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## PATRIOTS HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK, TEXANS HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK & BEARS HEAD COACH LOVIE SMITH CANDIDATES FOR MOTOROLA NFL COACH OF THE WEEK AWARD

## Fans to Vote for Winner on NFL.com

Head coaches **BILL BELICHICK** of the New England Patriots, **GARY KUBIAK** of the Houston Texans and **LOVIE SMITH** of the Chicago Bears are the nominees for Motorola NFL Coach of the Week honors for games played October 1-2, 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:

- New England's **BILL BELICHICK** led the Patriots to a 38-13 road victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday. Following a 17-7 defeat to the Denver Broncos in Week 3, Belichick had his players ready for their matchup with the previously undefeated Bengals. With New England leading 14-13 midway through the third quarter, the Patriots took control of the game with a 75-yard drive capped by Laurence Maroney's 25-yard touchdown run.
- Houston's GARY KUBIAK earned his first win as an NFL head coach when his Texans defeated the
  Miami Dolphins 17-15 on Sunday. Trailing 6-3 entering the fourth quarter, Houston scored touchdowns
  on consecutive drives to take a 17-6 lead. The Texans held on in the final minutes, with the defense
  breaking up a potential game-tying two-point conversion attempt, giving Houston its first victory of the
  Kubiak era.
- Chicago's LOVIE SMITH is the head coach of the only undefeated team in the NFC after his Bears
  defeated the previously unbeaten Seattle Seahawks 37-6 on Sunday night. Smith's Bears have
  developed a high-powered offense to go along with their stingy defense of recent years. After falling
  behind Seattle 3-0 in the opening quarter, Chicago scored 20 unanswered points. The Bears then
  scored the final 17 points of the game to improve to 4-0 for the first time since 1991.

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 are fueling the exciting brand of football enjoyed by millions of fans around the world.