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RECORD 70.5 MILLION ALL-STAR VOTES CAST ON NFL.COM AND SPRINT WIRELESS; MANNING, ALEXANDER & TOMLINSON TOP VOTE-GETTERS

RECORD 1.9 MILLION MOBILE VOTES CAST VIA SPRINT WIRELESS

MANNING RECEIVES RECORD 1.18 MILLION VOTES

Indianapolis Colts quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** received a record 1,184,142 votes to lead NFL All-Stars in balloting for the 2006 Pro Bowl, the NFL announced today. Presented by Sprint, Pro Bowl voting on NFL.com, in stadiums and via the Sprint wireless service ended Friday, Dec. 16.

There were a **record 70.5 million votes** cast on NFL.com and via the Sprint wireless service – a **16 percent increase** over the 61 million cast last year.

In the tally was a **record 1.9 million mobile votes via Sprint wireless** – **nearly 200 times** the 10,000 mobile votes cast last year.

Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (1,110,575 votes) ranked second overall while San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (1,044,360), Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver **CHAD JOHNSON** (987,650) and Chargers tight end **ANTONIO GATES** (941,846) rounded out the top five.

The teams will be announced at 4 p.m. (ET) Wednesday, Dec. 21 on the 2006 Pro Bowl Selection Show on ESPN. The Pro Bowl will be played in Hawaii on Sunday, Feb. 12 and televised by ESPN.

In addition to casting ballots on NFL.com and in stadiums, fans cast their Pro Bowl ballot by sending a text message via Sprint wireless to vote for their favorite players at each position.

Fans who voted for their Pro Bowl players were able to enter for a chance to win a trip to the Pro Bowl in the 2006 NFL Pro Bowl Sweepstakes presented by Sprint. The Grand Prize includes an all-expense-paid trip to the game in Honolulu as well as exclusive experiences such as the chance to meet and talk football with Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **JOHN ELWAY**, attend practice, take a tour of Aloha Stadium, obtain pregame sideline passes and more. The AFC and NFC All-Star squads are made up of the consensus votes of fans, players and coaches. Each group's vote counts one-third towards determining the 43-man rosters that represent the American Football Conference and National Football Conference in the Pro Bowl. NFL players and coaches will cast their votes on Dec. 19-20.

The NFL is the only sports league that combines voting by fans, coaches and players to determine its all-star teams. It was the first professional sports league to offer online all-star voting in 1995.

Listed below are the top 10 offensive and defensive vote-getters, the top 10 wireless votegetters, the top five rookie vote-getters, and the players with the most votes at each position:

	TOP-TEN OFFENSIVE		
Pos.	Name, Team	Votes	
QB	Peyton Manning, Colts	1,184,142	
RB	Shaun Alexander, Seahawks	1,110,575	
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers	1,044,360	
WR	Chad Johnson, Bengals	987,650	
TE	Antonio Gates, Chargers	941,846	
QB	Carson Palmer, Bengals	938,676	
RB	Edgerrin James, Colts	920,815	
WR	Marvin Harrison, Colts	876,332	
TE	Jeremy Shockey, Giants	872,102	
WR	Steve Smith, Panthers	752,723	

NFL ALL-STAR TOP-10 OFFENSIVE & DEFENSIVE VOTE-GETTERS

TOP-TEN DEFENSIVE			
Pos.	Pos. Name, Team		
ILB	Brian Urlacher, Bears	447,145	
CB	Champ Bailey, Broncos	379,477	
DE	Dwight Freeney, Colts	374,289	
CB	Deltha O'Neal, Bengals	373,918	
DE	Michael Strahan, Giants	348,765	
IL	Rod Coleman, Falcons	307,839	
DE	Kyle Vanden Bosch, Titans	292,990	
CB	DeAngelo Hall, Falcons	287,958	
CB	Ty Law, Jets	283,449	
IL	Montae Reagor, Colts	282,891	

NFL ALL-STAR TOP-FIVE ROOKIE VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team	Votes
RB	Carnell "Cadillac" Williams, Buccaneers	219,736
TE	Heath Miller, Steelers	217,928
OLB	DeMarcus Ware, Cowboys	104,592
Р	Chris Kluwe, Vikings	100,555
ILB	Odell Thurman, Bengals	88,715

AFC LEADING VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team	Votes	Pos.	Name, Team	Votes
QB	Peyton Manning, Colts	1,184,142	DE	Dwight Freeney, Colts	374,289
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers	1,044,360	IL	Montae Reagor, Colts	282,891
FB	Patrick Pass, Patriots	267,697	OLB	Keith Bulluck, Titans	231,008
WR	Chad Johnson, Bengals	987,650	ILB	Zach Thomas, Dolphins	252,825
TE	Antonio Gates, Chargers	941,846	CB	Champ Bailey, Broncos	379,477
Т	Willie Roaf, Chiefs	162,586	SS	Troy Polamalu, Steelers	270,348
G	Alan Faneca, Steelers	233,581	FS	John Lynch, Broncos	161,102
С	Jeff Saturday, Colts	234,847	Р	Todd Sauerbrun, Broncos	176,240
K	Shayne Graham, Bengals	224,217	ST	Robert Mathis, Colts	130,890
KR	Dante Hall, Chiefs	269,541			

NFC LEADING VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team	Votes	Pos.	Name, Team	Votes
QB	Eli Manning, Giants	667,608	DE	Michael Strahan, Giants	348,765
RB	Shaun Alexander, Seahawks	1,110,575	IL	Rod Coleman, Falcons	307,839
FB	Chris Cooley, Redskins	422,314	OLB	Demorrio Williams, Falcons	244,419
WR	Steve Smith, Panthers	752,723	ILB	Brian Urlacher, Bears	420,983
TE	Jeremy Shockey, Giants	872,102	CB	DeAngelo Hall, Falcons	287,958
Т	Orlando Pace, Rams	185,095	SS	Roy Williams, Cowboys	216,180
G	Larry Allen, Cowboys	248,561	FS	Brian Dawkins, Eagles	193,166
С	Olin Kreutz, Bears	207,047	Р	Josh Bidwell, Buccaneers	236,305
K	Neil Rackers, Cardinals	533,004	ST	Brendon Ayanbadejo, Bears	91,303
KR	Willie Ponder, Giants	182,228			

TOP 10 SPRINT WIRELESS VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team
QB	Peyton Manning, Colts
QB	Michael Vick, Falcons
WR	Marvin Harrison, Colts
RB	Shaun Alexander, Seahawks
RB	Edgerrin James, Colts
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers
LB	Brian Urlacher, Bears
QB	Eli Manning, Giants
WR	Chad Johnson, Bengals
QB	Carson Palmer, Bengals

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