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**BEARS QB REX GROSSMAN, BILLS QB J.P. LOSMAN
& COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING; RAMS RB STEVEN JACKSON,
STEELERS RB WILLIE PARKER & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON
CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND®
NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Fans To Vote For Winner On NFL.com and Via Sprint Wireless Service

Quarterbacks **REX GROSSMAN** of the Chicago Bears, **J.P. LOSMAN** of the Buffalo Bills and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on December 14, 16-18, while running backs **STEVEN JACKSON** of the St. Louis Rams, **WILLIE PARKER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers and **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** of the San Diego Chargers 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 9am EST on Tuesday through 12pm EST on Thursday to determine the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week. The winners will be announced Thursday afternoon on NFL.com.

In addition, NFL fans may cast their votes for the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week using Sprint or Nextel wireless service - an opportunity available only to Sprint customers. This fast, convenient voting method involves texting the word **FEDEX** to short code **7777**. Sprint customers will then receive an interactive text message that links fans to the ballot with the six finalists each week. Data and text messaging rates may apply.

Fans will be voting for more than their favorite player. For the third 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:

- Chicago's **REX GROSSMAN** threw for 339 yards, completing 29 of 44 attempts with two touchdown passes and a 104.3 passer rating in the Bears' 34-31 overtime victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Grossman threw touchdown passes of 12 and 24 yards and completed a 28-yard pass late in OT to set up the winning field goal.
- Buffalo's **J.P. LOSMAN** completed 13 of 19 passes for 200 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 142.5 in the Bills' 21-0 victory over the Miami Dolphins. Losman tied his career high with three touchdown passes, connecting on scoring strikes of 21, 27 and 33 yards, all to different receivers.
- Indianapolis' **PEYTON MANNING** threw for 282 yards and four touchdowns, completing 29 of 36 attempts in the Colts' 34-16 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. Manning threw touchdown passes of one, three and four yards to Marvin Harrison and threw an 18-yarder to Reggie Wayne.

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

- St. Louis' **STEVEN JACKSON** carried 31 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns in the Rams' 20-0 victory over the Oakland Raiders. Jackson scored on second-half touchdown runs of four and 19 yards.
- Pittsburgh's **WILLIE PARKER** rushed for 132 yards and one touchdown on 23 carries in the Steelers' 37-3 victory over the Carolina Panthers. Parker scored on a 41-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

- San Diego's **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** carried 25 times for 199 yards and two touchdowns in the Chargers' 20-9 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. With touchdown runs of 15 and 85 yards (career-high), Tomlinson set an NFL record with 186 points this season.

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