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## PANTHERS QB JAKE DELHOMME, SEAHAWKS QB MATT HASSELBECK & CHARGERS QB PHILIP RIVERS; GIANTS RB TIKI BARBER, TITANS RB TRAVIS HENRY & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS

## Fans To Vote For Winners On NFL.com

Quarterbacks JAKE DELHOMME of the Carolina Panthers, MATT HASSELBECK of the Seattle Seahawks and PHILIP RIVERS of the San Diego Chargers are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on October 15-16, while running backs TIKI BARBER of the New York Giants, TRAVIS HENRY of the Tennessee Titans and LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON of the San Diego Chargers are the finalists for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week honors, the NFL announced today.

Fans can vote for one player in each category on NFL.com from 9am EST on Tuesday through 6pm EST on Thursday to determine the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week. The winners will be announced Thursday evening on NFL.com.

Fans will be voting for more than their favorite player. For the third season in a row, the weekly FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week Awards are a win for the local community. Along with the award, FedEx will donate \$5,000 every week to the local children's hospital in each winning market. The children's hospitals in the two season-long winner's markets, announced at this year's Super Bowl, 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.

## A closer look at the FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists:

- Carolina's JAKE DELHOMME completed 24 of 39 passes for 365 yards and two touchdowns in the Panthers' 23-21 victory over the Baltimore Ravens. Against one of the top defenses in the league, Delhomme connected on touchdown passes of 42 and 72 yards to lead Carolina to victory.
- Seattle's **MATT HASSELBECK** threw for 268 yards, completing 19 of 34 passes with three touchdowns for a passer rating of 110.9 in the Seahawks' 30-28 come-from-behind victory over the NFC West-rival St. Louis Rams. Hasselbeck threw touchdown passes of 14, 19 and 42 yards in the win.
- San Diego's **PHILIP RIVERS** had a 116.8 passer rating in the Chargers' 48-19 victory over the San Francisco 49ers, completing 29 of 39 passes for 334 yards and two touchdowns. On San Diego's opening possession, Rivers threw a 57-yard touchdown pass. He added a 33-yard TD pass in the second quarter.

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

- The New York Giants' **TIKI BARBER** rushed for 185 yards on 26 carries in the Giants' 27-14 victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Barber, who averaged more than seven yards per carry, also caught three passes for 42 yards.
- Tennessee's **TRAVIS HENRY** carried 32 times for 178 yards and one touchdown in the Titans' 25-22 victory over the Washington Redskins. Henry scored on a two-yard run in the third quarter to put Tennessee in front 20-14.
- San Diego's LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON carried 21 times for 71 yards and four touchdowns in the Chargers' 48-19 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. Tomlinson scored on touchdown runs of one, one, five and five yards.

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