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## **NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT BENGALS LB ODELL THURMAN AS WEEK 6 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Voters on NFL.com have made their choice. Linebacker **ODELL THURMAN** of the Cincinnati Bengals is the **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** for games played on October 16-17, the NFL announced today.

Thurman recorded four tackles and one interception, which he returned 30 yards for a touchdown in the Bengals' 31-23 victory over the Tennessee Titans. Thurman's touchdown, the first of his NFL career, tied the game at 17 late in the third quarter.

More than 39,310 fans voted this week on NFL.com. Thurman was selected from among five finalists. The other finalists were defensive back **JOSH BULLOCKS** of the New Orleans Saints, cornerback **DOMONIQUE FOXWORTH** of the Denver Broncos, quarterback **KYLE ORTON** of the Chicago Bears and linebacker **DE MARCUS WARE** of the Dallas Cowboys.

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)

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