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SAINTS QB DREW BREES & CHARGERS RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON NAMED WEEK 9 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Winner Selected By Fan Vote on NFL.com and Via Sprint Wireless Service

Quarterback **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints 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 November 5-6, the NFL announced today.

Brees completed 24 of 32 passes for 314 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 136.7 in the Saints' 31-14 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He completed first-quarter touchdown passes of 15 and 52 yards and added a 45-yarder in the third quarter to give the Saints their final margin of victory..

Tomlinson carried 18 times for 172 yards and three touchdowns in the Chargers' 32-25 victory over the Cleveland Browns. He scored on runs of seven, eight and 41 yards..

Brees and Tomlinson were selected from among finalists in air and ground categories through 86,827 fan votes on NFL.com and via Sprint wireless service. The other FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week finalists were quarterbacks **DAVID GARRARD** of the Jacksonville Jaguars and **JAKE PLUMMER** of the Denver Broncos, while running backs **RONNIE BROWN** of the Miami Dolphins and **LARRY JOHNSON** of the Kansas City Chiefs were the other finalists for the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week.

Brees received 72 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Express NFL Player of the Week, while Plummer received 23 percent and Garrard received 5 percent. Tomlinson's 70 percent of the fan votes for FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week beat out Brown's 18 percent and Johnson's 12 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 Children's Hospital of New Orleans 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

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