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EAGLES WR REGGIE BROWN, BROWNS QB CHARLIE FRYE, 49ERS RB FRANK GORE, JETS CB-KR JUSTIN MILLER & TEXANS RB VERNAND MORENCY CANDIDATES FOR DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK HONORS

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Wide receiver **REGGIE BROWN** of the Philadelphia Eagles, quarterback **CHARLIE FRYE** of the Cleveland Browns, running back **FRANK GORE** of the San Francisco 49ers, cornerback-kick returner **JUSTIN MILLER** of the New York Jets and running back **VERNAND MORENCY** of the Houston Texans, are the finalists for **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** honors for games played on December 31-January 1, 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 <u>DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK</u>. The <u>DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK</u> 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:

- **Philadelphia's Reggie Brown** caught a team-high seven passes for 77 yards and two touchdowns in the Eagles 31-20 loss to the Washington Redskins. Brown helped put the Eagles in front 17-7 with a 33-yard, first-quarter touchdown reception, followed by an eight-yard touchdown catch early in the second quarter.
- Cleveland's Charlie Frye completed 22 of 38 passes for 199 yards and one touchdown in the Browns' 20-16 victory over the AFC North-rival Baltimore Ravens. Frye, who recorded his second victory in five games as a starter, threw a six-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Bryant to help bring the Browns back from a 16-6 deficit.
- San Francisco's Frank Gore carried 25 times for 108 yards and caught two passes for 13 yards in the 49ers' 20-17 overtime victory over the Houston Texans. Gore totaled 255 yards rushing in his final three games and finished the season with 608 yards and three touchdowns on 127 carries.
- The New York Jets' Justin Miller returned a kickoff 95-yards for a game-winning touchdown in the Jets' 30-26 victory over the AFC North-rival Buffalo Bills. With the Jets trailing 26-23 with 6:13 remaining in the game, Miller put them ahead for good with the first touchdown of his career. He returned six kickoffs for 221 yards in the game.
- **Houston's Vernand Morency** carried 21 times for 83 yards and one touchdown in the Texans' 20-17 overtime loss to the San Francisco 49ers. Morency, who added four catches for 46 yards in the game, scored on a three-yard touchdown run in the first guarter to put the Texans ahead 10-0.

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.