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COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING LEADS PRO BOWL CHARGE HEADING INTO FINAL WEEK OF VOTING

51 MILLION VOTES CAST – UP 21 PERCENT

**PRESENTED BY SPRINT,
VOTING CONTINUES ON NFL.COM, IN STADIUMS & VIA SPRINT WIRELESS**

Indianapolis Colts quarterback **PEYTON MANNING**, with 812,503 votes, leads all NFL All-Stars in balloting for the 2006 Pro Bowl, NFL.com announced today. Presented by Sprint, Pro Bowl voting will continue on NFL.com, in stadiums and via the Sprint wireless service through Tuesday, Dec. 13.

There have been **51 million votes** cast on NFL.com and via the Sprint wireless service – a **21 percent increase** over the 42 million cast last year at this point.

Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (787,512 votes) ranks second overall while San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (760,870), Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver **CHAD JOHNSON** (705,722) and Chargers tight end **ANTONIO GATES** (699,614) round out the top five.

The teams will be announced at 7 p.m. (ET) Wednesday, Dec. 21 on the 2006 Pro Bowl Selection Show on ESPN. The Pro Bowl will be played in Hawaii on Sunday, Feb. 12 and televised by ESPN.

In addition to casting ballots on NFL.com and in stadiums, fans can cast their Pro Bowl ballot by sending a text message from a Sprint wireless phone to vote for their favorite players at each position. Standard text messaging and data service charges apply.

Fans who vote for their Pro Bowl players then will be able to enter for a chance to win a trip to the Pro Bowl in the 2006 NFL Pro Bowl Sweepstakes presented by Sprint. The Grand Prize includes an all-expense-paid trip to the game in Honolulu as well as exclusive experiences such as the chance to meet and talk football with Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **JOHN ELWAY**, attend practice, take a tour of Aloha Stadium, obtain pregame sideline passes and more.

The AFC and NFC All-Star squads are made up of the consensus votes of fans, players and coaches. Each group's vote counts one-third towards determining the 43-man rosters that represent the American Football Conference and National Football Conference in the Pro Bowl. NFL players and coaches will cast their votes on Dec. 19-20.

The NFL is the only sports league that combines voting by fans, coaches and players to determine its all-star teams. It was the first professional sports league to offer online all-star voting in 1995.

Listed below are the top 10 overall All-Star vote-getters and the players with the most votes at each position through Dec. 5:

NFL ALL-STAR TOP-TEN VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team	Votes
QB	Peyton Manning, Colts	812,503
RB	Shaun Alexander, Seahawks	787,512
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers	760,870
WR	Chad Johnson, Bengals	705,722
TE	Antonio Gates, Chargers	699,614
QB	Carson Palmer, Bengals	665,123
RB	Edgerrin James, Colts	651,002
TE	Jeremy Shockey, Giants	644,324
WR	Marvin Harrison, Colts	584,597
WR	Steve Smith, Panthers	524,824

AFC LEADING VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team	Votes	Pos.	Name, Team	Votes
QB	Peyton Manning, Colts	812,503	DE	Dwight Freeney, Colts	268,585
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers	760,870	IL	Montae Reagor, Colts	190,261
FB	Patrick Pass, Patriots	234,661	OLB	Cato June, Colts	162,135
WR	Chad Johnson, Bengals	705,722	ILB	Zach Thomas, Dolphins	203,000
TE	Antonio Gates, Chargers	699,614	CB	Deltha O'Neal, Bengals	264,271
T	Jonathan Ogden, Ravens	120,714	SS	Troy Polamalu, Steelers	186,309
G	Alan Faneca, Steelers	178,823	FS	John Lynch, Broncos	108,770
C	Jeff Saturday, Colts	161,288	P	Shane Lechler, Raiders	155,006
K	Shayne Graham, Bengals	156,492	ST	Robert Mathis, Colts	91,484
KR	Dante Hall, Chiefs	207,265			

NFC LEADING VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team	Votes	Pos.	Name, Team	Votes
QB	Drew Bledsoe, Cowboys	496,912	DE	Michael Strahan, Giants	254,285
RB	Shaun Alexander, Seahawks	787,512	IL	Rod Coleman, Falcons	215,652
FB	Chris Cooley, Redskins	372,012	OLB	Demorrio Williams, Falcons	171,785
WR	Steve Smith, Panthers	524,824	ILB	Brian Urlacher, Bears	309,741
TE	Jeremy Shockey, Giants	644,324	CB	DeAngelo Hall, Falcons	233,324
T	Orlando Pace, Rams	143,868	SS	Mike Brown, Bears	121,573
G	Larry Allen, Cowboys	188,344	FS	Brian Dawkins, Eagles	143,949
C	Olin Kreutz, Bears	149,679	P	Josh Bidwell, Buccaneers	175,229
K	Neil Rackers, Cardinals	395,820	ST	James Thrash, Redskins	61,676
KR	Willie Ponder, Giants	151,275			

TOP 10 SPRINT WIRELESS VOTE-GETTERS

Pos.	Name, Team
QB	Peyton Manning, Colts
QB	Michael Vick, Falcons
WR	Marvin Harrison, Colts
RB	Shaun Alexander, Seahawks
RB	Edgerrin James, Colts
RB	LaDainian Tomlinson, Chargers
QB	Eli Manning, Giants
LB	Brian Urlacher, Bears
WR	Chad Johnson, Bengals
FS	John Lynch, Broncos

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