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**PATRIOTS QB TOM BRADY, COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING &  
BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER; SEAHAWKS RB SHAUN ALEXANDER,  
GIANTS RB TIKI BARBER & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON  
CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR HONORS**

***Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com***

Quarterbacks **TOM BRADY** of the New England Patriots, **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts and **CARSON PALMER** of the Cincinnati Bengals are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Year honors, while running backs **SHAUN ALEXANDER** of the Seattle Seahawks, **TIKI BARBER** of the New York Giants and **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** of the San Diego Chargers are the finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Year honors, the NFL announced today.

Fans can vote for one player in each category on NFL.com from Wednesday, January 11 through Wednesday, January 25 to determine the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Year. The FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Year will be announced on February 1 during a press conference the week of Super Bowl XL in Detroit, Michigan.

Fans will be voting for more than their favorite player. The local children's hospitals in the two season-long winner's markets will be awarded \$25,000 each. In addition, in honor of the Super Bowl host city, FedEx will donate \$25,000 to Children's Hospital of Michigan. The weekly FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards were a win all season for the local community. Along with the award, FedEx donated \$5,000 every week to the local children's hospital in each winning market. 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 Year finalists:

- **New England's Tom Brady** led the NFL with 4,110 passing yards, completing 334 of 530 passes, including 26 touchdowns, for a passer rating of 92.3. He threw for more than 250 yards in 10 of 16 games this season. Brady was nominated for three FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week awards in 2005.
- **Indianapolis' Peyton Manning** led the NFL with a 104.1 passer rating in 2005, completing 305 of 453 passes for 3,747 yards and 28 touchdowns, second in the league. Manning threw two or more touchdowns in 10 of 16 games. He was nominated for five FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week awards this season.
- **Cincinnati's Carson Palmer** led the NFL with 32 touchdown passes and ranked second with a 101.1 passer rating as he completed 345 of 509 passes for 3,836 yards in 2005. He threw for two or more touchdowns in 12 of 16 games. Palmer was nominated for five FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week awards, winning all five times.

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

- **Seattle's Shaun Alexander** led the NFL with 1,880 rushing yards on 370 carries and set an NFL record with 28 touchdowns (27 rushing) in 2005. Alexander was nominated for seven FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week awards, winning one.
- **New York's Tiki Barber** ranked second in the NFL with 1,860 rushing yards on 357 carries this season. Barber, who scored 11 touchdowns (nine rushing) was nominated for four FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week awards, winning two.
- **San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson** ranked third in the NFL with 20 touchdowns (18 rushing) in 2005 to go along with his 1,462 rushing yards on 339 carries. Tomlinson was nominated for five FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week awards, winning all five times.

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