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ALOHA! HAWAII BECKONS AS PRO BOWL NEWCOMERS MAKE THE CASE

Each year, the NFL's best are selected to the AFC-NFC All-Star Teams to compete in the Pro Bowl. Many of those players earning trips to Hawaii rank among the league's statistical leaders.

This season, a pack of players at the top of the stat lists have never been selected to the game and could be on their way.

Fan voting for the Pro Bowl – which will be held on Saturday, February 10 (CBS, 6:00 PM ET) – on NFL.com, in stadiums and via Sprint and Nextel wireless service, concludes on December 12. NFL players and coaches will cast their votes on December 14-15, and the team will be announced on Tuesday, December 19 at 4:00 PM (ET) on a special *NFL Total Access* 2007 Pro Bowl Selection Show on NFL Network.

Following are the NFC players who have never been selected to a Pro Bowl and rank in the top five in NFC statistics:

CATEGORY	PLAYER	TEAM	STATISTIC	NFC RANKING
Passer Rating	Tony Romo	Dallas	102.4	
Touchdown Passes	Eli Manning	NY Giants	19	2
	Rex Grossman	Chicago	18	T3
Touchdowns	Marion Barber	Dallas	13	1
	Darrell Jackson	Seattle	9	T2
Rushing Yards	Frank Gore	San Francisco	1,217	1
	Chester Taylor	Minnesota	1,098	3
	Steven Jackson	St. Louis	1,028	4
	Thomas Jones	Chicago	977	5
Receptions	Reggie Bush (R)	New Orleans	73	1
	Steven Jackson	St. Louis	72	2
Receiving Yards	Roy Williams	Detroit	1,043	1
Scoring (Kickers)	Robbie Gould	Chicago	112	1
	Josh Brown	Seattle	90	T3
Punt Returns	Devin Hester (R)	Chicago	14.2	1
	Nate Burleson	Seattle	11.8	2
	Mewelde Moore	Minnesota	10.5	3
	Reno Mahe	Philadelphia	10.1	4
	Antwaan Randle El	Washington	9.9	5
Kickoff Returns	Willie Ponder	St. Louis	24.5	3
	Maurice Hicks	San Francisco	24.2	4
Interceptions	Walt Harris	San Francisco	6	1
	Ricky Manning	Chicago	5	T2
Sacks	Aaron Kampman	Green Bay	10.0	T2
	Will Smith	New Orleans	8.5	5

The NFL's annual All-Star game will kick off on Saturday, February 10, 2007 in Honolulu, Hawaii (CBS, 6:00 PM ET).

The deadline to submit a credential application for the Pro Bowl is **FRIDAY**, **JANUARY 12**. Applications are available on www.nflmedia.com under "NFL Event Credentialing."

The NFL also has arranged for discounted hotel accommodations for <u>working media</u> interested in covering the Pro Bowl on site in Hawaii. Please contact Randall Liu (<u>liur@nfl.com</u>) for more information.