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## DOLPHINS RB RONNIE BROWN, SEAHAWKS LB LEROY HILL, COWBOYS LB DE MARCUS WARE, BUCCANEERS RB CARNELL WILLIAMS & VIKINGS WR TROY WILLIAMSON CANDIDATES FOR DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF WEEK HONORS

## Fans To Vote For Winner On NFL.com

Running back **RONNIE BROWN** of the Miami Dolphins, linebacker **LEROY HILL** of the Seattle Seahawks, linebacker **DE MARCUS WARE** of the Dallas Cowboys, running back **CARNELL WILLIAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and wide receiver **TROY WILLIAMSON** of the Minnesota Vikings are the finalists for **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** honors for games played on September 25-26, 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:

- **Miami's Ronnie Brown** carried 23 times for 132 yards and one touchdown in the Dolphins' 27-24 victory over the Carolina Panthers. Brown scored on a one-yard run in the first quarter and had a 58-yard run that set up a field goal in the fourth quarter.
- Seattle's Leroy Hill tied for the team lead with five tackles and recorded his first NFL sack in the Seahawks' 37-12 victory over the NFC West-rival Arizona Cardinals. Hill helped anchor a defense that held Seattle to four field goals.
- **Dallas' DeMarcus Ware** recorded three tackles and one sack in the Cowboys' 34-31 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. Ware's sack, the first of his NFL career, helped stop a 49ers drive in Dallas territory in the first quarter.
- Tampa Bay's Carnell Williams ran for 158 yards on 37 carries in the Buccaneers' 17-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers. Williams, who had a long run of 26 yards, has rushed for an NFL record 434 yards in his first three NFL games.
- Minnesota's Troy Williamson caught three passes for 83 yards and one touchdown in the Vikings' 33-16 victory over the New Orleans Saints. Williamson scored his first NFL touchdown on a 53-yard reception in the second quarter.

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.