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& VIKINGS WR TROY WILLIAMSON**  
**CANDIDATES FOR DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK HONORS**

***Fans To Vote For Winner On NFL.com***

Cornerback **DOMONIQUE FOXWORTH** of the Denver Broncos, kicker **NICK NOVAK** of the Washington Redskins, defensive tackle **MIKE PATTERSON** of the Philadelphia Eagles, linebacker **LOFA TATUPU** of the Seattle Seahawks 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 October 2-3, 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:**

- **Denver's Domonique Foxworth** recorded a team-leading six tackles and one interception in the Broncos' 20-7 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars. Foxworth's 23-yard return after his interception helped set up a Jason Elam field goal that extended the Broncos' lead to 17-7.
- **Washington's Nick Novak** kicked two field goals, including a 39-yard game-winner in overtime to help the Redskins to a 20-17 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. The field goals were the first of Novak's NFL career, and he added two extra points in the win.
- **Philadelphia's Mike Patterson** recorded four tackles and his second NFL sack in the Eagles' 37-31 come-from-behind victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Patterson's sack forced Kansas City to punt deep in its own territory during the second quarter.
- **Seattle's Lofa Tatupu** recorded a team-high nine tackles and one sack in the Seahawks' 20-17 overtime loss to the Washington Redskins. Tatupu, who leads the Seahawks with 24 tackles this season, recorded the second sack of his NFL career for a seven-yard loss in the first quarter.
- **Minnesota's Troy Williamson** caught four passes for 39 yards and one touchdown in the Vikings' 30-10 loss to the Atlanta Falcons. Williamson scored a touchdown for the second consecutive game, hauling in a 16-yard strike from Daunte Culpepper in the fourth 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.