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**PATRIOTS QB TOM BRADY, RAMS QB MARC BULGER
& EAGLES QB JEFF GARCIA; TEXANS RB RON DAYNE
RAMS RB STEVEN JACKSON & CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON
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 **TOM BRADY** of the New England Patriots, **MARC BULGER** of the St. Louis Rams and **JEFF GARCIA** of the Philadelphia Eagles are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on December 21, 23-25, while running backs **RON DAYNE** of the Houston Texans, **STEVEN JACKSON** of the St. Louis Rams and **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs 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 6pm 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:

- New England's **TOM BRADY** threw for 249 yards, completing 28 of 39 attempts with one touchdown pass in the Patriots' 24-21 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars. Brady completed passes to 11 different receivers, and threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to tight end David Thomas in the third quarter.
- St. Louis' **MARC BULGER** completed 25 of 38 passes for 388 yards and four touchdowns in the Rams' 37-31 overtime victory over the Washington Redskins. Bulger completed touchdown passes of 10, 10, 27 and 64 yards. He also had a 29-yard run to help set up a Rams field goal late in the game.
- Philadelphia's **JEFF GARCIA** threw for 238 yards and one touchdown, completing 15 of 23 attempts in the Eagles' 23-7 victory over the Dallas Cowboys. Garcia threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to tight end Matt Schobel to give Philadelphia a 7-0 lead. He also carried seven times for 43 yards.

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

- Houston's **RON DAYNE** rushed for 153 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries in the Texans' 27-24 victory over the Indianapolis Colts. Dayne scored first-quarter touchdowns of three and six yards to give Houston a 14-0 lead.
- St. Louis' **STEVEN JACKSON** carried 33 times for 150 yards and one touchdown in the Rams' 37-31 overtime victory over the Washington Redskins. Jackson scored the game-winning TD on a 21-yard run in overtime.

- Kansas City's **LARRY JOHNSON** carried 31 times for 135 yards and one touchdown in the Chiefs' 20-9 victory over the Oakland Raiders. Johnson scored on a one-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.

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