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**DOLPHINS RB RONNIE BROWN, SEAHAWKS LB LEROY HILL,  
FALCONS P MICHAEL KOENEN, SEAHAWKS LB LOFA TATUPU  
& COWBOYS RB TYSON THOMPSON**  
**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, punter **MICHAEL KOENEN** of the Atlanta Falcons, linebacker **LOFA TATUPU** of the Seattle Seahawks and running back **TYSON THOMPSON** of the Dallas Cowboys are the finalists for **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** honors for games played on October 9-10, 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:**

- **Miami's Ronnie Brown** carried 17 times for 97 yards in the Dolphins' 20-14 loss to the AFC East-rival Buffalo Bills. Brown, who ranks second among rookie running backs with 321 yards this season, added a career-high six receptions in the game.
- **Seattle's Leroy Hill** recorded five tackles and one sack in the Seahawks' 37-31 victory over the NFC West-rival St. Louis Rams. Hill's sack of Rams quarterback Marc Bulger for a loss of five yards forced a St. Louis punt in the second quarter.
- **Atlanta's Michael Koenen** kicked a 58-yard field goal in the Falcons' 31-28 loss to the New England Patriots. Koenen, the Falcons' punter who averaged 45.6 yards on seven punts, connected on his first NFL field goal just before halftime. The 58-yarder was the longest in NFL history by a player attempting his first career field goal.
- **Seattle's Lofa Tatupu** recorded a team-high nine tackles and one interception in the Seahawks' 37-31 victory over the NFC West-rival St. Louis Rams. Tatupu's interception, the first of his NFL career, helped set up a touchdown that put Seattle ahead 34-21 in the third quarter.
- **Dallas' Tyson Thompson** ran for 75 yards on 20 carries in the Cowboys' 33-10 victory over the NFC East-rival Philadelphia Eagles. Thompson also returned three kickoffs for an average of 29 yards in the game, including a 40-yard return.

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.