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VIKINGS HEAD COACH BRAD CHILDRESS, TEXANS HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK & RAIDERS HEAD COACH ART SHELL CANDIDATES FOR MOTOROLA NFL COACH OF THE WEEK AWARD

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Head coaches **BRAD CHILDRESS** of the Minnesota Vikings, **GARY KUBIAK** of the Houston Texans and **ART SHELL** of the Oakland Raiders are the nominees for Motorola NFL Coach of the Week honors for games played October 22-23, 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:

- Minnesota's BRAD CHILDRESS led the Vikings into Seattle, where they handed the defending NFC Champion Seahawks a 31-13 defeat, making a statement that Minnesota's early-season success is no fluke. Behind a 169-yard, one-touchdown rushing performance by running back Chester Taylor, the Vikings took control of the game in the second half, en route to a 4-2 record and second place in the NFC North behind the undefeated Chicago Bears. Childress has the Vikings playing with confidence, as Minnesota has forged an identity by running the football effectively and playing stingy defense.
- Houston's GARY KUBIAK directed his team to a 27-7 upset of the AFC South-rival Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday behind a 224-yard, two-touchdown passing performance by quarterback David Carr. Kubiak had the Texans well-prepared for their divisional matchup, as the defense pressured Jacksonville quarterback Byron Leftwich all game and the Texans rushing attack enjoyed its most successful outing of the season, totaling 132 yards on the ground. Kubiak, a former NFL quarterback and offensive coordinator, has had a positive effect on Carr, who is enjoying the best season of his NFL career to date.
- Oakland's **ART SHELL** won the first game of his second stint as an NFL head coach, as the Raiders defeated the Arizona Cardinals 22-9 on Sunday. Shell, who coached the Raiders from 1989-94, gathered his team the night before the game and told his players they needed to find some swagger. Oakland came out hungry, scoring the first 17 points of the game and leading 22-3 midway through the third quarter. Quarterback Andrew Walters threw for 263 yards and one touchdown, and wide receiver Randy Moss caught seven passes for 129 yards and a touchdown in the victory.

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.

