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<u>NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT</u> <u>BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON</u> AS WEEK 12 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback **CARSON PALMER** of the Cincinnati Bengals and running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** of the San Diego Chargers are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on November 24, 27-28, the NFL announced today.

Palmer completed 22 of 30 passes for 302 yards, three touchdowns and a 124.6 passer rating in the Bengals' 42-29 victory over the AFC North-rival Baltimore Ravens. He threw touchdown passes of 27, 30 and 54 yards.

Tomlinson carried 25 times for 184 yards and three touchdowns in the Chargers' 23-17 overtime victory over the Washington Redskins. His 41-yard touchdown run in OT was the game-winner.

Palmer and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 80,580 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **RYAN FITZPATRICK** of the St. Louis Rams and **STEVE MC NAIR** of the Tennessee Titans, while running backs **TIKI BARBER** of the New York Giants and **RUDI JOHNSON** of the Cincinnati Bengals were the other finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Palmer received 50 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while McNair received 25 percent and Fitzpatrick received 25 percent. Tomlinson's 48 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Johnson's 33 percent and Barber's 19 percent.

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 Hospital of Cincinnati and Children's Hospital Foundation, 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.

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	EXPRESS (AIR)	<u>Charity</u>	GROUND	<u>Charity</u>
Wk 1	Drew Bledsoe, Dal.	Children's Medical Center Dallas	Willie Parker, Pit.	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
Wk 2	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	Thomas Jones, Chi.	Lutheran General Children's Hospital
Wk 3	Donovan McNabb, Phi.	The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 4	Eli Manning, NY Giants	Tomorrows Children's Fund	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 5	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	Tatum Bell, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 6	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 7	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	LaMont Jordan, Oak.	Oakland Children's Hospital
Wk 8	Jake Plummer, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Tiki Barber, NYG	Tomorrows Children's Fund
Wk 9	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation
Wk 10	Chris Simms, T.B.	All Children's Hospital	Shaun Alexander, Sea.	Children's Hospital
Wk 11	Drew Brees, S.D.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Reuben Droughns, Cle.	The Children's Hospital at the Cleveland Clinic
Wk 12	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation

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