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**KIRK COUSINS NAMED NFC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Eagan, Minn. (December 3, 2020)** – Vikings QB Kirk Cousins has been named **NFC Offensive Player of the Week** for his performance in Minnesota’s comeback victory against Carolina in Week 12.

Cousins, a nine-year pro, led the Vikings in a fourth-quarter comeback against the Panthers as he rallied the offense for a seven-play, 75-yard drive in under two minutes to take a 28-27 lead with 46 seconds left on the clock on a 10-yard touchdown pass.

Tying a franchise record, Cousins notched his fourth consecutive game with a passer rating of 100.0 or higher (minimum 20 attempts) as he went 34-of-45 for 307 yards and three touchdowns while tallying a rating of 115.7 to defeat Carolina. The Holland, Michigan, native became the first quarterback in NFL history to record 16 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus passing touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating in the first nine seasons of a quarterback’s career.

Through the month of November, Cousins owns a league-leading 124.3 passer rating, having completed 105-of-145 passes (72.4) for 1,293 yards, 12 touchdowns and one interception through five games while leading Minnesota to an NFC-best 4-1 record.

The accolade marks Cousins’ fifth-career NFC Offensive Player of the Week honor and first as a Viking. In October 2019, he was tabbed NFC Offensive Player of the Month for the third time in his career.

**VIKINGS NAMED NFC PLAYER OF THE WEEK UNDER ZIMMER**

Defensive	Anthony Barr, LB	2014, Week 8, at Tampa Bay
Special Teams	Adam Thielen, WR	2014, Week 13, vs. Carolina
Special Teams	Marcus Sherels, PR	2015, Week 8, at Chicago
Defensive	Linval Joseph, DT	2015, Week 9, vs. St. Louis
Defensive	Terence Newman, CB	2015, Week 10, at Oakland
Special Teams	Blair Walsh, K	2015, Week 16, vs. NY Giants
Defensive	Everson Griffen, DE	2015, Week 17, at Green Bay
Defensive	Eric Kendricks, LB	2016, Week 1, at Tennessee
Offensive	Stefon Diggs, WR	2016, Week 2, vs. Green Bay
Defensive	Everson Griffen, DE	2016, Week 3, at Carolina
Defensive	Xavier Rhodes, CB	2016, Week 11, vs. Arizona
Offensive	Sam Bradford, QB	2017, Week 1, vs. New Orleans
Special Teams	Kai Forbath, K	2017, Week 7, vs. Baltimore
Defensive	Harrison Smith, S	2017, Week 16, at Green Bay
Defensive	Harrison Smith, S	2018, Week 1, vs. San Francisco
Defensive	Danielle Hunter, DE	2018, Week 9, vs. Detroit
Offensive	Dalvin Cook, RB	2018, Week 15, vs. Miami
Defensive	Anthony Harris, S	2019, Week 1, vs. Atlanta
Special Teams	Dan Bailey, K	2019, Week 5, at NY Giants
Special Teams	Dan Bailey, K	2019, Week 8, vs. Washington
Offensive	Dalvin Cook, RB	2019, Week 10, at Dallas
Defensive	Danielle Hunter, DE	2019, Week 14, vs. Detroit
Special Teams	Dan Bailey, K	2019, Week 15, at LA Chargers
Special Teams	Mike Boone, RB	2020, Week 4, at Houston
Offensive	Dalvin Cook, RB	2020, Week 8, at Green Bay
Offensive	Dalvin Cook, RB	2020, Week 9, vs. Detroit
Offensive	Kirk Cousins, QB	2020, Week 12, vs. Carolina