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NFL.COM VOTERS SELECT FALCONS QB MICHAEL VICK & VIKINGS RB CHESTER TAYLOR AS WEEK 7 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Quarterback **MICHAEL VICK** of the Atlanta Falcons and running back **CHESTER TAYLOR** of the Minnesota Vikings are the **FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week** for games played on October 22-23, the NFL announced today.

Vick threw a career-high four touchdown passes, completing 18 of 30 attempts for 232 yards in the Falcons' 41-38 overtime victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. In this back-and-forth shootout, Vick completed touchdown passes of three, 22 and 31 yards to Alge Crumpler and a 17-yarder to Michael Jenkins.

Taylor rushed for a career-high 169 yards and one touchdown on 26 carries in the Vikings' 31-13 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Taylor's 95-yard, third-quarter TD run was a franchise record.

Vick and Taylor were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 41,332 fan votes. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **DAVID CARR** of the Houston Texans and **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts, while running backs **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **LEON WASHINGTON** of the New York Jets were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Vick received 44 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Manning received 42 percent and Carr received 14 percent. Taylor's 43 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Washington's 32 percent and Johnson's 25 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 Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Fairview University 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

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

			Children		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

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