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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT
BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON
AS WEEK 9 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 November 6-7, the NFL announced today.

Palmer threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns on 19 of 26 passing for a passer rating of 128.4 in the Bengals' 21-9 victory over the AFC North-rival Baltimore Ravens. His touchdown passes were from three and eight yards.

Tomlinson ran for 107 yards and three touchdowns on 25 carries in the Chargers' 31-26 victory over the New York Jets. He scored on touchdown runs of one, one and four yards and also scored on a 25-yard reception.

Palmer and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 78,518 fan votes on NFL.com. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts and **MICHAEL VICK** of the Atlanta Falcons, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks and **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Palmer received 45 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Manning received 43 percent and Vick received 12 percent. Tomlinson's 52 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Alexander's 34 percent and Johnson'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 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
Wk 7	Brett Favre, G.B.	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	LaMont Jordan, Oak.	Oakland Children's Hospital
Wk 8	Jake Plummer, Den.	Children's Hospital Foundation	Tiki Barber, NYG	Tomorrows Children's Fund
Wk 9	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Children's Hospital of Cincinnati	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD	Children's Hospital Foundation

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