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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS WR MARQUES COLSTON **VOTED WEEK 8 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. Wide receiver **MARQUES COLSTON** of the New Orleans Saints is the **DIET PEPSI NFL ROOKIE OF THE WEEK** for games played on October 29-30 the NFL announced today.

Colston caught six passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns in the Saints' 35-22 loss to the Baltimore Ravens. Colston continued his impressive rookie campaign, scoring on touchdown receptions of 25 and 47 yards in the fourth quarter and adding another reception of 53 yards in the game.

More than 36,200 fans voted this week on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service. Colston was selected from among five finalists. The other finalists were running back **MIKE BELL** of the Denver Broncos, tight end **OWEN DANIELS** of the Houston Texans, safety **DAWAN LANDRY** of the Baltimore Ravens and quarterback **VINCE YOUNG** of the Tennessee Titans.

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)
Wk 3	WR Greg Jennings (Western Michigan)
Wk 4	RB Laurence Maroney (Minnesota)
Wk 5	WR Hank Baskett (New Mexico)
Wk 6	WR Santonio Holmes (Ohio St.)
Wk 7	LB A.J. Hawk (Ohio State)
Wk 8	WR Marques Colston (Hofstra)

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