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**COWBOYS QB DREW BLEDSOE, PATRIOTS QB TOM BRADY
& PACKERS QB BRETT FAVRE; SEAHAWKS RB SHAUN ALEXANDER,
BRONCOS RB TATUM BELL & JAGUARS RB FRED TAYLOR 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 **BRETT FAVRE** of the Green Bay Packers are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on October 9-10, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks, **TATUM BELL** of the Denver Broncos and **FRED TAYLOR** of the Jacksonville Jaguars 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 completed 24 of 35 passes for 289 yards and three touchdowns (12, 15 and 38 yards) for a passer rating of 122.2 in the Cowboys' 33-10 victory over the NFC East-rival Philadelphia Eagles.
- New England's Tom Brady threw for 350 yards, completing 22 of 27 passes with three touchdowns (33, 45 and 55 yards) and a 140.4 passer rating in the Patriots' 31-28 victory over the Atlanta Falcons.
- Green Bay's Brett Favre completed 19 of 27 passes for 215 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 130.9 in the Packers' 52-3 victory over the New Orleans Saints. Favre threw touchdowns of one, 25 and 26 yards.

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

- Seattle's Shaun Alexander carried 25 times for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the Seahawks' 37-31 victory over the NFC West-rival St. Louis Rams. Alexander scored on runs of one and 18 yards.
- Denver's Tatum Bell ran for 127 yards on 12 carries in the Broncos' 21-19 victory over the Washington Redskins. Bell, who averaged more than 10 yards per carry, scored on runs of 34 and 55 yards.
- Jacksonville's Fred Taylor carried 24 times for 132 yards in the Jaguars' 23-20 victory over the previously-undefeated Cincinnati Bengals. Taylor averaged 5.5 yards per carry in the game.

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