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**CHARGERS QB DREW BREES, COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING  
& CARDINALS QB KURT WARNER; BRONCOS RB MIKE ANDERSON,  
BROWNS RB REUBEN DROUGHNS & CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON  
CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND  
NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

***Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com***

Quarterbacks **DREW BREES** of the San Diego Chargers, **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts and **KURT WARNER** of the Arizona Cardinals are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on November 20-21, while running backs **MIKE ANDERSON** of the Denver Broncos, **REUBEN DROUGHNS** of the Cleveland Browns and **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs are the finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week honors, the NFL announced today.

Fans can vote for one player in each category on NFL.com from Tuesday morning through noon EST on Friday to determine the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week. The winners will be announced Friday afternoon on NFL.com.

Fans will be voting for more than their favorite player. For the second season in a row, the weekly FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards are a win for the local community. Along with the award, FedEx will donate \$5,000 every week to the local children's hospital in each winning market. The children's hospitals in the two season-long winner's markets, announced at this year's Super Bowl, will be awarded \$25,000 each. That means that FedEx will deliver nearly \$250,000 to local children's hospitals around the country in recognition of the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Award winners.

A closer look at the FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists:

- San Diego's Drew Brees threw for 339 yards on 28 of 33 passing, throwing four touchdown passes (two, 23, 27 and 29 yards) and recording a 149.1 passer rating in the Chargers' 48-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills.
- Indianapolis' Peyton Manning completed 24 of 40 passes for 365 yards and three touchdowns (nine, 21 and 66 yards) for a 104.7 passer rating in the Colts' 45-37 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.
- Arizona's Kurt Warner threw for 285 yards and three touchdowns (seven, nine and 13 yards), completing 27 of 39 passes for a passer rating of 115.9 in the Cardinals' 38-28 victory over the NFC West-rival St. Louis Rams.

A closer look at the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week finalists:

- Denver's Mike Anderson ran for 113 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries in the Broncos' 27-0 victory over the New York Jets. Anderson scored on touchdown runs of one, one and three yards.
- Cleveland's Reuben Droughns carried 30 times for 166 yards and one touchdown in the Browns' 22-0 victory over the Miami Dolphins. Droughns scored on a 75-yard run in the first quarter to open the scoring.
- Kansas City's Larry Johnson ran for 211 yards and two touchdowns on 36 carries in the Chiefs' 45-17 victory over the Houston Texans. Johnson scored on runs of one and 23 yards and had a long run of 30 yards.

FedEx, the premier global provider of transportation, e-commerce and supply-chain management services, is the Official Delivery Service Sponsor of the NFL, Super Bowl and Pro Bowl. Through the weekly FedEx Air & Ground Awards, FedEx recognizes those NFL players who represent the same speed, precision and teamwork that their customers have come to expect from the full range of FedEx air, ground, freight and international shipping services.