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BROWNS QB TRENT DILFER, EAGLES QB DONOVAN MC NABB & BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER; SEAHAWKS RB SHAUN ALEXANDER, BEARS RB THOMAS JONES & BUCCANEERS RB CARNELL WILLAMS CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS

Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com

Quarterbacks **TRENT DILFER** of the Cleveland Browns, **DONOVAN MC NABB** of the Philadelphia Eagles and **CARSON PALMER** of the Cincinnati Bengals are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on September 18-19, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks, **THOMAS JONES** of the Chicago Bears and **CARNELL WILLAMS** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 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:

- Cleveland's Trent Dilfer completed 21 of 32 passes for 336 yards and three touchdowns for a passer rating of 131.8 in the Browns' 26-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers.
- Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb threw for 342 yards and five touchdowns, completing 23 of 29 passes and registering a 155.4 passer rating in the Eagles' 42-3 victory over the San Francisco 49ers.
- Cincinnati's Carson Palmer completed 27 of 40 passes for 337 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 108.0 in the Bengals' 37-8 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

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

- Seattle's Shaun Alexander carried 28 times for 144 yards and one touchdown in the Seahawks' 21-18 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Alexander scored on a 14-yard run in the second quarter.
- Chicago's Thomas Jones ran for 139 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries in the Bears' 38-6 victory over the NFC North-rival Detroit Lions. Jones scored on touchdown runs of three and 16 yards.
- Tampa Bay's Carnell Williams carried 24 times for 128 yards and one touchdown in the Buccaneers' 19-3 win over the Buffalo Bills. Williams' three-yard touchdown run came in the third quarter.

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