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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS LB MANNY LAWSON **VOTED WEEK 2 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK**

Winner Selected By Fan Vote on NFL.com and Via Sprint Wireless Service

Voters on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service have made their choice. Linebacker **MANNY LAWSON** of the San Francisco 49ers is the **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** for games played on September 17-18, the NFL announced today.

Lawson recorded three tackles, two sacks and two quarterback pressures in the 49ers' 20-13 win over the St. Louis Rams. He was a key factor in San Francisco's defense holding the Rams to 185 passing yards on the day. Lawson recorded sacks on the Rams' opening drives of both the first and third quarters.

More than 27,000 fans voted this week on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service. Lawson was selected from among five finalists. The other finalists were running back **JOSEPH ADDAI** of the Indianapolis Colts, wide receiver **MARQUES COLSTON** of the New Orleans Saints, running back **LAURENCE MARONEY** of the New England Patriots and running back **DE ANGELO WILLIAMS** of the Carolina Panthers.

After the regular season, five players will be nominated for Diet Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year honors. Fans can vote for the winner on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service throughout the month of January. The winner will be announced at a press conference at Super Bowl XLI in South Florida.

This is Pepsi's fifth year as the official soft drink sponsor of the NFL and the second year that Diet Pepsi will present the NFL Rookie of the Week and NFL Rookie of the Year awards.

2006 DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Wk 1	RB Reggie Bush (Southern California)
Wk 2	LB Manny Lawson (North Carolina State)

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