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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT STEELERS TE HEATH MILLER AS WEEK 8 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Voters on NFL.com have made their choice. Tight end **HEATH MILLER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers is the **<u>DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK</u>** for games played on October 30-31, the NFL announced today.

Miller caught three passes for 18 yards and two touchdowns in the Steelers' 20-19 victory over the AFC North-rival Baltimore Ravens. He scored the game's first touchdown on a four-yard catch and put Pittsburgh ahead 17-10 in the third quarter with an eight-yard score. Miller has six touchdown catches this season.

More than 58,170 fans voted this week on NFL.com. Miller was selected from among five finalists. The other finalists were running back **MARION BARBER** of the Dallas Cowboys, wide receiver-kick returner **JEROME MATHIS** of the Houston Texans, linebacker **SHAWNE MERRIMAN** of the San Diego Chargers and quarterback **KYLE ORTON** of the Chicago Bears.

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)
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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)

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