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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT **COWBOYS QB DREW BLEDSOE & STEELERS RB WILLIE PARKER** **AS WEEK 1 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

Quarterback **DREW BLEDSOE** of the Dallas Cowboys and running back **WILLIE PARKER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on September 8-12, the NFL announced today.

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.

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.

Bledsoe and Parker were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 35,620 fan votes. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **TOM BRADY** of the New England Patriots and **BYRON LEFTWICH** of the Jacksonville Jaguars, while running backs **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **CARNELL WILLAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

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.

2005 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	<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

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