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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT
GIANTS QB ELI MANNING & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON
AS WEEK 4 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback **ELI MANNING** of the New York Giants 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 October 2-3, the NFL announced today.

Manning threw for 296 yards, completing 19 of 35 passes with touchdowns of one, 17, 31 and 31 yards and a passer rating of 120.7 in the Giants' 44-24 victory over the St. Louis Rams. He ranks fifth in the NFL this season with a passer rating of 97.8 through four games.

Tomlinson ran for 134 yards on 25 carries, scoring on touchdown runs of one and eight yards in the Chargers' 41-17 victory over the New England Patriots. He also caught three passes. Tomlinson leads the league with eight touchdowns this season.

Manning and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 74,384 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **DREW BREES** of the San Diego Chargers and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts, while running backs **WARRICK DUNN** of the Atlanta Falcons and **LA MONT JORDAN** of the Oakland Raiders were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Eli Manning received 49 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Brees received 37 percent and Peyton Manning received 14 percent. Tomlinson's 66 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Jordan's 24 percent and Dunn's 10 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 Tomorrow's Children's Fund 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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	<u>EXPRESS (AIR)</u>	<u>Charity</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<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

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