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**GIANTS HEAD COACH TOM COUGHLIN,
CHIEFS HEAD COACH HERM EDWARDS & 49ERS HEAD COACH MIKE NOLAN
CANDIDATES FOR MOTOROLA NFL COACH OF THE WEEK AWARD**

Fans to Vote for Winner on NFL.com

Head coaches **TOM COUGHLIN** of the New York Giants, **HERM EDWARDS** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **MIKE NOLAN** of the San Francisco 49ers are the nominees for Motorola NFL Coach of the Week honors for games played December 30-31, 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 Thursday 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:

- **TOM COUGHLIN** led the New York Giants into Washington, D.C. and came away with a 34-28 victory over the NFC East-rival Redskins that helped clinch a playoff spot for the Giants. Behind 23 carries for 234 yards and three touchdowns by running back Tiki Barber, New York was able to hold off a late charge by Washington to improve to 8-8. A year after winning the NFC East title, Coughlin has the Giants back in the playoffs, where they will face the rival Eagles in Philadelphia on Sunday.
- Needing a win to stay alive for a playoff spot, **HERM EDWARDS** directed his Kansas Chiefs to a 35-30 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars and then watched as losses by several other teams landed Kansas City in the playoffs. Chiefs running back Larry Johnson carried 33 times for 138 yards and three touchdowns in the win. In his first season in Kansas City, Edwards led the Chiefs to a 9-7 record. Edwards' last appearance in the playoffs was in 2004, when he led the New York Jets to the AFC divisional round.
- **MIKE NOLAN** led his 49ers to a 26-23 come-from-behind victory over the Denver Broncos in overtime to improve San Francisco to 7-9 and knock Denver out of the playoffs. Trailing 13-0 in second quarter, the 49ers mounted a comeback behind 153 yards rushing by Frank Gore, 191 yards passing and one touchdown from Alex Smith, and four field goals from Joe Nedney, including the game-winning 36-yarder in overtime. Nolan helped San Francisco improve from a 4-12 mark in 2005.

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.

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