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## **NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT** **CHARGERS QB DREW BREES & BROWNS RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** **AS WEEK 11 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the San Diego Chargers and running back **REUBEN DROUGHNS** of the Cleveland Browns are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on November 20-21, the NFL announced today.

Brees threw for 339 yards on 28 of 33 passing, throwing four touchdown passes and recording a 149.1 passer rating in the Chargers' 48-10 victory over the Buffalo Bills. He threw touchdown passes of two, 23, 27 and 29 yards.

Droughns carried 30 times for 166 yards and one touchdown in the Browns' 22-0 victory over the Miami Dolphins. He scored on a 75-yard run in the first quarter to open the scoring.

Brees and Droughns were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 44,720 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts and **KURT WARNER** of the Arizona Cardinals, while running backs **MIKE ANDERSON** of the Denver Broncos and **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Brees received 56 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Manning received 31 percent and Warner received 14 percent. Droughns' 41 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Johnson's 39 percent and Anderson's 20 percent.

Fans voted for more than their favorite players. The weekly **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards** are also a win for the local community. Along with the player awards, FedEx is awarding Children's Hospital Foundation and The Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic, the children's hospital in each winning market, a check for \$5,000.

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.

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 and 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.

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# 2005 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<u>EXPRESS (AIR)</u>	<u>Charity</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>Charity</u>
<b>Wk 1</b>	Drew Bledsoe, Dal.	Children's Medical Center Dallas	Willie Parker, Pit.	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
<b>Wk 2</b>	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	Thomas Jones, Chi.	Lutheran General Children's Hospital
<b>Wk 3</b>	Donovan McNabb, Phi.	The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
<b>Wk 4</b>	Eli Manning, NY Giants	Tomorrows Children's Fund	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
<b>Wk 5</b>	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	Tatum Bell, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation
<b>Wk 6</b>	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
<b>Wk 7</b>	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	LaMont Jordan, Oak.	Oakland Children's Hospital
<b>Wk 8</b>	Jake Plummer, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Tiki Barber, NYG	Tomorrows Children's Fund
<b>Wk 9</b>	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
<b>Wk 10</b>	Chris Simms, T.B.	All Children's Hospital	Shaun Alexander, Sea.	Children's Hospital
<b>Wk 11</b>	Drew Brees, S.D.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Reuben Droughns, Cle.	The Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic

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