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REDSKINS QB MARK BRUNELL, BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER & BRONCOS QB JAKE PLUMMER; SEAHAWKS RB SHAUN ALEXANDER, COLTS RB EDGERRIN JAMES & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS

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Quarterbacks MARK BRUNELL of the Washington Redskins, CARSON PALMER of the Cincinnati Bengals and JAKE PLUMMER of the Denver Broncos are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on October 16-17, while running backs SHAUN ALEXANDER of the Seattle Seahawks, EDGERRIN JAMES of the Indianapolis Colts and LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON of the San Diego Chargers 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:

- Washington's Mark Brunell completed 25 of 41 passes for 331 yards and three touchdowns for a passer rating of 110.9 in the Redskins' 28-21 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs. Brunell threw touchdowns of four, 11 and 78 yards.
- Cincinnati's Carson Palmer threw for 272 yards and two touchdowns on 27 of 33 passing for a 121.2 passer rating in the Bengals' 31-23 victory over the Tennessee Titans. Palmer threw touchdowns of one and 15 yards.
- Denver's Jake Plummer completed 17 of 24 passes for 262 yards and two touchdowns (one and six yards) in the Broncos' 28-20 victory over the New England Patriots. Plummer's passer rating was 134.4.

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

- Seattle's Shaun Alexander carried 22 times for 141 yards and four touchdowns in the Seahawks' 42-10 victory over the Houston Texans. Alexander scored on runs of one, four, five and 23 yards.
- Indianapolis' Edgerrin James ran for 143 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries in the Colts' 45-28 victory over the St. Louis Rams. James scored on touchdown runs of one, one and eight yards.
- San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson carried 31 times for 140 yards and one touchdown in the Chargers' 27-14 victory over the AFC West-rival Oakland Raiders. Tomlinson added a 35-yard touchdown reception and four-yard touchdown pass.

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