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## JETS HEAD COACH ERIC MANGINI, CHARGERS HEAD COACH MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER & BEARS HEAD COACH LOVIE SMITH CANDIDATES FOR MOTOROLA NFL COACH OF THE WEEK AWARD

## Fans to Vote for Winner on NFL.com

Head coaches **ERIC MANGINI** of the New York Jets, **MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER** of the San Diego Chargers and **LOVIE SMITH** of the Chicago Bears are the nominees for Motorola NFL Coach of the Week honors for games played November 12-13, the NFL announced today.

Fans can vote on NFL.com for the head coach whose game plan played the greatest role in his team's victory. Voting will take place from Tuesday morning through noon EST on Friday to determine the Motorola NFL Coach of the Week. The winner will be announced Friday afternoon on NFL.com. In January, voting will be held on NFL.com to determine the Motorola NFL Coach of the Year.

## A closer look at the Motorola NFL Coach of the Week nominees:

- The New York Jets' **ERIC MANGINI** led his team into Gillette Stadium to take on the division-leading New England Patriots and came away with a hard-fought 17-14 victory. The win moved the Jets within one game of first place in the AFC East and gave Mangini his first win over his former mentor, Patriots head coach Bill Belichick. Behind a strong defensive effort and solid performances by quarterback Chad Pennington and running back Kevan Barlow, the Jets improved to 5-4 and are one of the surprise teams of 2006.
- San Diego's MARTY SCHOTTENHEIMER made the necessary changes at halftime, with his team trailing the Cincinnati Bengals 28-7, to spark the Chargers' 42-point second-half explosion en route to a 49-41 victory. Schottenheimer opened up his offense after halftime, as quarterback Philip Rivers threw three second-half touchdown passes and running back LaDainian Tomlinson scored three of his four rushing touchdowns in the final two quarters. The Chargers' defense was able to weather the big-play ability of the Bengals offense and come up with stops when the team needed them most.
- Chicago's LOVIE SMITH received stellar performances by his young quarterback Rex Grossman, his running back Thomas Jones and his defense and special teams to defeat the New York Giants 38-20 on a rainy Sunday night in New York. Grossman threw for 246 yards and 3 touchdowns, including a 29-yard touchdown pass to Mark Bradley to close the halftime score to 13-10. Jones rushed for 113 yards and one touchdown. And Devin Hester tied an NFL record, scoring on a 108-yard missed field goal return to seize momentum for the Bears early in the fourth half.

Motorola's brand has become synonymous with NFL coaches through the coaches' headsets worn during every NFL game. Motorola believes NFL coaches are game-changing innovators whose creativity and expertise fuels the exciting brand of football enjoyed by millions of fans around the world.