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## **NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT PACKERS RB SAMKON GADO AS WEEK 14 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Voters on NFL.com have made their choice. Running back **SAMKON GADO** of the Green Bay Packers is the **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** for games played on December 11-12, the NFL announced today.

Gado ran for 171 yards and one touchdown on 29 carries in the Packers' 16-13 overtime victory over the NFC North-rival Detroit Lions. He scored on a 64-yard run in the second quarter. Gado recorded his third 100-yard rushing performance in the last five games and set a Packers' record for rushing yards by a rookie.

More than 47,400 fans voted this week on NFL.com. Gado was selected from among five finalists. The other finalists were wide receiver **MARK CLAYTON** of the Baltimore Ravens, cornerback **PACMAN JONES** of the Tennessee Titans, running back **RYAN MOATS** of the Philadelphia Eagles and running back **CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

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**

<b>Wk 1</b>	RB Carnell Williams (Auburn)
<b>Wk 2</b>	RB Carnell Williams (Auburn)
<b>Wk 3</b>	RB Carnell Williams (Auburn)
<b>Wk 4</b>	CB Domonique Foxworth (Maryland)
<b>Wk 5</b>	RB Tyson Thompson (San Jose State)
<b>Wk 6</b>	LB Odell Thurman (Georgia)
<b>Wk 7</b>	QB Kyle Orton (Purdue)
<b>Wk 8</b>	TE Heath Miller (Virginia)
<b>Wk 9</b>	WR Reggie Brown (Georgia)
<b>Wk 10</b>	RB Samkon Gado (Liberty)
<b>Wk 11</b>	LB Shawne Merriman (Maryland)
<b>Wk 12</b>	QB Ryan Fitzpatrick (Harvard)
<b>Wk 13</b>	QB Charlie Frye (Akron)
<b>Wk 14</b>	RB Samkon Gado (Liberty)

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