

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE NFL-76 9/30/05 CONTACT: Matt Hill, NFL, 212-450-2080 Hillm@NFL.com

Ryan Furby, FedEx, 901-434-7785 ryan.furby@fedex.com

<u>NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT</u> <u>EAGLES QB DONOVAN MC NABB & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON</u> <u>AS WEEK 3 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK</u>

Quarterback **DONOVAN MC NABB** of the Philadelphia Eagles 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 September 25-26, the NFL announced today.

McNabb completed 30 of 52 passes for 365 yards with touchdowns of four and five yards in the Eagles' 23-20 victory over the Oakland Raiders. With 2:17 remaining in the game, he led the Eagles 75 yards down the field for the winning field goal.

Tomlinson ran for 192 yards on 21 carries, scoring on touchdown runs of one, three and five yards in the Chargers' 45-23 victory over the New York Giants. Tomlinson also threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Keenan McCardell.

McNabb and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 62,330 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **MARC BULGER** of the St. Louis Rams and **DAUNTE CULPEPPER** of the Minnesota Vikings, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks and **RONNIE BROWN** of the Miami Dolphins were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

McNabb received 41 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Culpepper received 35 percent and Bulger received 24 percent. Tomlinson's 71 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Brown's 16 percent and Alexander's 13 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 The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia 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.

Continued...

2005 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	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

#