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**COWBOYS QB DREW BLEDSOE, SEAHAWKS QB MATT HASSELBECK  
& COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING; STEELERS RB JEROME BETTIS,  
CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON & BENGALS RB RUDI JOHNSON  
CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND  
NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

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

Quarterbacks **DREW BLEDSOE** of the Dallas Cowboys, **MATT HASSELBECK** of the Seattle Seahawks and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on December 11-12, while running backs **JEROME BETTIS** of the Pittsburgh Steelers, **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **RUDI JOHNSON** of the Cincinnati Bengals 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:**

- Dallas' Drew Bledsoe completed 22 of 34 passes for 332 yards and three touchdowns (one, 26 and 71 yards) in the Cowboys' 31-28 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Bledsoe recorded a 126.1 passer rating in the contest.
- Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck completed 21 of 25 passes for 226 yards and four touchdowns (seven, eight, 21 and 28 yards) with a 127.3 passer rating in the Seahawks' 41-3 victory over the NFC West-rival San Francisco 49ers.
- Indianapolis' Peyton Manning threw for 324 yards and two touchdowns (nine and 65 yards) on 24 of 36 passing in the Colts' 26-18 victory over the AFC South-rival Jacksonville Jaguars. He recorded a 113.7 passer rating.

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

- Pittsburgh's Jerome Bettis ran for 101 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries in the Steelers' 21-9 victory over the Chicago Bears. Bettis scored on touchdown runs of one and five yards to lead Pittsburgh to the win.
- Kansas City's Larry Johnson carried 26 times for 143 yards and three touchdowns in the Chiefs' 31-28 loss to the Dallas Cowboys. He scored on runs of one, 11 and 21 yards to give him 10 touchdowns in his last six games.
- Cincinnati's Rudi Johnson ran for 169 yards and one touchdown on 30 carries in the Bengals' 23-20 victory over the AFC North-rival Cleveland Browns. Johnson scored on an eight-yard run in the first quarter of the game.

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.