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**BEARS QB REX GROSSMAN, GIANTS QB ELI MANNING  
& COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING; FALCONS RB WARRICK DUNN,  
49ERS RB FRANK GORE & BENGALS RB RUDI JOHNSON CANDIDATES FOR  
FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

***Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com***

Quarterbacks **REX GROSSMAN** of the Chicago Bears, **ELI MANNING** of the New York Giants and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on September 17-18, while running backs **WARRICK DUNN** of the Atlanta Falcons, **FRANK GORE** of the San Francisco 49ers and **RUDI JOHNSON** of the Cincinnati Bengals 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 evening on NFL.com.

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** completed 20 of 27 passes for 289 yards and four touchdowns for a passer rating of 148.0 in the Bears' 34-7 victory over the Detroit Lions.
- The New York Giants' **ELI MANNING** threw for 371 yards, completing 31 of 43 passes with three touchdowns for a passer rating of 111.7 in the Giants' 30-24 come-from-behind overtime victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.
- Indianapolis' **PEYTON MANNING** had a 129.3 passer rating in the Colts' 43-24 victory over the Houston Texans, completing 26 of 38 passes for 400 yards and three touchdowns.

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

- Atlanta's **WARRICK DUNN** rushed for 134 yards on 21 carries in the Falcons' 14-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Dunn's longest run of the day was 30 yards.
- San Francisco's **FRANK GORE** carried 29 times for 127 yards and one touchdown in the 49ers' 20-13 victory over the St. Louis Rams. Gore scored on a 32-yard, third-quarter touchdown run.
- Cincinnati's **RUDI JOHNSON** carried 26 times for 145 yards and two touchdowns in the Bengals' 34-17 victory over the Cleveland Browns. Johnson scored on touchdown runs of one and nine yards in the fourth quarter.

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