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DOLPHINS RB RONNIE BROWN, FALCONS DE CHAUNCEY DAVIS TEXANS WR-KR JEROME MATHIS, BEARS QB KYLE ORTON, & LIONS WR MIKE WILLIAMS CANDIDATES FOR DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF WEEK HONORS

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Running back **RONNIE BROWN** of the Miami Dolphins, defensive end **CHAUNCEY DAVIS** of the Atlanta Falcons, wide receiver-kick returner **JEROME MATHIS** of the Houston Texans, quarterback **KYLE ORTON** of the Chicago Bears and wide receiver **MIKE WILLIAMS** of the Detroit Lions are the finalists for **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** honors for games played on October 23-24, 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 eight times for 95 yards and one touchdown in the Dolphins' 30-20 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs. Brown scored on a 65-yard run in the third quarter to cut the Chiefs' lead to 14-13. He also caught two passes for 15 yards.
- Atlanta's Chauncey Davis returned a fumble 24 yards for a touchdown in the Falcons' 27-14 victory over the New York Jets. With Atlanta leading 10-0 early in the second quarter, Davis scooped up a fumble created by defensive tackle Rod Coleman and rumbled 24 yards for his first career NFL touchdown.
- **Houston's Jerome Mathis** returned a kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown in the Texans' 38-20 loss to the AFC South-rival Indianapolis Colts. He broke the club record for longest kickoff return, as well as most single game kick return yards (266) and highest single-game kick return average (38.0)
- Chicago's Kyle Orton completed 15 of 29 passes for 145 yards and one touchdown in the Bears' 10-6 victory over the Baltimore Ravens. Orton recorded his third NFL victory, the second consecutive win for the Bears, throwing a nine-yard touchdown pass to fullback Marc Edwards..
- **Detroit's Mike Williams** caught five passes for 95 yards in the Lions 13-10 victory over the Cleveland Browns. Williams posted career highs in catches and receiving yards, adding a career-long reception of 45 yards.

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.