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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT
COWBOYS QB DREW BLEDSOE & STEELERS RB JEROME BETTIS
AS WEEK 14 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback **DREW BLEDSOE** of the Dallas Cowboys and running back **JEROME BETTIS** of the Pittsburgh Steelers are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on December 11-12, the NFL announced today.

Bledsoe completed 22 of 34 passes for 332 yards and three touchdowns in the Cowboys' 31-28 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. He threw touchdown passes of one, 26 and 71 yards and recorded a 126.1 passer rating in the contest.

Bettis ran for 101 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries in the Steelers' 21-9 victory over the Chicago Bears. He scored on touchdown runs of one and five yards to lead Pittsburgh to the win.

Bledsoe and Bettis were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 124,396 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **MATT HASSELBECK** of the Seattle Seahawks and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts, while running backs **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **RUDI JOHNSON** of the Cincinnati Bengals were the other finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Bledsoe received 42 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Hasselbeck received 30 percent and Manning received 27 percent. Bettis' 43 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Rudi Johnson's 39 percent and Larry Johnson's 18 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 Medical Center Dallas and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, 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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	<u>EXPRESS (AIR)</u>	<u>Charity</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>Charity</u>
Wk 1	Drew Bledsoe, Dal.	Children's Medical Center Dallas	Willie Parker, Pit.	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
Wk 2	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	Thomas Jones, Chi.	Lutheran General Children's Hospital
Wk 3	Donovan McNabb, Phi.	The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 4	Eli Manning, NY Giants	Tomorrows Children's Fund	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 5	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	Tatum Bell, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 6	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 7	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	LaMont Jordan, Oak.	Oakland Children's Hospital
Wk 8	Jake Plummer, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Tiki Barber, NYG	Tomorrows Children's Fund
Wk 9	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 10	Chris Simms, T.B.	All Children's Hospital	Shaun Alexander, Sea.	Children's Hospital
Wk 11	Drew Brees, S.D.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Reuben Droughns, Cle.	The Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic
Wk 12	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 13	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	Larry Johnson, K.C.	Children's Mercy Hospital
Wk 14	Drew Bledsoe, Dal.	Children's Medical Center Dallas	Jerome Bettis, Pit.	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

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