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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT
BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON
AS WEEK 6 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 October 16-17, the NFL announced today.

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. He threw touchdowns of one and 15 yards to help Cincinnati improve to 5-1.

Tomlinson carried 31 times for 140 yards and one touchdown in the Chargers' 27-14 victory over the AFC West-rival Oakland Raiders. He added a 35-yard touchdown reception and a four-yard touchdown pass.

Palmer and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 94,222 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **MARK BRUNELL** of the Washington Redskins and **JAKE PLUMMER** of the Denver Broncos, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks and **EDGERRIN JAMES** of the Indianapolis Colts were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Palmer received 53 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Brunell received 25 percent and Plummer received 22 percent. Tomlinson's 46 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Alexander's 39 percent and James' 15 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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	<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
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

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