

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE NFL-162 12/30/05 CONTACT: Matt Hill, NFL, 212-450-2080 Hillm@NFL.com

Ryan Furby, FedEx, 901-434-7785 ryan.furby@fedex.com

## <u>NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT</u> <u>RAVENS QB KYLE BOLLER & COWBOYS RB JULIUS JONES</u> <u>AS WEEK 16 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</u>

Quarterback **KYLE BOLLER** of the Baltimore Ravens and running back **JULIUS JONES** of the Dallas Cowboys are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on December 24-26, the NFL announced today.

Boller completed 24 of 34 passes for 289 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 113.5 in the Ravens' 30-23 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. He threw touchdown passes of six, 39 and 47 yards.

Jones ran for 194 yards and two touchdowns on 34 carries in the Cowboys' 24-20 victory over the Carolina Panthers. He scored touchdowns on runs of eight and 43 yards.

Boller and Jones were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 59,060 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **KELLY HOLCOMB** of the Buffalo Bills and **JOSH MC COWN** of the Arizona Cardinals, while running backs **CARNELL** "**CADILLAC**" **WILLIAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and **RICKY WILLIAMS** of the Miami Dolphins were the other finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Boller received 55 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Holcomb received 32 percent and McCown received 13 percent. Jones' 61 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Ricky Williams' 27 percent and Carnell Williams' 13 percent.

Fans voted for more than their favorite players. The weekly <u>FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards</u> are also a win for the local community. Along with the player awards, FedEx is awarding Union Memorial Hospital and Children Medical Center Dallas, 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.

Continued...

## 2005 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	EXPRESS (AIR)	<u>Charity</u>	GROUND	<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
Wk 15	Matt Hasselbeck, Sea.	Children's Hospital	Tiki Barber, NYG	Tomorrows Children's Fund
Wk 16	Kyle Boller, Bal.	Union Memorial Hospital	Julius Jones, Dal.	Children Medical Center Dallas

# # #