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## <u>CHIEFS HEAD COACH HERM EDWARDS,</u> <u>TITANS HEAD COACH JEFF FISHER & SAINTS HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON</u> <u>CANDIDATES FOR MOTOROLA NFL COACH OF THE WEEK AWARD</u>

## Fans to Vote for Winner on NFL.com

Head coaches **HERM EDWARDS** of the Kansas City Chiefs, **JEFF FISHER** of the Tennessee Titans and **SEAN PAYTON** of the New Orleans Saints are the nominees for Motorola NFL Coach of the Week honors for games played November 23, 26-27, 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:

- On Thanksgiving night, HERM EDWARDS and the Kansas City Chiefs welcomed the Denver Broncos to Arrowhead Stadium and defeated their AFC West rival 19-10 to improve to 7-4 and move into a tie with the Broncos for second place in the division. Led by a 157-yard, one-touchdown rushing performance by Larry Johnson and a defense that held Denver to 244 total yards of offense, the Chiefs continued to strengthen their playoff chances in the AFC. In his first year with the team, Edwards has led Kansas City to victory in five of its last six games.
- Tennessee's JEFF FISHER coached his team to a dramatic 24-21 come-from-behind victory over the New York Giants on Sunday. Down 21-0 in the fourth quarter, the Titans battled back behind the play of rookie quarterback Vince Young and a defense that recorded two interceptions in the final period. Fisher made Young the starter in Week 4, and the former Texas Longhorn star has rewarded his coach by going 4-4 as a starter. Young completed 24 of 35 passes for 249 yards and two touchdowns, and added 69 rushing yards and one touchdown in Sunday's win.
- New Orleans' **SEAN PAYTON** led the Saints to a 31-13 road victory over the NFC South-rival Atlanta Falcons on Sunday. As a result, the surprise Saints now sit alone atop the division at 7-4, one game ahead of the Carolina Panthers. Payton has relied on his quarterback Drew Brees and an explosive offense this season, and Sunday was no different. Brees threw for 349 yards and two touchdowns, and running back Deuce McAllister ran for two touchdowns in the win. New Orleans' defense has been solid all year, and Sunday they held Falcons quarterback Michael Vick to 84 passing yards.

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.