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BROWNS WR BRAYLON EDWARDS, VIKINGS P CHRIS KLUWE,
BEARS QB KYLE ORTON, SEAHAWKS LB LOFA TATUPU
& BUCCANEERS RB CARNELL WILLIAMS
CANDIDATES FOR DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF WEEK HONORS

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Wide receiver **BRAYLON EDWARDS** of the Cleveland Browns, punter **CHRIS KLUWE** of the Minnesota Vikings, quarterback **KYLE ORTON** of the Chicago Bears, linebacker **LOFA TATUPU** of the Seattle Seahawks and running back **CARNELL WILLIAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers are the finalists for **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** honors for games played on September 18-19, 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:

- **Cleveland's Braylon Edwards** caught three passes for 107 yards and one touchdown in the Browns' 26-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers. Edwards scored his first NFL touchdown on an 80-yard catch-and-run in the third quarter.
- **Minnesota's Chris Kluwe** punted three times for 140 yards, an average of 46.7, in the Vikings' 37-8 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals. Kluwe had a long punt of 52 yards, placed two punts inside the 20 and currently leads the NFL in punting.
- **Chicago's Kyle Orton** completed 14 of 21 passes for 150 yards, one touchdown and a 103.3 passer rating in the Bears' 38-6 victory over the NFC North-rival Detroit Lions. Orton threw his first NFL touchdown pass, a 28-yarder to Muhsin Muhammad, in the third quarter.
- **Seattle's Lofa Tatupu** recorded four tackles and one sack in the Seahawks' 21-18 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Tatupu recorded his first NFL sack in the second quarter, tackling Falcons quarterback Michael Vick for a seven-yard loss.
- **Tampa Bay's Carnell Williams** ran for 128 yards and one touchdown on 24 carries in the Buccaneers' 19-3 victory over the Buffalo Bills. Williams' three-yard touchdown run in the third quarter helped seal the win.

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.