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**COWBOYS QB DREW BLEDSOE, PATRIOTS QB TOM BRADY
& JAGUARS QB BYRON LEFTWICH; CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON, STEELERS
RB WILLIE PARKER & BUCCANEERS RB CARNELL WILLAMS 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, **TOM BRADY** of the New England Patriots and **BYRON LEFTWICH** of the Jacksonville Jaguars are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on September 8-12, while running backs **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs, **WILLIE PARKER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers and **CARNELL WILLAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 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 passed for 226 yards and three touchdowns, completing 18 of 24 passes for a 143.4 passer rating in the Cowboys' 28-24 victory over the San Diego Chargers.
- New England's Tom Brady completed 24 of 38 attempts for 306 yards and two touchdowns for a passer rating of 105.8 in the Patriots' 30-20 win over the Oakland Raiders.
- Jacksonville's Byron Leftwich completed 17 of 31 pass attempts for 252 yards, two touchdowns and a passer rating of 103.2 in the Jaguars' 26-14 win over the Seattle Seahawks.

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

- Kansas City's Larry Johnson rushed for 110 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries in the Chiefs' 27-7 win over the New York Jets. Johnson averaged over 12 yards per carry in the game.
- Pittsburgh's Willie Parker rushed for 161 yards and one touchdown on 22 carries in the Steelers' 34-7 victory over the Tennessee Titans. Parker also caught one pass for 48 yards.
- Tampa Bay's Carnell Williams carried 27 times for 148 yards and one touchdown in the Buccaneers' 24-13 win over the Minnesota Vikings. Williams' 71-yard touchdown run sealed the victory for the Buccaneers.

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