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## BENGALS QB CARSON PALMER & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON NAMED WEEK 13 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

## Winner Selected Through Fan Votes on NFL.com and Via Sprint Wireless

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 30 and December 3-4, the NFL announced today.

Palmer threw for 234 yards and one touchdown, completing 21 of 32 attempts for a 97.7 passer rating in the Bengals' 13-7 victory over the Baltimore Ravens. He threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh, one of 10 completions for 106 yards to Houshmandzadeh on the night.

Tomlinson carried 28 times for 178 yards and two touchdowns in the Chargers' 24-21 victory over the Buffalo Bills. He scored on runs of two and 51 yards to give him 26 touchdowns this season.

Palmer and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 130,418 fan votes on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **JEFF GARCIA** of the Philadelphia Eagles and **DAVID GARRARD** of the Jacksonville Jaguars, while running backs **LADELL BETTS** of the Washington Redskins and **CEDRIC HOUSTON** of the New York Jets were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Palmer received 47 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Garcia received 41 percent and Garrard received 12 percent. Tomlinson's 82 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Betts' 9 percent and Houston's 9 percent.

Fans voted for more than their favorite players. The weekly <u>FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards</u> are also a win for the local community. Along with the player awards, FedEx is awarding Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital and Rady Children's Hospital, the children's hospitals in the winning players' markets, a check for \$5,000.

The children's hospitals in the two season-long winner's markets, announced at Super Bowl XLI in South Florida, 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.

## 2006 FEDEX AIR & GROUND NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

| Wk 1  | EXPRESS (AIR) Donovan McNabb, | Charity Children's Crisis                       | GROUND LaDainian Tomlinson, | Charity Rady Children's                         |
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| Wk 2  | Phi.<br>Rex Grossman, Chi.    | Treatment Center Shriners Hospital for Children | SD.<br>Rudi Johnson, Cin.   | Hospital Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital |
| Wk 3  | Brett Favre, GB               | Children's Hospital of Wisconsin                | Brian Westbrook, Phi.       | Children's Hospital of Philadelphia             |
| Wk 4  | Rex Grossman, Chi.            | Advocate Hope<br>Children's Hospital            | Laurence Maroney,<br>NE     | Boston Children's<br>Hospital                   |
| Wk 5  | Donovan McNabb,<br>Phi.       | Children's Crisis Treatment Center              | Deuce McAllister, NO        | Children's Hospital of New Orleans              |
| Wk 6  | Philip Rivers, SD             | Rady Children's<br>Hospital                     | LaDainian Tomlinson,<br>SD. | Rady Children's<br>Hospital                     |
| Wk 7  | Michael Vick, Atl.            | Children's Healthcare of Atlanta                | Chester Taylor, Min.        | Fairview University<br>Children's Hospital      |
| Wk 8  | Tom Brady, NE                 | Boston Children's<br>Hospital                   | Ahman Green, GB             | Children's Hospital of Wisconsin                |
| Wk 9  | Drew Brees, N.O.              | Children's Hospital of<br>New Orleans           | LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.    | Rady Children's<br>Hospital                     |
| Wk 10 | Brett Favre, GB               | Children's Hospital of Wisconsin                | LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.    | Rady Children's<br>Hospital                     |
| Wk 11 | Carson Palmer, Cin.           | Cincinnati Children's<br>Medical Hospital       | LaDainian Tomlinson,<br>SD. | Rady Children's<br>Hospital                     |
| Wk 12 | Drew Brees, N.O.              | Children's Hospital of<br>New Orleans           | Joseph Addai, Ind.          | Riley Hospital for<br>Children                  |
| Wk 13 | Carson Palmer, Cin.           | Cincinnati Children's<br>Medical Hospital       | LaDainian Tomlinson,<br>SD. | Rady Children's<br>Hospital                     |

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