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**NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT**  
**BEARS QB REX GROSSMAN & BENGALS RB RUDI JOHNSON**  
**AS WEEK 2 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS**

Quarterback **REX GROSSMAN** of the Chicago Bears and running back **RUDI JOHNSON** of the Cincinnati Bengals are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on September 17-18, the NFL announced today.

Grossman completed 20 of 27 passes for 289 yards and four touchdowns for a passer rating of 148.0 in the Bears' 34-7 victory over the Detroit Lions. He threw touchdown passes of three, five, 31 and 41 yards.

Johnson carried 26 times for 145 yards and two touchdowns in the Bengals' 34-17 victory over the Cleveland Browns. He scored on touchdown runs of one and nine yards in the fourth quarter.

Grossman and Johnson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 139,748 fan votes. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **ELI MANNING** of the New York Giants and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts, while running backs **WARRICK DUNN** of the Atlanta Falcons and **FRANK GORE** of the San Francisco 49ers were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Grossman received 36 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Eli Manning received 34 percent and Peyton Manning received 30 percent. Johnson's 66 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Dunn's 19 percent and Gore's 15 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 Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital, the children's hospitals in each winning market, 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**

	<b><u>EXPRESS (AIR)</u></b>	<b><u>Charity</u></b>	<b><u>GROUND</u></b>	<b><u>Charity</u></b>
<b>Wk 1</b>	Donovan McNabb, Phi.	Children's Crisis Treatment Center	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD.	Rady Children's Hospital
<b>Wk 2</b>	Rex Grossman, Chi.	Shriners Hospital for Children	Rudi Johnson, Cin.	Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital

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