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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT RAMS QB RYAN FITZPATRICK AS WEEK 12 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Voters on NFL.com have made their choice. Quarterback **RYAN FITZPATRICK** of the St. Louis Rams is the **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** for games played on November 24, 27-28, the NFL announced today.

Fitzpatrick completed 19 of 30 passes for 310 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 117.4 in the Rams' 33-27 overtime victory over the Houston Texans. Fitzpatrick, who was making his first NFL appearance, threw a 56-yard game-winning touchdown pass in overtime to go along with his 19 and 43-yard touchdowns.

More than 32,190 fans voted this week on NFL.com. Fitzpatrick was selected from among five finalists. The other finalists were running back **SAMKON GADO** of the Green Bay Packers, defensive back **REYNALDO HILL** of the Tennessee Titans, defensive tackle **C.J. MOSLEY** of the Minnesota Vikings and defensive back **CARLOS ROGERS** of the Washington Redskins.

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.

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.

2005 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Wk 1	RB Carnell Williams (Auburn)
Wk 2	RB Carnell Williams (Auburn)
Wk 3	RB Carnell Williams (Auburn)
Wk 4	CB Domonique Foxworth (Maryland)
Wk 5	RB Tyson Thompson (San Jose State)
Wk 6	LB Odell Thurman (Georgia)
Wk 7	QB Kyle Orton (Purdue)
Wk 8	TE Heath Miller (Virginia)
Wk 9	WR Reggie Brown (Georgia)
Wk 10	RB Samkon Gado (Liberty)
Wk 11	LB Shawne Merriman (Maryland)
Wk 12	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick (Harvard)

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