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SAINTS QB DREW BREES & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON NAMED WEEK 14 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints 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 December 7, 10-11, the NFL announced today.

Brees threw for 384 yards, completing 26 of 38 attempts with five touchdown passes and a 140.9 passer rating in the Saints' 42-17 victory over the Dallas Cowboys. He completed touchdown passes of three, six, 27, 42 and 61 yards, tying his career high of five TDs in one game.

Tomlinson carried 28 times for 103 yards and three touchdowns in the Chargers' 48-20 victory over the Denver Broncos. With touchdown runs of one, six and seven yards, Tomlinson broke the single-season NFL touchdown record of 28. He has 29 through 13 games.

Brees and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 187,911 fan votes on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **BRETT FAVRE** of the Green Bay Packers and **STEVE MC NAIR** of the Baltimore Ravens, while running backs **WILLIE PARKER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers and **ARTOSE PINNER** of the Minnesota Vikings were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Brees received 54 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Favre received 44 percent and McNair received 2 percent. Tomlinson's 54 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Parker's 39 percent and Pinner's 7 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 New Orleans 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.

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	<u>EXPRESS (AIR)</u>	<u>Charity</u>	<u>GROUND</u>	<u>Charity</u>
Wk 1	Donovan McNabb, Phi.	Children's Crisis Treatment Center	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
Wk 2	Rex Grossman, Chi.	Shriners Hospital for Children	Rudi Johnson, Cin.	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 Children's Hospital	Laurence Maroney, NE	Boston Children's Hospital
Wk 5	Donovan McNabb, Phi.	Children's Crisis Treatment Center	Deuce McAllister, NO	Children's Hospital of New Orleans
Wk 6	Philip Rivers, SD	Rady Children's Hospital	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
Wk 7	Michael Vick, Atl.	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Chester Taylor, Min.	Fairview University Children's Hospital
Wk 8	Tom Brady, NE	Boston Children's Hospital	Ahman Green, GB	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Wk 9	Drew Brees, N.O.	Children's Hospital of New Orleans	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
Wk 10	Brett Favre, GB	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
Wk 11	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
Wk 12	Drew Brees, N.O.	Children's Hospital of New Orleans	Joseph Addai, Ind.	Riley Hospital for Children
Wk 13	Carson Palmer, Cin.	Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
Wk 14	Drew Brees, N.O.	Children's Hospital of New Orleans	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital

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