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BEARS QB REX GROSSMAN & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON NAMED WEEK 15 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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

Quarterback **REX GROSSMAN** of the Chicago Bears 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 14, 16-18, the NFL announced today.

Grossman threw for 339 yards, completing 29 of 44 attempts with two touchdown passes and a 104.3 passer rating in the Bears' 34-31 overtime victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He threw touchdown passes of 12 and 24 yards and completed a 28-yard pass late in OT to set up the winning field goal.

Tomlinson carried 25 times for 199 yards and two touchdowns in the Chargers' 20-9 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. With touchdown runs of 15 and 85 yards (career-high), Tomlinson set an NFL record with 186 points this season.

Grossman and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 76,517 fan votes on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **J.P. LOSMAN** of the Buffalo Bills and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts, while running backs **STEVEN JACKSON** of the St. Louis Rams and **WILLIE PARKER** of the Pittsburgh Steelers were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Grossman received 38 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Manning received 37 percent and Losman received 25 percent. Tomlinson's 79 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Parker's 15 percent and Jackson's 6 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 Shriners Hospital for Children 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
Wk 15	Rex Grossman, Chi.	Shriners Hospital for Children	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital

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