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**PACKERS RB SAMKON GADO, PATRIOTS DB ELLIS HOBBS,
JAGUARS WR MATT JONES, SEAHAWKS LB LOFA TATUPU
& BRONCOS CB DARRENT WILLIAMS**
CANDIDATES FOR DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF WEEK HONORS

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Running back **SAMKON GADO** of the Green Bay Packers, defensive back **ELLIS HOBBS** of the New England Patriots, wide receiver **MATT JONES** of the Jacksonville Jaguars, linebacker **LOFA TATUPU** of the Seattle Seahawks and cornerback **DARRENT WILLIAMS** of the Denver Broncos, are the finalists for **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** honors for games played on November 13-14, the NFL announced today.

Fans can vote for one of these five players on NFL.com beginning Tuesday morning and ending on Thursday to determine the **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**. The **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** will be announced Thursday afternoon on NFL.com.

After the regular season, five players will be nominated for Diet Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year honors. Fans can vote for the winner on NFL.com throughout the month of January. The winner will be announced at a press conference at Super Bowl XL in Detroit.

A closer look at the finalists:

- **Green Bay's Samkon Gado** ran for 103 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries in the Packers' 33-25 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Gado scored on touchdown runs of two and nine yards in his first NFL start. He also caught a one-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brett Favre.
- **New England's Ellis Hobbs** recorded a team-leading seven tackles, defended four passes, recovered two fumbles and had one interception in the Patriots' 23-16 victory over the AFC East-rival Miami Dolphins. Hobbs' fourth-quarter interception gave New England possession at the Miami 23 yard-line and led to a field goal.
- **Jacksonville's Matt Jones** had career-highs in receptions with five and receiving yards with 117 in the Jaguars' 30-3 victory over the Baltimore Ravens. Jones also caught his third NFL touchdown on a 32-yard pass from quarterback Byron Leftwich. In addition, he had two carries for 12 yards.
- **Seattle's Lofa Tatupu** recorded a team-high nine tackles and one sack in the Seahawks' 31-16 victory over the NFC West-rival St. Louis Rams. Tatupu sacked Rams quarterback Marc Bulger for a loss of 11 yards as St. Louis was driving late in the third quarter. He leads the team with 62 tackles this season.
- **Denver's Darrent Williams** recorded three tackles and one interception, which he returned 80 yards for a touchdown in the Broncos' 31-17 victory over the AFC West-rival Oakland Raiders. With Denver leading 23-10 and Oakland driving, Williams stepped in front of a Raiders pass and raced 80 yards for the deciding score.

This is Pepsi's fourth year as the official soft drink sponsor of the NFL and the first year that Diet Pepsi will present the NFL Rookie of the Week and NFL Rookie of the Year awards.