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PATRIOTS QB TOM BRADY, REDSKINS QB MARK BRUNELL & SEAHAWKS QB MATT HASSELBECK; SEAHAWKS RB SHAUN ALEXANDER, GIANTS RB TIKI BARBER & BENGALS RB RUDI JOHNSON CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS

Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com

Quarterbacks **TOM BRADY** of the New England Patriots, **MARK BRUNELL** of the Washington Redskins and **MATT HASSELBECK** of the Seattle Seahawks are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on December 18-19, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks, **TIKI BARBER** of the New York Giants 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:

- New England's Tom Brady completed 20 of 31 passes for 258 yards, three touchdowns (one, two and 16 yards) and a passer rating of 122.8 in the Patriots' 28-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- Washington's Mark Brunell threw for 163 yards and four touchdowns (two, three, eight and 30 yards), completing 12 of 20 passes for a 125.6 passer rating in the Redskins' 35-7 victory over the NFC East-rival Dallas Cowboys.
- Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck completed 21 of 27 passes for 285 yards and three touchdowns (two, four and 22 yards) with a 147.7 passer rating in the Seahawks' 28-24 victory over the Tennessee Titans.

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

- Seattle's Shaun Alexander ran for 172 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries in the Seahawks' 28-24 victory over the Tennessee Titans. Alexander scored on a one-yard touchdown run, his 24th of the season, in the first quarter.
- The New York Giants' Tiki Barber carried 29 times for 220 yards and two touchdowns in the Giants' 27-17 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. Barber scored on runs of 20 and 41 yards and added five receptions for 29 yards.
- Cincinnati's Rudi Johnson ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries in the Bengals' 41-17 victory over the Detroit Lions. Johnson scored on runs of four and 16 yards, both in the second half.

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