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**VIKINGS QB BRAD JOHNSON, BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER
& DOLPHINS QB SAGE ROSENFELS; PANTHERS RB DE SHAUN FOSTER,
CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON & REDSKINS RB CLINTON PORTIS
CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND
NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com

Quarterbacks **BRAD JOHNSON** of the Minnesota Vikings, **CARSON PALMER** of the Cincinnati Bengals and **SAGE ROSENFELS** of the Miami Dolphins are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on December 4-5, while running backs **DE SHAUN FOSTER** of the Carolina Panthers, **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **CLINTON PORTIS** of the Washington Redskins 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:

- Minnesota's Brad Johnson completed 17 of 23 passes for 256 yards, two touchdowns and a 139.0 passer rating in the Vikings' 21-16 victory over the NFC North-rival Detroit Lions. Johnson threw TD passes of five and 80 yards.
- Cincinnati's Carson Palmer completed 22 of 38 passes for 227 yards, three touchdowns (one, six and 43 yards) and a 101.5 passer rating in the Bengals' 38-31 victory over the AFC North-rival Pittsburgh Steelers.
- Miami's Sage Rosenfels threw for 272 yards and two touchdowns on 22 of 37 passing in the Dolphins' 24-23 come-from-behind victory over the AFC East-rival Buffalo Bills. Rosenfels threw a four-yard touchdown pass to Chris Chambers with six seconds remaining to complete the comeback.

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

- Carolina's DeShaun Foster ran for 131 yards and one touchdown on 24 carries in the Panthers' 24-6 victory over the NFC South-rival Atlanta Falcons. Foster also caught three passes for 49 yards and a touchdown.
- Kansas City's Larry Johnson carried 30 times for 140 yards and two touchdowns in the Chiefs' 31-27 victory over the AFC West-rival Denver Broncos. His four-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter was the game-winner.
- Washington's Clinton Portis ran for 136 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries in the Redskins' 24-9 victory over the St. Louis Rams. On the Redskins' second possession, Portis scored on a 47-yard run, his season-long.

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