

Boone wins AFL Rookie of the Month Award for April

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NEW YORK - Georgia Force WR/DB DEREK LEE, Colorado Crush OS DAMIAN HARRELL and DS RASHAD FLOYD, Kansas City Brigade rookie OS AARON BOONE and Columbus Destroyers K MARK LEWIS have been named Ironman, Offensive Player, ADT Defensive Player, Rookie and Kicker of the Month, respectively, for the month of April of the 2006 season.

ROOKIE: Boone (6-3, 213, Kentucky) led all AFL rookies with 13 touchdowns in April and ranked second with 550 yards on 48 catches. He recorded more than 10 receptions, more than 100 yards and at least two touchdowns in three games last month. Boone also set Brigade single-game franchise records for receptions (13), yards (157) and touchdowns (5) in Kansas City's April 9 win over Los Angeles.

IRONMAN: Lee (6-5, 215, Tennessee Tech), in his second AFL season, hauled in 33 passes for 427 yards and eight touchdowns for the month. Defensively he had two interceptions, including one returned 45 yards for a touchdown, and seven total tackles. The Force were 3-2 in April.

OFFENSIVE: Harrell (6-0, 200, Florida State), in his eighth AFL season, led all players with 56 receptions and 21 touchdowns for the month of April. He set a new AFL single-season receiving record with his 47th touchdown catch on April 28 against Orlando and became the sixth player in AFL history to pass 10,000 receiving yards. He earned AFL Offensive Player of the Week in Weeks 12 and 14.

ADT DEFENSIVE: Floyd (6-0, 180, Portland State), who is in his fifth AFL season, led the AFL for the month with 45.0 tackles and seven interceptions, one returned for a touchdown. He added five pass break-ups and a forced fumble. Floyd set a career-high with three interceptions at Grand Rapids on April 8. He was named ADT Defensive Player of the Week for Weeks 10-11 and currently leads the AFL in total tackles (116.0) and ranks second in interceptions (10). Colorado went 4-1 in April.

KICKER: Lewis (6-0, 200, Florida International), who is in his third AFL season, was second among AFL kickers with 53 points for the month. He was perfect on extra-point attempts, hitting 23-of-23 in five games. He also connected on 10-of-12-field goal tries, with a long of 45 yards. Lewis was named Offensive Player of the Game against the Austin Wranglers on April 29, after he connected on all four extra-point attempts and all four field-goal attempts (21, 17, 37 and 26).

PREVIOUS 2006 MONTHLY AWARD WINNERS: January/February: Dallas' Will Pettis (Ironman), Utah's Siaha Burley (Offensive), Austin's Damon Mason (Defensive), Georgia's Chris Brown (Rookie) and Los Angeles' Remy Hamilton (Kicker).

March: Arizona's Randy Gatewood (Ironman), Dallas' Clint Dolezel (Offensive); Columbus' Jerald Brown (Defensive), San Jose's Ben Nelson (Rookie) and Dallas' Carlos Martinez (Kicker).

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