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PATRIOTS QB TOM BRADY, COLTS QB PEYTON MANNING & FALCONS QB MICHAEL VICK; PACKERS RB AHMAN GREEN, CHIEFS RB LARRY JOHNSON & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON CANDIDATES FOR FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK HONORS

Fans To Vote For Winner On NFL.com and Via Sprint Wireless Service

Quarterbacks **TOM BRADY** of the New England Patriots, **PEYTON MANNING** of the Indianapolis Colts and **MICHAEL VICK** of the Atlanta Falcons are the finalists for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week honors for games played on October 29-30, while running backs **AHMAN GREEN** of the Green Bay Packers, **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs and **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** of the San Diego Charger 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.

In addition, NFL fans may cast their votes for the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Week using phones with Sprint or Nextel wireless service - an opportunity available only to Sprint customers. This fast, convenient voting method involves texting the word **FEDEX** to short code **7777**. Sprint customers will then receive an interactive text message that links fans to the ballot with the six finalists each week. Data and text messaging rates may apply.

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:

- New England's **TOM BRADY** completed 29 of 43 passes for 372 yards and four touchdowns in the Patriots' 31-7 victory over the Minnesota Vikings. Brady completed passes to 10 different receivers and connected on touchdown passes of six, seven, nine and 10 yards, each to a different player.
- Indianapolis' **PEYTON MANNING** threw for 345 yards, completing 32 of 39 passes with three touchdowns for a 129.2 passer rating in the Colts' 34-33 victory over the Denver Broncos. Facing Denver's stingy defense, Manning completed touchdowns of five, 12 and 19 yards and led the Colts to a game-winning, last-second field goal.
- Atlanta's MICHAEL VICK threw three touchdown passes, completing 20 of 28 attempts for 291 yards and a
 passer rating of 140.6 in the Falcons' 29-27 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals. Vick threw touchdown passes of
 eight, 16 and 26 yards in the victory. He also rushed nine times for 55 yards.

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

- Green Bay's **AHMAN GREEN** rushed for 106 yards and two touchdowns on 21 carries in the Packers' 31-14 victory over the Arizona Cardinals. Green scored on second-quarter touchdown runs of two and four yards.
- Kansas City's LARRY JOHNSON carried 39 times for 155 yards and three touchdowns in the Chiefs' 35-28 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Johnson scored on runs of two, three and nine yards in the game.

 San Diego's LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON carried 25 times for 183 yards and two touchdowns in the Chargers' 38-24 victory over the St. Louis Rams. Tomlinson scored on runs of two and 38 yards and added a 25-yard TD catch.

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