE** (Team Carter) and **DARREN WOODSON** (Team Irvin) will serve as defensive co-captains. The NFL legends will also each be assisted by two active player captains and one NFL.com fantasy football champion in the draft process.

The six quarterbacks selected to the 2015 Pro Bowl are New England’s **TOM BRADY** (10th Pro Bowl selection), Indianapolis’ **ANDREW LUCK** (3rd), Denver’s **PEYTON MANNING** (14th), Green Bay’s **AARON RODGERS** (4th), Pittsburgh’s **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (3rd) and Dallas’ **TONY ROMO** (4th).

The six 2015 Pro Bowl running backs are **LE’ VEON BELL** of Pittsburgh (1st), **JAMAAL CHARLES** of Kansas City (4th), **ARIAN FOSTER** of Houston (4th), **MARSHAWN LYNCH** of Seattle (5th), **LE SEAN MC COY** of Philadelphia (3rd) and **DE MARCO MURRAY** of Dallas (2nd).

Completing the backfield at the fullback position are Green Bay’s **JOHN KUHN** (2nd) and Oakland’s **MARCEL REECE** (3rd).

The eight wide receivers selected as All-Stars are **ANTONIO BROWN** of Pittsburgh (3rd), **DEZ BRYANT** of Dallas (2nd), **A.J. GREEN** of Cincinnati (4th), **T.Y. HILTON** of Indianapolis (1st), **CALVIN JOHNSON** of Detroit (5th), **JULIO JONES** of Atlanta (2nd), **JORDY NELSON** of Green Bay (1st) and **DEMARIUS THOMAS** of Denver (3rd).

The four tight ends for the 2015 Pro Bowl are New Orleans’ **JIMMY GRAHAM** (3rd), New England’s **ROB GRONKOWSKI** (3rd), Carolina’s **GREG OLSEN** (1st) and Denver’s **JULIUS THOMAS** (2nd).

On the offensive line, the six guards are **JAHRI EVANS** (6th) of New Orleans, **MIKE IUPATI** of San Francisco (3rd), **KYLE LONG** of Chicago (2nd), rookie **ZACK MARTIN** of Dallas (1st), **JOSH SITTON** of Green Bay (2nd) and **MARSHAL YANDA** of Baltimore (4th).

The four centers selected as All-Stars are Dallas' **TRAVIS FREDERICK** (1st), Philadelphia's **JASON KELCE** (1st), the New York Jets' **NICK MANGOLD** (6th) and Pittsburgh's **MAURKICE POUNCEY** (4th).

The six tackles are **RYAN CLADY** of Denver (4th), **JASON PETERS** of Philadelphia (7th), **TYRON SMITH** of Dallas (2nd), **JOE STALEY** of San Francisco (4th), **JOE THOMAS** of Cleveland (8th) and **TRENT WILLIAMS** of Washington (3rd).

On defense, the six defensive ends named to the 2015 Pro Bowl are Arizona's **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (1st), St. Louis' **ROBERT QUINN** (2nd), Miami's **CAMERON WAKE** (4th), Denver's **DE MARCUS WARE** (8th), Houston's **J.J. WATT** (3rd) and Buffalo's **MARIO WILLIAMS** (4th).

Completing the defensive line are interior linemen **MARCELL DAREUS** of Buffalo (2nd), rookie **AARON DONALD** of St. Louis (1st), **GERALD MC COY** of Tampa Bay (3rd), **DONTARI POE** of Kansas City (2nd), **NDAMUKONG SUH** of Detroit (4th) and **KYLE WILLIAMS** of Buffalo (4th).

The four inside linebackers for the 2015 Pro Bowl feature Carolina's **LUKE KUECHLY** (2nd), Baltimore rookie **C.J. MOSLEY** (1st), Pittsburgh's **LAWRENCE TIMMONS** (1st) and Seattle's **BOBBY WAGNER** (1st).

The six outside linebackers selected as All-Stars include two Kansas City Chiefs in **TAMBA HALI** (4th) and **JUSTIN HOUSTON** (3rd). Joining them are Philadelphia's **CONNOR BARWIN** (1st), Baltimore's **ELVIS DUMERVIL** (4th), Green Bay's **CLAY MATTHEWS** (5th) and Denver's **VON MILLER** (3rd).

Eight cornerbacks were named to the 2015 Pro Bowl, including **CHRIS HARRIS** (1st) and **AQIB TALIB** (2nd) of Denver. They are joined by **VONTAE DAVIS** of Indianapolis (1st), **BRENT GRIMES** of Miami (3rd), **JOE HADEN** of Cleveland (2nd), **PATRICK PETERSON** of Arizona (4th), **DARRELLE REVIS** of New England (6th) and **RICHARD SHERMAN** of Seattle (2nd).

The secondary is completed by four free safeties and two strong safeties. The free safeties are Cleveland's **TASHAUN GIPSON** (1st), Detroit's **GLOVER QUIN** (1st), Seattle's **EARL THOMAS** (4th) and San Diego's **ERIC WEDDLE** (3rd). The All-Stars at strong safety are Seattle's **KAM CHANCELLOR** (3rd) and Denver's **T.J. WARD** (2nd).

On special teams, the return specialists are Atlanta's **DEVIN HESTER** (4th) and Philadelphia's **DARREN SPROLES** (1st). The special teamers are **JUSTIN BETHEL** of Arizona (2nd) and **MATTHEW SLATER** of New England (4th). Cincinnati's **KEVIN HUBER** (1st) and Indianapolis' **PAT MC AFEE** (1st) are the Pro Bowl punters. **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI** of New England (3rd) and **ADAM VINATIERI** of Indianapolis (3rd) will handle the kicking duties.

Twenty of the players named to the Pro Bowl today are first-time All-Stars, including three rookies. Indianapolis (CB Davis, WR Hilton, P McAfee) and Philadelphia (LB Barwin, C Kelce, RS Sproles) lead the way with three first-time Pro Bowl selections. Dallas (C Frederick, G Martin) and Pittsburgh (RB Bell, LB Timmons) each have two first-time Pro Bowl selections. Rounding out the first-time All-Stars are Arizona DE Campbell, Baltimore LB Mosley, Carolina TE Olsen, Cincinnati P Huber, Cleveland FS Gipson, Denver CB Harris, Detroit FS Quin, Green Bay WR Nelson, St. Louis DT Donald and Seattle LB Wagner.

The AFC had 46 different players named All-Stars and 40 NFC players were honored.

Twenty-eight teams had at least one player selected to the 2015 Pro Bowl and 22 clubs had multiple players chosen as All-Stars.

Denver leads the NFL with five defensive players selected (CB Harris, LB Miller, CB Talib, SS Ward, DE Ware). Dallas (WR Bryant, C Frederick, G Martin, RB Murray, QB Romo, T Tyron Smith) leads the NFL with the most offensive players chosen (six).

The 2015 Pro Bowl coaching staffs will be from the losing teams in the AFC and NFC Divisional playoffs with the best regular-season records.

Under terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, each player on the winning Pro Bowl team receives \$55,000, while each player on the losing squad earns \$28,000.

Tickets to the 2015 Pro Bowl are now on sale through [www.NFL.com/probowlonsale](http://www.NFL.com/probowlonsale) or by calling 1-800-745-3000.

**2015 NFL ALL-STARS**  
 (\* First-time Pro Bowl selection)

**OFFENSE (42)**

<b>QUARTERBACKS (6)</b>		<b>TIGHT ENDS (4)</b>
Tom Brady, New England		Jimmy Graham, New Orleans
Andrew Luck, Indianapolis		Rob Gronkowski, New England
Peyton Manning, Denver	*	Greg Olsen, Carolina
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay		Julius Thomas, Denver
Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh		
Tony Romo, Dallas		<b>TACKLES (6)</b>
		Ryan Clady, Denver
<b>WIDE RECEIVERS (8)</b>		Jason Peters, Philadelphia
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh		Tyron Smith, Dallas
Dez Bryant, Dallas		Joe Staley, San Francisco
A.J. Green, Cincinnati		Joe Thomas, Cleveland
* T.Y. Hilton, Indianapolis		Trent Williams, Washington
Calvin Johnson, Detroit		
Julio Jones, Atlanta		<b>GUARDS (6)</b>
* Jordy Nelson, Green Bay		Jahri Evans, New Orleans
Demaryius Thomas, Denver		Mike Iupati, San Francisco
		Kyle Long, Chicago
<b>RUNNING BACKS (6)</b>	*	Zack Martin, Dallas
* Le'Veon Bell, Pittsburgh		Josh Sitton, Green Bay
Jamaal Charles, Kansas City		Marshal Yanda, Baltimore
Arian Foster, Houston		
Marshawn Lynch, Seattle		<b>CENTERS (4)</b>
LeSean McCoy, Philadelphia	*	Travis Frederick, Dallas
DeMarco Murray, Dallas	*	Jason Kelce, Philadelphia
		Nick Mangold, New York Jets
<b>FULLBACKS (2)</b>		Maurkice Pouncey, Pittsburgh
John Kuhn, Green Bay		
Marcel Reece, Oakland		

**DEFENSE (36)**

<b>DEFENSIVE ENDS (6)</b>		<b>INSIDE/MIDDLE LINEBACKERS (4)</b>
* Calais Campbell, Arizona		Luke Kuechly, Carolina
Robert Quinn, St. Louis	*	C.J. Mosley, Baltimore
Cameron Wake, Miami	*	Lawrence Timmons, Pittsburgh
DeMarcus Ware, Denver	*	Bobby Wagner, Seattle
J.J. Watt, Houston		
Mario Williams, Buffalo		<b>CORNERBACKS (8)</b>
		* Vontae Davis, Indianapolis
<b>INTERIOR LINEMEN (6)</b>		Brent Grimes, Miami
Marcell Dareus, Buffalo		Joe Haden, Cleveland
* Aaron Donald, St. Louis	*	Chris Harris, Denver
Gerald McCoy, Tampa Bay		Patrick Peterson, Arizona
Dontari Poe, Kansas City		Darrelle Revis, New England
Ndamukong Suh, Detroit		Richard Sherman, Seattle
Kyle Williams, Buffalo		Aqib Talib, Denver
<b>OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS (6)</b>		<b>FREE SAFETIES (4)</b>
* Connor Barwin, Philadelphia	*	Tashaun Gipson, Cleveland
Elvis Dumervil, Baltimore	*	Glover Quin, Detroit
Tamba Hali, Kansas City		Earl Thomas, Seattle
Justin Houston, Kansas City		Eric Weddle, San Diego
Clay Matthews, Green Bay		
Von Miller, Denver		<b>STRONG SAFETIES (2)</b>
		Kam Chancellor, Seattle
		T.J. Ward, Denver

**SPECIALISTS (8)**

	<b>PUNTERS (2)</b>			<b>RETURN SPECIALISTS (2)</b>
*	Kevin Huber, Cincinnati			Devin Hester, Atlanta
*	Pat McAfee, Indianapolis		*	Darren Sproles, Philadelphia
	<b>PLACEKICKERS (2)</b>			<b>SPECIAL TEAMERS (2)</b>
	Stephen Gostkowski, New England			Justin Bethel, Arizona
	Adam Vinatieri, Indianapolis			Matthew Slater, New England

**THE 2015 PRO BOWL PLAYERS BY CLUB**

(\* First-time Pro Bowl selection)

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>PRO BOWLS</u></b>	
<b><u>ARIZONA (3)</u></b>			
Justin Bethel	Special Teamer	2	
Calais Campbell	Defensive End	1	*
Patrick Peterson	Cornerback	4	
<b><u>ATLANTA (2)</u></b>			
Devin Hester	Return Specialist	4	
Julio Jones	Wide Receiver	2	
<b><u>BALTIMORE (3)</u></b>			
Elvis Dumervil	Outside Linebacker	4	
C.J. Mosley	Inside/Middle Linebacker	1	*
Marshal Yanda	Guard	4	
<b><u>BUFFALO (3)</u></b>			
Marcell Dareus	Interior Lineman	2	
Kyle Williams	Interior Lineman	4	
Mario Williams	Defensive End	4	
<b><u>CAROLINA (2)</u></b>			
Luke Kuechly	Inside/Middle Linebacker	2	
Greg Olsen	Tight End	1	*
<b><u>CHICAGO (1)</u></b>			
Kyle Long	Guard	2	
<b><u>CINCINNATI (2)</u></b>			
A.J. Green	Wide Receiver	4	
Kevin Huber	Punter	1	*
<b><u>CLEVELAND (3)</u></b>			
Tashaun Gipson	Free Safety	1	*
Joe Haden	Cornerback	2	
Joe Thomas	Tackle	8	
<b><u>DALLAS (6)</u></b>			
Dez Bryant	Wide Receiver	2	
Travis Frederick	Center	1	*
Zack Martin	Guard	1	*
DeMarco Murray	Running Back	2	
Tony Romo	Quarterback	4	
Tyron Smith	Tackle	2	
<b><u>DENVER (9)</u></b>			
Ryan Clady	Tackle	4	
Chris Harris	Cornerback	1	*
Peyton Manning	Quarterback	14	
Von Miller	Outside Linebacker	3	
Aqib Talib	Cornerback	2	
Demaryius Thomas	Wide Receiver	3	

Julius Thomas	Tight End	2	
T.J. Ward	Strong Safety	2	
DeMarcus Ware	Defensive End	8	
<b><u>DETROIT (3)</u></b>			
Calvin Johnson	Wide Receiver	5	
Glover Quin	Free Safety	1	*
Ndamukong Suh	Interior Lineman	4	
<b><u>GREEN BAY (5)</u></b>			
John Kuhn	Fullback	2	
Clay Matthews	Outside Linebacker	5	
Jordy Nelson	Wide Receiver	1	*
Aaron Rodgers	Quarterback	4	
Josh Sitton	Guard	2	
<b><u>HOUSTON (2)</u></b>			
Arian Foster	Running Back	4	
J.J. Watt	Defensive End	3	
<b><u>INDIANAPOLIS (5)</u></b>			
Vontae Davis	Cornerback	1	*
T.Y. Hilton	Wide Receiver	1	*
Andrew Luck	Quarterback	3	
Pat McAfee	Punter	1	*
Adam Vinatieri	Placekicker	3	
<b><u>KANSAS CITY (4)</u></b>			
Jamaal Charles	Running Back	4	
Tamba Hali	Outside Linebacker	4	
Justin Houston	Outside Linebacker	3	
Dontari Poe	Interior Lineman	2	
<b><u>MIAMI (2)</u></b>			
Brent Grimes	Cornerback	3	
Cameron Wake	Defensive End	4	
<b><u>NEW ENGLAND (5)</u></b>			
Tom Brady	Quarterback	10	
Stephen Gostkowski	Placekicker	3	
Rob Gronkowski	Tight End	3	
Darrelle Revis	Cornerback	6	
Matthew Slater	Special Teamer	4	
<b><u>NEW ORLEANS (2)</u></b>			
Jahri Evans	Guard	6	
Jimmy Graham	Tight End	3	
<b><u>NEW YORK JETS (1)</u></b>			
Nick Mangold	Center	6	
<b><u>OAKLAND (1)</u></b>			
Marcel Reece	Fullback	3	
<b><u>PHILADELPHIA (5)</u></b>			
Connor Barwin	Outside Linebacker	1	*
Jason Kelce	Center	1	*
LeSean McCoy	Running Back	3	
Jason Peters	Tackle	7	
Darren Sproles	Return Specialist	1	*
<b><u>PITTSBURGH (5)</u></b>			
Le'Veon Bell	Running Back	1	*
Antonio Brown	Wide Receiver	3	
Maurkice Pouncey	Center	4	
Ben Roethlisberger	Quarterback	3	

Lawrence Timmons	Inside/Middle Linebacker	1	*
<b><u>ST. LOUIS (2)</u></b>			
Aaron Donald	Interior Lineman	1	*
Robert Quinn	Defensive End	2	
<b><u>SAN DIEGO (1)</u></b>			
Eric Weddle	Free Safety	3	
<b><u>SAN FRANCISCO (2)</u></b>			
Mike Iupati	Guard	3	
Joe Staley	Tackle	4	
<b><u>SEATTLE (5)</u></b>			
Kam Chancellor	Strong Safety	3	
Marshawn Lynch	Running Back	5	
Richard Sherman	Cornerback	2	
Earl Thomas	Free Safety	4	
Bobby Wagner	Inside/Middle Linebacker	1	*
<b><u>TAMPA BAY (1)</u></b>			
Gerald McCoy	Interior Lineman	3	
<b><u>WASHINGTON (1)</u></b>			
Trent Williams	Tackle	3	

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