

2003 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

GAME

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003
TAMPA BAY 17, PHILADELPHIA 0
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,772



The Eagles opened the 2003 season, the first ever at Lincoln Financial Field, with a 17-0 loss to the defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Despite a raucous crowd on a beautiful Monday night, the Eagles could not overcome mistakes in the face of the team who eliminated them from the playoffs one year earlier. The Bucs defense flexed their muscles and their blazing speed throughout the night to limit the Eagles to just 245 yards and 22 minutes of possession time. It was Philadelphia who had the first major scoring opportunity of the contest as they marched to the TB 1-yard line early in the first stanza. But the Bucs froze the Eagles with three straight stops and forced the kicking team to come out for a field goal. Holder Koy Detmer took the snap and faked the field goal attempt, lofting a pass to rookie TE L.J. Smith in the back of the end zone. The ball bounced off of Smith's hands as the Eagles came away with no points. The Bucs finally lit the scoreboard at the new stadium with a 23-yard field goal by Martin Gramatica early in the 2nd quarter. The score stayed that way until the 3rd quarter when the Bucs used a 13-yard scoring pass from Brad Johnson to Joe Jurevicius. Those two connected once again on a 7-yard play early in the 4th quarter to finish the scoring.

NOTES: Eagles CB Troy Vincent recorded the 40th interception of his career, his 26th as an Eagle ... James Thrash's 47-yd. run on an end around was the longest rushing attempt of his career.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Tampa Bay	0	3	7	7	- 17
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	- 0

TB – M.Gramatica, 23 FG
TB – J.Jurevicius, 13 pass from B.Johnson (Gramatica)
TB – J.Jurevicius, 7 pass from B.Johnson (Gramatica)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	19	13
Net Yards Gained	328	245
Rushes/Yards	31/90	16/121
Net Yards Passing	238	124
Att/Comp/INT	36/27/1	37/19/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	0/0	3/24
Punts/Average	6/45.0	7/38.1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	7/64	3/25
Time of Possession	37:39	22:21
3rd Down Efficiency	9/17	2/11

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 5-55, J.Thrash 1-47, D.Staley 7-14, B.Westbrook 2-5, C.Buckhalter 1-0 ... BUCCANEERS – M.Pittman 8-35, T.Jones 10-30, M.Alscott 12-23, A.Stecker 1-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – D.Staley 7-46, J.Thrash 5-46, C.Lewis 3-22, T.Pinkston 2-7, F.Mitchell 1-15, J.Ritchie 1-12 ... BUCCANEERS – K.Johnson 6-83, M.Alstott 5-36, J.Jurevicius 4-39-2TDs, M.Pittman 4-6, K.McCardell 3-41, T.Jones 2-10, W.Sapp 1-14, D.Barnes 1-6, K.Dilger 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 36-19-148-1-0 (starter), K.Detmer 1-0-0-0-0 ... BUCCANEERS – B.Johnson 36-27-238-1-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES – T.Vincent 1-28 ... BUCCANEERS – A.McFarland 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES – 0 ... BUCCANEERS – S.Rice 1.5, R.Barber 0.5, J.Lynch 0.5, G.Spires 0.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: -1 (1 fumbles, 0 INTs/1 fumble, 1 INTs)

Weather: Cloudy, 74 degrees

Wind: E 10 mph

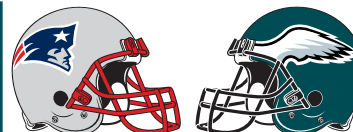
Playing surface: Grass

Time: 2:59



**GAME
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2003
NEW ENGLAND 31, PHILADELPHIA 10
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,624**



A plethora of turnovers and another offensive power shortage proved costly to the Eagles as the Patriots overcame a 7-3 deficit to roll to a 31-10 victory in Philadelphia. As a result, the Eagles fell to 0-2 for the first time since 1999, as they dropped two straight regular season games in a row for the first time since weeks 2-3 of the 2000 season. The Eagles used a 2-yard TD run by RB Duce Staley, the team's first points at Lincoln Financial Field, to grab a short-lived lead early in the 2nd quarter. The turnover bug then struck the Eagles as Donovan McNabb fumbled after a sack at their own 35-yard line. Four plays later, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady connected with TE Christian Fauria on an 8-yard scoring play. Later in the 2nd stanza, Eagles punt returner Brian Westbrook fumbled a punt deep in Eagles territory and Brady and Fauria connected again on a 5-yard TD. With a 17-7 lead at halftime, the Eagles started off the 2nd half the same way they ended it – with a turnover. This time Duce Staley fumbled after a rushing attempt inside Patriots territory. Two Patriots possessions later, Brady hit the speedy Deion Branch with a 26-yard scoring play to give the Patriots a commanding 24-7 lead. The Eagles showed some life early in the 4th quarter with a career-long 57-yard field goal by David Akers to pull within two scores. But McNabb and the Eagles offense stalled the rest of the day. In fact, one of McNabb's final pass attempts went straight into the hands of Pats LB Tedy Bruschi, who rumbled 18 yards for the game's final score.

NOTES: Akers' 57-yard field goal was the 2nd longest in team history and the longest by any kicker in Philadelphia. Tony Franklin's team-record 59 yarder occurred at Dallas in 1979 ... Akers also moved past Roger Ruzek (382) and into 8th place on the Eagles all-time scoring list ... The Eagles played without three injured defensive starters (FS Brian Dawkins, CB Bobby Taylor, and DE Brandon Whiting) ... McNabb became the 5th Eagle to surpass the 10,000-yard passing plateau, joining Ron Jaworski, Randall Cunningham, Norman Snead, and Tommy Thompson.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
New England	3	14	7	7	- 31
Philadelphia	0	7	0	3	- 10

NE – A.Vinateri, 27 FG
Phila – D.Staley, 2 run (Akers)
NE – C.Fauria, 8 pass from T.Brady (Vinatieri)
NE – C.Fauria, 5 pass from T.Brady (Vinatieri)
NE – D.Branch, 26 pass from T.Brady (Vinatieri)
Phila – D.Akers, 57 FG
NE – T.Bruschi, 18 interception return (Vinatieri)

TEAM STATISTICS	NE	PHILA
First Downs	17	23
Net Yards Gained	309	268
Rushes/Yards	30/62	16/100
Net Yards Passing	247	169
Att/Comp/INT	44/30/0	48/20/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/8	8/43
Punts/Average	10/38.9	8/43.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	5/4
Penalties/Yards	8/84	7/53
Time of Possession	36:35	23:25
3rd Down Efficiency	4/17	3/14

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 5-54, B.Westbrook 6-29, D.Staley 5-17-1TD ... PATRIOTS – A.Smith 12-25, K.Faulk 7-23, T.Brady 6-7, L.Centers 3-7, K.Walter 1-0, F.McCrary 1-0.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – J.Thrash 6-80, C.Lewis 3-36, T.Pinkston 3-35, D.Staley 3-16, F.Mitchell 3-16, C.Buckhalter 1-21, B.Westbrook 1-7 ... PATRIOTS – T.Brown 7-34, D.Branch 6-89-1TD, K.Faulk 4-59, C.Fauria 3-19-2TDs, B.Johnson 2-21, L.Centers 2-12, D.Patten 2-4, A.Smith 2-2, D.Graham 1-3, F.McCrary 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 46-18-186-2-0 (starter) K.Detmer 2-2-25-0-0 ... PATRIOTS – T.Brady 44-30-255-0-3TDs.

INTs: EAGLES – 0 ... PATRIOTS – A.Morris 1-33, T.Bruschi 1-18-1TD.

SACKS: EAGLES – C.Simon 1.0, P.Grasmanis 1.0 ... PATRIOTS – W.McGinest 2.0, T.Bruschi 1.0, T.Washington 1.0, M.Vrabel 1.0, M.Chatham, 1.0, J.Green 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: -6 (0 fumbles, 0 INTs/4 fumble, 2 INTs)

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 82 degrees

Wind: S 10 mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:30



GAME
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 23, BUFFALO 13
RALPH WILSON STADIUM • 73,305



The Eagles got off to a quick start and registered their first win of the season with a 23-13 triumph over Buffalo at Ralph Wilson Stadium. They blistered the Bills with 177 yards on the ground, including 67 in the first quarter in which the Eagles built a 10-0 lead. On the first play from scrimmage, Donovan McNabb connected with Todd Pinkston on a 27-yard completion. Two plays later, McNabb scrambled for 25 more to set up a two-yard TD run by Correll Buckhalter. After forcing a three-and-out by the Bills, the Eagles marched 65 yards on 16 plays to set up a 26-yard field goal by David Akers that gave Philadelphia a 10-0 lead with just :09 remaining in the first quarter. In all, the Eagles had possession of the ball for 13:18 of the first quarter. Buffalo squandered a scoring attempt early in the 2nd quarter as Rian Lindell came up short on a 51-yard field goal attempt. Late in the 2nd quarter, Buffalo threatened again with a drive inside Eagles territory. But Eagles SS Michael Lewis knocked the ball loose from Bills WR Bobby Shaw at the Eagles 23-yard line. Rookie free agent cornerback Rod Hood, who was pressed into action after a hamstring injury to Pro Bowl CB Troy Vincent early in the first quarter, scooped up the ball and returned it to midfield before fumbling himself. FS Clinton Hart, subbing for the injured Brian Dawkins, recovered for the Eagles, who utilized their two-minute offense to the tune of a 34-yard field goal by Akers that gave Philadelphia a 13-0 advantage at halftime. They went up 16-0 with a 14-play, 70-yard drive that chewed up 9:24 of the 3rd quarter. The Bills fought back with two 4th quarter touchdowns, but McNabb connected with WR James Thrash on a key 3rd-and-7 play late in the game that set up a 62-yard touchdown run by Brian Westbrook to put the game away.

NOTES: Akers moved past Paul McFadden (91) and into first place on the Eagles all-time field goal list ... The Eagles defense, who played without starters Dawkins, Vincent, Bobby Taylor and Brandon Whiting, held Buffalo to just 21 rushing yards on 12 attempts. It was their lowest total allowed since holding the Oilers to 21 yards on 12/2/91, the only lower rushing total allowed in team history came when the Eagles held the Redskins to 14 yards on 9/28/47 ... Under head coach Andy Reid, the Eagles are 6-0 (including playoffs) following a bye week ... Westbrook's TD was the first of his career and was the longest rushing score by an Eagles since Brian Mitchell's 85 yarder vs. Atlanta in 2000.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	10	3	3	7	- 23
Buffalo	0	0	0	13	- 13

Phila – C.Buckhalter, 2 run (Akers)
Phila – D.Akers, 26 FG
Phila – D.Akers, 34 FG
Phila – D.Akers, 22 FG
Buf – B.Shaw, 3 pass from D.Bledsoe (pass failed)
Buf – D.Bledsoe, 1 run (Lindell)
Phila – B.Westbrook, 62 run (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>BUF</u>
First Downs	19	15
Net Yards Gained	335	308
Rushes/Yards	34/176	12/21
Net Yards Passing	159	287
Att/Comp/INT	29/18/0	43/27/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/14	2/9
Punts/Average	4/43.5	4/41.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	3/1
Penalties/Yards	7/45	10/84
Time of Possession	33:48	26:12
3rd Down Efficiency	9/16	6/15

RUSHING: EAGLES – B.Westbrook 11-96-1TD, D.McNabb 9-47, C.Buckhalter 11-25, J.Thrash 1-4, D.Staley 2-4 ... **BILLS** – J.Burns 8-17, K.Simonton 2-4, D.Bledsoe 2-0-1TD.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – T.Pinkston 6-60, J.Thrash 3-47, D.Staley 3-16, F.Mitchell 2-24, L.Smith 2-17, B.Westbrook 1-5, J.Ritchie 1-4 ... **BILLS** – E.Moulds 8-114, B.Shaw 8-92-1TD, M.Campbell 5-38, J.Burns 3-34, J.Reed 1-9, D.Moore 1-7, S.Gash 1-2.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 29-18-173-0-0 ... **BILLS** – D.Bledsoe 43-27-296-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES – 0 ... **BILLS** – 0.

SACKS: EAGLES – S.Brown 1.0, C.Simon 1.0 ... **BILLS** – A.Schobel 1.0, J.Posey 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +1 (1 fumbles, 0 INTs/o fumble, 0 INTs)

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 59 degrees

Wind: W 12 mph

Playing surface: AstroPlay

Time: 3:25



GAME
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 27, WASHINGTON 25
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,792



The Eagles capitalized on great play by their defense and won for the first time ever at Lincoln Financial Field as they held off a furious comeback attempt by the Redskins who failed on a two-point conversion attempt in the game's final minute. The Eagles defense, playing without their three injured Pro Bowl defensive backs (Troy Vincent, Bobby Taylor, and Brian Dawkins), pressured Redskins quarterback Patrick Ramsey all day long and forced him into two turnovers that resulted in 14 Eagle points, including the first career TD by DE N.D. Kalu. The Eagles built a 10-0 lead early after a 52-yard field goal by David Akers and a 4-yard TD catch by FB Jon Ritchie. That touchdown was set up after an interception by rookie CB Roderick Hood, who snared a pass attempt that deflected off the hands of Redskins WR Laveranues Coles. The Redskins bounced back with an interception of their own. Former Eagle LB Jeremiah Trotter intercepted a pass attempt by Donovan McNabb and rumbled 21 yards to the Eagles one-yard line. Three plays later, Ramsey scored on a quarterback sneak. On the ensuing possession, McNabb connected with WR Freddie Mitchell on a 39-yard catch and run that set up another field goal by Akers to give them a 13-7 lead. The Redskins responded with a field goal of their own at the end of the half and another one to start the second half tying the contest at 13. But a huge trio of plays by Eagles DT Darwin Walker forced another turnover. After a tackle for loss that was negated by a facemask penalty, Walker then sacked Ramsey. On the next play, Walker pressured Ramsey and struck his arm on a pass attempt that was snatched out of the air by Kalu, who rumbled 15 yards for a TD and gave the Eagles a 20-13 lead. The Redskins cut the lead to four after a field goal by John Hall early in the 4th quarter. On their next possession, though, the Eagles drove 70 yards on 11 plays, culminating in a 19-yard TD scamper by Brian Westbrook. But the Redskins would not quit in the final 3:10 as Hall made a 53-yard field goal, Bryan Johnson recovered an onside kick, and Ramsey connected with Darnerien McCants on a 32-yard TD to pull within two points. However, a pressured Ramsey overthrew Coles on the two-point conversion attempt, securing an Eagles win.

NOTES: Kalu's INT was the first of his NFL career and his TD was his first since high school ... Akers moved past Tommy McDonald (402) and into 6th place on the Eagles all-time scoring list ... The Eagles shut out the Redskins (0-9) in third down situations of four yards or more.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Washington	0	10	3	12	- 25
Philadelphia	3	10	7	7	- 27

Phila – D.Akers, 52 FG
Phila – J.Ritchie, 4 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Was – P.Ramsey, 1 run (Hall)
Phila – D.Akers, 36 FG
Was – J.Hall, 48 FG
Was – J.Hall, 45 FG
Phila – N.Kalu, 15 INT return (Akers)
Was – J.Hall, 37 FG
Phila – B.Westbrook, 19 run (Akers)
Was – J.Hall, 53 FG
Was – D.McCants, 32 pass from P.Ramsey (pass failed)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>WAS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	20	18
Net Yards Gained	307	267
Rushes/Yards	21/49	30/127
Net Yards Passing	258	140
Att/Comp/INT	50/25/2	30/16/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/13	3/17
Punts/Average	6/42.0	5/39.6
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	11/85	7/86
Time of Possession	27:31	32:29
3rd Down Efficiency	5/17	6/14

RUSHING: EAGLES – B.Westbrook 11-64-1TD, D.Staley 9-42, D.McNabb 7-18, C.Buckhalter 3-3 ... REDSKINS – T.Canidate 8-17, L.Betts 5-11, P.Ramsey 3-8-1TD, C.Morton 1-6, L.Coles 1-4, R.Cartwright 3-3.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – L.Smith 4-39, B.Westbrook 4-15, J.Thrash 2-26, T.Pinkston 2-22, J.Ritchie 2-14-1TD, F.Mitchell 1-39, B.McMullen 1-2 ... REDSKINS – L.Coles 5-60, D.McCants 4-79-1TD, L.Betts 3-27, R.Gardner 3-25, T.Canidate 3-18, C.Morton 2-24, R.Royal 2-17, R.Cartwright 1-9, P.Johnson 1-8, T.Jacobs 1-4.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 30-16-157-2-1TD ... REDSKINS – P.Ramsey 50-25-271-2-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES – N.Kalu 1-15-1TD, R.Hood 1-5 ... REDSKINS – J.Trotter 1-21, F.Smoot 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES – M.Simoneau 1.0, D.Walker 1.0 ... REDSKINS – B.Holsey 1.5, B.Smith 1.0, J.Armstead 0.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: Even (0 fumbles, 2 INTs/0 fumbles, 2 INTs)

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 63 degrees
Wind: WNW 12 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:25



GAME
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2003
DALLAS 23, PHILADELPHIA 21
TEXAS STADIUM • 63,648



Cowboys kicker Billy Cundiff drilled a game-winning, 28-yard field goal with just over a minute remaining in the fourth quarter to lift Dallas to a 23-21 win over the Eagles at Texas Stadium. The Eagles fought back from a poor start and a 17-7 deficit late in the third quarter to take a 21-20 lead in the final minutes. But a big kickoff return by Zuriel Smith and a key first down on 3rd and 7 paved the way for Cundiff's heroic kick. Dallas took a quick 7-0 lead after the Eagles attempted an onside kick to start the game. Randal Williams snared the bouncing ball and returned it 37 yards for the score. After punting following each of their first four possessions, the Eagles came to life early in the 2nd quarter as RB Brian Westbrook scooted 5 yards for a TD to tie the score at 7-7. In the final seconds of the first half, Cundiff drilled a 51-yard field goal to give Dallas a three-point lead. The Cowboys expanded their lead to 17-7 in the third quarter after marching 80 yards on 11 plays culminating in a 1-yard TD run by Troy Hambrick. The drive was highlighted by a 37-yard half-back pass from Aveion Cason to Joey Galloway. But the Eagles answered right back on their next possession as Donovan McNabb scrambled out of harm's way and tossed a short pass to RB Duce Staley, who ran down the sideline for a 52-yard scoring play. After another field goal by the Cowboys early in the 4th quarter made it 20-14, the Eagles embarked on their most impressive drive of the game, a clutch, 14-play, 61-yard jaunt capped by a 20-yard touchdown run by Correll Buckhalter, the third Eagles running back to reach the end zone on the day. Philadelphia, however, could not hold onto the lead and lost the ball on their final opportunity in the waning seconds after McNabb was hit by a blitzing Dexter Coakley and Roy Williams.

NOTES: Three Eagles running backs notched TDs in a game for the first time since 11/22/92 when Herschel Walker, Keith Byars, and Heath Sherman scored at NYG ... Staley's 52-yard catch was a career long ... Eagles punter Dirk Johnson pinned 5 punts inside the Cowboys 20-yard line, including 4 in the first quarter ... Westbrook left the game late in the first half after a hip injury and did not return. James Thrash took over for him as the team's punt and kickoff returner ... The Eagles lost to the Cowboys for the first time since 1999.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	7	7	7	- 21
Dallas	7	3	7	6	- 23

Dal - Ra.Williams, 37 kickoff ret (Cundiff)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 5 run (Akers)
Dal - B.Cundiff, 51 FG
Dal - T.Hambrick, 1 run (Cundiff)
Phila - D.Staley, 52 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Dal - B.Cundiff, 22 FG
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 20 run (Akers)
Dal - B.Cundiff, 28 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	DAL
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	232	292
Rushes/Yards	32/117	36/119
Net Yards Passing	115	173
Att/Comp/INT	26/11/0	26/15/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/11	1/10
Punts/Average	8/45.1	6/38.7
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	2/10	5/23
Time of Possession	27:56	32:04
3rd Down Efficiency	5/15	5/16

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 11-52, B.Westbrook 8-37-1TD, D.Staley 7-28, D.McNabb 6-0 ... COWBOYS - T.Hambrick 18-46-1TD, A.Cason 7-31, Q.Carter 7-31, R.Anderson 4-11.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 3-66-1TD, J.Thrash 3-15, F.Mitchell 1-27, C.Lewis 1-9, L.Smith 1-5, C.Buckhalter 1-2, J.Ritchie 1-2 ... COWBOYS - T.Glenn 5-41, R.Anderson 3-16, J.Galloway 2-56, T.Hambrick 2-14, A.Bryant 1-49, D.Campbell 1-8, A.Cason 1-(-1).

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 26-11-126-0-1TD ... COWBOYS - Q.Carter 25-14-146-1-0 (starter), A.Cason 1-1-37-0-0.

INTs: EAGLES - T.Vincent 1-0 ... COWBOYS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - M.Lewis 1.0 ... COWBOYS - G.Ellis 1.0, Ro.Williams 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: EVEN (0 fumble, 1 INT/1 fumbles, 0 INT)

Weather: Cloudy, 70 degrees

Wind: N 5-8 mph

Playing surface: Artificial

Time: 3:12



GAME
6

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 14, NEW YORK 10
GIANTS STADIUM • 78,883



It wasn't quite the Miracle of the Meadowlands from 1978, but the story line was similar. Trailing 10-7 late in the fourth quarter, the Eagles were down to their last breath when the Giants took over at the Philadelphia 44-yard line with just under two-minutes left to play. But three straight running plays resulted in a 4th-n-12 situation after the Eagles used up their final timeout with 1:34 remaining in the contest. Lined up in punt block formation, the desperate Eagles could not get near Giants punter Jeff Feagles who lofted a punt deep into Eagles territory. Fielding the ball, after a bounce, at the Eagles 16-yard line, Brian Westbrook eluded a would-be tackler and found open territory along the sideline. From there, Westbrook turned on the afterburners as he raced into the end zone giving the Eagles a dramatic touchdown and a 14-10 lead in front of a stunned crowd at Giants Stadium. Needing a touchdown on the ensuing possession and having all three of their timeouts in their back pocket, the Giants drove to the Eagles 38-yard line, where they faced a 4th-n-4. Eagles CB Bobby Taylor, returning from a four-game absence after a foot injury, knocked down a Kerry Collins pass attempt to TE Jeremy Shockey as the Eagles went home with a heart-stopping victory. The Eagles defense withstood 80 plays, 25 first downs, and 35 minutes of possession time by the Giants to set up Westbrook's heroics. Down 10-7 early in the 4th quarter, MLB Mark Simoneau halted a Giants drive deep in Eagles territory as he knifed through the line on a 3rd-n-goal play to knock the ball loose from Collins. DT Corey Simon fell on the loose ball and the Eagles survived. Late in the first half, LB Nate Wayne forced a fumble by Shockey at the PE19 to stop another scoring attempt. The Eagles took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter as Westbrook capped a 10-play, 89-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run. That drive was fueled by a 41-yard pass interference penalty (by Giants CB Ralph Brown on a pass attempt to Todd Pinkston) and a 25-yard connection from Donovan McNabb to rookie TE L.J. Smith. New York kicker Brett Conway nailed a 39-yard field goal late in the first half and Collins connected with Shockey on a one-yard scoring play late in the third to give the Giants the lead until Westbrook's heroics.

NOTES: Westbrook's punt return was the 2nd longest in team history and longest since 11/22/92, when Vai Sihakema returned a punt 87 yards for a score at Giants Stadium. Sihakema was in attendance for Westbrook's remarkable return as he now serves as a sports anchor for NBC10 in Philadelphia ... Westbrook became the first Eagle since Ricky Watters in 1996 to score a rushing touchdown in four consecutive games.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	0	0	7	- 14
New York	0	3	7	0	- 10

Phila - B.Westbrook, 6 run (Akers)
NYG - B.Conway, 39 FG
NYG - J.Shockey, 1 pass (Conway)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 84 punt return (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>NYG</u>
First Downs	9	25
Net Yards Gained	134	339
Rushes/Yards	23/87	41/180
Net Yards Passing	47	159
Att/Comp/INT	23/9/1	36/22/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/17	3/15
Punts/Average	7/41.9	7/36.0
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	3/2
Penalties/Yards	6/35	6/66
Time of Possession	24:18	35:42
3rd Down Efficiency	4/13	7/17

RUSHING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 15-67-1TD, C.Buckhalter 3-19, D.Staley 1-5, D.McNabb 3-(-1), J.Thrash 1-(-3) ... GIANTS - T.Barber 19-79, D.Levens 16-64, K.Collins 4-28, D.Joyce 2-9.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 3-11, C.Lewis 2-15, L.Smith 1-25, T.Pinkston 1-6, D.Staley 1-4, J.Ritchie 1-3 ... GIANTS - T.Barber 5-34, J.Shockey 5-23-1TD, A.Toomer 4-54, M.Rivers 4-31, J.Finn 2-10, I.Hilliard 1-11, T.Carter 1-11.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 23-9-64-1-0 ... GIANTS - K.Collins 36-22-174-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... GIANTS - W.Allen 1-1.

SACKS: EAGLES - N.Kalu 1.0, C.Simon 1.0, M.Simoneau 1.0 ... GIANTS - M.Strahan 2.0, K.Holmes 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: EVEN (2 fumbles, 0 INT/1 fumble, 1 INT)

Weather: Cloudy, 51 degrees

Wind: N 9 mph

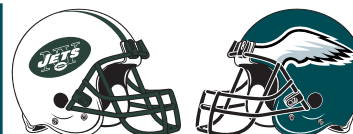
Playing surface: FieldTurf

Time: 3:04



GAME
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 24, NEW YORK 17
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,853



The Eagles blistered the Jets with 194 yards rushing, including 100 by Correll Buckhalter, en route to a 24-17 victory at Lincoln Financial Field. Both teams came out smoking offensively, scoring on each of their first two possessions. The Eagles answered a Jets field goal to go up 7-3 following a 6-yard touchdown run by Buckhalter. But New York struck back immediately to take the lead after Vinny Testaverde took a pitch from RB Curtis Martin on a flea-flicker and tossed a 60-yard scoring strike to Santana Moss. The Eagles answered back again with a 12-play, 68-yard drive that culminated in another TD run by Buckhalter. Later in the 2nd quarter, Eagles LB Ike Reese blocked a punt by Dan Stryzinski that set them up in Jets territory. But the Eagles could not convert. The Jets took over and were poised to put points on the board late in the first half, but Moss was hit by Carlos Emmons after a wide receiver screen and fumbled at the Eagles 23 yard line. Reese pounced on the loose ball and halted their scoring opportunity. Unlike the first half, the Eagles committed two turnovers on their first two possessions of the 3rd quarter and the Jets made them pay. Lamont Jordan scooted home on a 4-yard touchdown run late in the 3rd to give the Jets a 17-14 lead. Philadelphia attempted a 55-yard field goal early in the 4th quarter, but David Akers misfired for the first time of the season. With good field position after the missed field goal attempt, the Jets drove into Eagles territory. But Chad Pennington, who saw his first action of the 2003 regular season, threw an errant pass to Eagles SS Michael Lewis, who returned the interception 23 yards. That critical error proved costly to the Jets as Donovan McNabb fired a 4-yard TD strike to FB Jon Ritchie to give the Eagles the lead for good at 21-17. Faced with a 4th-and-1 situation at the NYJ46 with 4:34 remaining, Jets coach Herman Edwards decided to go for the first down instead of punting. Jordan was stuffed by DT Darwin Walker for no gain and Akers nailed a 30-yard field goal to give the Eagles a seven-point lead. The Jets final hail mary attempt fell incomplete.

NOTES: The Eagles, who have won all seven of their all-time outings with the Jets, met them in Philadelphia for the first time since 1978 ... Duce Staley moved past Randall Cunningham (4,482) and into 3rd place on the Eagles all-time rushing list ... Akers moved past Tony Franklin (412) and into 5th place on the Eagles all-time scoring list ... Buckhalter registered the first multi-touchdown game of his career ... The Eagles overcame a fourth quarter deficit in consecutive games for the first time since the final two regular season games of the 2001 season ... Reese's blocked punt was the first by the Eagles since N.D. Kalu's block vs. the Cowboys on 9/30/01.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
New York	10	0	7	0	- 17
Philadelphia	7	7	0	10	- 24

NYJ - D.Brien, 30 FG
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 6 run (Akers)
NYJ - S.Moss, 60 pass from Testaverde (Brien)
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 7 run (Akers)
NYJ - L.Jordan, 4 run (Brien)
Phila - J.Ritchie, 4 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 30 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>NYJ</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	22	23
Net Yards Gained	377	306
Rushes/Yards	24/125	32/194
Net Yards Passing	252	112
Att/Comp/INT	35/21/1	23/17/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/14	5/29
Punts/Average	2/17.0	2/30.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Penalties/Yards	5/35	1/10
Time of Possession	28:38	31:22
3rd Down Efficiency	5/9	6/11

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 15-100-2TDs, D.Staley 9-47, B.Westbrook 5-25, D.McNabb 2-18, J.Thrash 1-4 ... **JETS** - C.Martin 20-110, S.Moss 1-9, L.Jordan 3-6-1TD.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Thrash 4-23, L.Smith 3-32, J.Ritchie 3-10-1TD, F.Mitchell 2-29, T.Pinkston 2-23, B.Westbrook 2-16, C.Lewis 1-8 ... **JETS** - S.Moss 5-96-1TD, W.Chrebet 3-44, J.Sowell 3-22, C.Martin 3-7, C.Conway 2-32, A.Becht 2-31, C.Baker 2-22, L.Jordan 1-12.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 23-17-141-1-1TD ... **JETS** - V.Testaverde 11-7-112-0-1TD (starter), C.Pennington 24-14-154-1-0.

INTs: EAGLES - M.Lewis 1-23 ... **JETS** - A.Beasley 1-25.

SACKS: EAGLES - N.Kalu 1.0, D.Walker 1.0 ... **JETS** - J.Abraham 3.5, S.Ellis 1.0, J.Ferguson 0.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: EVEN (1 fumble, 1 INT/1 fumble, 1 INT)

Weather: Cloudy, 67 degrees
Wind: S 14 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 2:55



GAME
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 23, ATLANTA 16
THE GEORGIA DOME • 70,064



Donovan McNabb threw for 312 yards and the Eagles defense stifled the Falcons in the 2nd half of a 23-16 win at the Georgia Dome. McNabb's 300-yard game was his first since the 2001 opener vs. the Rams as he diced up a revamped Falcons secondary, which featured four new starters. After allowing 111 rushing yards and 13 first downs in the first half, the defense tightened up to a suffocating level in the final 30 minutes. During the 2nd half, Atlanta managed only 4 first downs, 20 yards rushing, and 3 points, while benching starting quarterback Kurt Kittner. The Eagles took an early 10-0 lead in the first quarter as Falcons kickoff returner Allen Rossum lost the opening kickoff deep in Philadelphia territory. Sean Morey recovered the loose ball at the 11-yard line, but the Eagles stalled and settled for a 21-yard field goal by David Akers. Atlanta drove deep into Eagles territory on their ensuing possession but Lito Sheppard picked up his first career interception at the 2-yard line. After a 34-yard return by Sheppard, the Eagles embarked on a 9-play, scoring drive as McNabb connected with Freddie Mitchell on a 37-yard TD play. The Falcons, who entered the contest 1-6, mounted a comeback behind the strength of their running attack and took the lead. First, T.J. Duckett scored on a one-yard plunge early the 2nd quarter to cap a 75-yard drive which saw the Eagles allow 51 yards on the ground. After two consecutive three-and-outs by Philadelphia, the Falcons used two field goals by Jay Feely (40 and 25 yards) to find themselves ahead, 13-10, at half-time. McNabb came out smoking in the 3rd quarter, engineering a pair of drives deep into Falcons territory, but could only come away with three points. Akers nailed a 25-yard attempt on the first possession, but had a 41 yarder blocked by Ed Jasper later in the quarter. With the stingy defense holding down the fort, the Eagles finally took the lead early in the 4th quarter as McNabb and L.J. Smith set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Duce Staley. The rookie tight end caught a pair of long passes of 36 and 28 yards to set up Staley's run. The two teams traded field goals later in the quarter (a 40 yarder by Akers and a 46 yarder by Feely), but the Eagles defense was too much down the stretch for the Falcons and relief QB Doug Johnson to handle.

NOTES: McNabb threw for 300-plus yards in a winning effort for the first time since 12/10/00 at Cleveland ... Correll Buckhalter carried the ball a career-high 23 times for 90 yards ... In addition to Sheppard's interception, other firsts for the Eagles: Clinton Hart's first career sack, Nate Wayne's first sack as an Eagle, Greg Lewis' first career reception, and Reno Mahe's first game played. (He went 2-25 subbing for injured punt returner Brian Westbrook).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	10	0	3	10	- 23
Atlanta	0	13	0	3	- 16

Phila - D.Akers, 21 FG
Phila - F.Mitchell, 37 pass (Akers)
ATL - T.Duckett, 1 run (Feely)
ATL - J.Feely, 40 FG
ATL - J.Feely, 25 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 25 FG
Phila - D.Staley, 4 run (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 40 FG
ATL - J.Feely, 46 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	ATL
First Downs	24	17
Net Yards Gained	430	278
Rushes/Yards	28/128	28/131
Net Yards Passing	302	147
Att/Comp/INT	33/21/0	28/16/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/10	3/17
Punts/Average	5/46.2	5/43.4
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	11/90	8/61
Time of Possession	28:45	31:15
3rd Down Efficiency	2/11	5/13

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 23-92, D.McNabb 2-22, D.Staley 3-14-1TD ... FALCONS - W.Dunn 10-68, T.Duckett 16-55-1TD, K.Kittner 1-7, J.Griffith 1-1.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - L.Smith 6-97, J.Thrash 4-69, D.Staley 4-38, F.Mitchell 2-43-1TD, T.Pinkston 2-15, C.Buckhalter 1-18, G.Lewis 1-18, C.Lewis 1-14 ... FALCONS - P.Price 6-84, B.Finneran 4-49, W.Dunn 2-10, J.Griffith 2-5, A.Crumpler 1-10, T.Duckett 1-6.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 33-21-312-0-1TD ... FALCONS - K.Kittner 18-11-78-1-0 (starter), D.Johnson 10-5-86-0-0.

INTs: EAGLES - L.Sheppard 1-34 ... FALCONS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - C.Hart 1.0, D.Walker 1.0, N.Wayne 1.0 ... FALCONS - B.Smith 1.0, T.Hall 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +2 (1 fumble, 1 INT/0 fumble, 0 INT)

Weather: Indoor
Wind: None
Playing surface: Field Turf
Time: 3:15



GAME
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 17, GREEN BAY 14
LAMBEAU FIELD • 70,291



A last-minute comeback at a cold and rain-soaked Lambeau Field on Monday Night Football. That familiar script has starred the Packers Brett Favre so many times over the last decade. But this time, Donovan McNabb took center stage in that role, as the Eagles pulled out a dramatic, 17-14 win in Green Bay. Down by four points with 2:43 remaining, McNabb orchestrated the most memorable two-minute drill of his young career as he drove the Eagles 65 yards on 8 plays, which culminated in a 6-yard TD pass to WR Todd Pinkston with 32 seconds remaining on the clock. A sluggish Eagles offense, which managed just 3 points in the first 50 minutes of the game, was jump-started by a 51-yard pass from McNabb to WR James Thrash to the Packers 3-yard line early in the 4th. Three plays later, McNabb willed his way into the end zone on a 1-yard TD run, giving the Eagles a 10-7 lead. On their ensuing possession, the Packers faced a 4th-n-1 situation at the PE45. Deciding to go for the first down, Favre handed off to RB Ahman Green, who not only picked up the first down, but scampered 45 yards for a touchdown. But Pinkston and McNabb put the game away for Philadelphia two possessions later. Early on, the Eagles could not capitalize on multiple opportunities as they struggled to get on the scoreboard. Their most notable chance came after a 33-yard interception return by former Packer Nate Wayne, who made a one-handed grab of a Favre pass attempt midway through the 2nd quarter. But David Akers misfired on a 47-yard field goal attempt to keep the score tied 0-0. Late in the first half, Favre connected with Green on a 24-yard screen pass for a touchdown. Akers nailed a 21-yard field goal on the first possession of the 3rd quarter to get the Eagles within four. Shortly thereafter, Longwell came up short on a 45-yard field goal later that quarter to set the stage for the dramatic fourth quarter finish.

NOTES: The Eagles became the fourth team in NFL history to win their fourth consecutive game when trailing by 3+ points in the 2nd half during each of those contests ... The Eagles won at Lambeau Field for the first time since September 12, 1993 ... The Eagles became the 4th team to win a Monday Night game at Lambeau, the last team to do so was Seattle, 27-7, on 11/1/99 ... McNabb threw and ran for a touchdown in the same quarter for the first time since 10/6/02 at Jacksonville ... Green set the Packers single game rushing record with 192 yards ... The Packers fumbled 6 times (3 by Favre, 2 by Green, 1 by Davenport), but only lost 2.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	3	14	- 17
Green Bay	0	7	0	7	- 14

GB - A.Green, 24 pass from Favre (Longwell)
Phila - D.Akers, 21 FG
Phila - D.McNabb, 1 run (Akers)
GB - A.Green, 45 run (Longwell)
Phila - T.Pinkston, 6 pass from McNabb (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>GB</u>
First Downs	15	17
Net Yards Gained	282	309
Rushes/Yards	30/92	37/241
Net Yards Passing	190	68
Att/Comp/INT	31/15/0	22/14/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/8	4/43
Punts/Average	7/39.4	7/41.4
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/2
Penalties/Yards	6/40	4/33
Time of Possession	28:45	31:15
3rd Down Efficiency	4/14	3/14

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 10-53, D.McNabb 5-26-1TD, C.Buckhalter 9-23, B.Westbrook 5-1, T.Pinkston 1(-11) ... PACKERS - A.Green 29-192-1TD, N.Davenport 4-24, T.Fisher 2-17, B.Favre 2-8.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - T.Pinkston 3-26-1TD, F.Mitchell 3-23, J.Thrash 2-55, D.Staley 2-45, C.Lewis 2-33, J.Ritchie 2-11, R.Mahe 1-5 ... PACKERS - A.Green 3-32-1TD, D.Driver 2-18, R.Ferguson 2-16, W.Walls 2-15, J.Walker 2-9, A.Freeman 1-15, B.Franks 1-4, W.Henderson 1-0.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 31-15-198-0-1TD ... PACKERS - B.Favre 22-14-109-1-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - N.Wayne 1-33 ... PACKERS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - Team 3.0, M.Lewis 1.0 ... PACKERS - G.Jackson 0.5, L.Smith 0.5

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +3 (2 fumbles, 1 INT/0 fumble, 0 INT)

Weather: Rain, 39 degrees

Wind: S 8mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:02



**GAME
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 28, NEW YORK 10
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,867**



Donovan McNabb completed 24 of 30 passes for 314 yards and 2 touchdowns, Brian Westbrook piled up 108 total yards from scrimmage and 3 touchdowns, and the defense welcomed back all-pro free safety Brian Dawkins to the lineup with a stifling effort as the Eagles cruised to a 28-10 win over the Giants at Lincoln Financial Field. The Eagles overcame a 3-0 deficit early in the game with a 1-yard touchdown run by Correll Buckhalter, who capped off an impressive 9-play, 61-yard drive, which saw four different players record first downs. They opened up their lead to 14-3 late in the 2nd quarter as McNabb lofted a perfectly thrown 29-yard touchdown pass to Westbrook. The defense then took center stage as the half came to close with the Giants set up at the Eagles one-yard line with a 1st-and-goal situation. On first down, LB Nate Wayne stopped RB Dorsey Levens for no gain. Then Dawkins knocked down a pass attempt in the end zone before CB Troy Vincent snuffed out Levens again for no gain. On fourth down, the Giants pitched to RB Tiki Barber, who was stopped on a sweep by LB Carlos Emmons and Dawkins for a loss. Late in the 3rd quarter, the Eagles put the game out of reach with an 8-play, 95-yard drive that was capped by a 4-yard touchdown run by Westbrook. On that drive, McNabb completed all four of his passes for 55 yards and Westbrook totaled 40 yards on the ground. The two teams traded touchdowns in the 4th quarter as Barber caught a 10-yard TD pass and Westbrook registered his third score with a 5-yard catch from McNabb.

NOTES: Westbrook, who registered 5 touchdowns vs. the Giants in two games in 2003, became the first Eagle to record 3 TDs in a game since Duce Staley had three vs. the Chiefs on 9/27/98 ... McNabb, who registered the 2nd-highest single-game QB rating (132.5) and yardage total (314) of his career, completed his last 12 pass attempts, including all 10 in the 2nd half ... Nine different players caught passes for the Eagles and nine different players recorded a first down ... The Eagles allowed no sacks to the Giants, who entered the game with a league-high 28 ... Eagles P Dirk Johnson pinned four punts inside the Giants 20-yard line ... The Eagles wore black jerseys for the first time in team history.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
New York	3	0	0	7	- 10
Philadelphia	7	7	7	7	- 28

NYG - M.Bryant, 30 FG
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 1 run (Akers)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 29 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 4 run (Akers)
NYG - T.Barber, 10 pass from K.Collins (M.Bryant)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 5 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>NYG</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	20	20
Net Yards Gained	361	376
Rushes/Yards	24/109	21/62
Net Yards Passing	252	314
Att/Comp/INT	44/25/1	30/24/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/16	0/0
Punts/Average	6/38.3	5/29.6
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	11/113	7/49
Time of Possession	31:47	28:13
3rd Down Efficiency	5/14	3/8

RUSHING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 9-48-1TD, D.Staley 3-12, C.Buckhalter 5-2-1TD, D.McNabb 4-0 ... GIANTS - T.Barber 19-111, D.Levens 4-1, K.Collins 1(-3).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Thrash 6-48, B.Westbrook 5-60-2TDs, F.Mitchell 4-60, L.Smith 2-29, T.Pinkston 2-22, C.Lewis 2-16, D.Staley 1-38, C.Buckhalter 1-27, G.Lewis 1-14 ... GIANTS - A.Toomer 6-57, D.Tyree 5-106, T.Carter 4-48, T.Barber 3-20-1TD, M.Rivers 3-16, I. Hilliard 2-18, W.Ponder 2-3.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 30-24-314-0-2TDs ... GIANTS - K.Collins 44-25-268-1-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - T.Vincent 1-0 ... GIANTS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - D.Walker 1.5, N.Kalu 0.5 ... GIANTS - 0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: EVEN (0 fumbles, 1 INT/ 1 fumble, 0 INT)

Weather: Mostly Cloudy 52 degrees

Wind: SSW 6 mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:00



GAME 11	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2003
	PHILADELPHIA 33, NEW ORLEANS 20 LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,802



The Eagles took advantage of a turnover-prone Saints team as they cruised to a 33-20 victory over New Orleans at Lincoln Financial Field. As a result, Philadelphia won their 6th straight game and captured their 8th victory in their last nine contests. Donovan McNabb completed 64% of his passes (16-25) to 10 different receivers for 259 yards and 1 touchdown. The Eagles three-headed running back attack of Duce Staley, Brian Westbrook and Correll Buckhalter combined for 30 touches for 240 yards and 2 TDs. On the first play from scrimmage, McNabb connected with Todd Pinkston on a 48-yard grab to set up a 36-yard field goal by David Akers. On their ensuing possession, the Saints drove to the PE1, but QB Aaron Brooks fumbled away a handoff attempt to RB Deuce McAllister, which was recovered by CB Troy Vincent. The Eagles then drove 80 yards on six plays for their next score, a nifty 15-yard TD run by Westbrook to make the score 10-0. Thanks to a sack and forced fumble by LB Nate Wayne, the Eagles opened up a 17-point lead late in 2nd quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run by Buckhalter. McNabb's 28-yard completion to TE L.J. Smith set up the score after the fumble recovery by DE N.D. Kalu. But the Saints would not lie down on the road as they scored on a 6-yard TD grab by TE Boo Williams from Brooks. With 1:51 left on the clock in the half though, McNabb drove the Eagles to the Saints 23 yard-line, where Akers connected on a 41-yard field goal to up their lead to 20-7. On the Saints first possession of the 3rd quarter, WR Jerome Pathon was forced to fumble after a tackle by LB Ike Reese. Kalu came up with his second fumble recovery of the game to set up another field goal by Akers (42 yds.) to give the Eagles a commanding 23-7 lead. But on New Orleans' next play from scrimmage, McAllister raced 76 yards for a touchdown. Late in the third quarter, the Saints were poised to move within 6 points, but Eagles SS Michael Lewis blocked a 45-yard field goal attempt by John Carney. The Eagles answered right back with a 33-yard field goal by Akers, his fourth of the game. McNabb then connected with FB Jon Ritchie on a 2-yard TD pass to put the game out of reach.

NOTES: Akers first of four field goals was the 100th of his career ... McNabb tied Bobby Hoying's team record for most consecutive completions (13) ... Lewis' blocked field goal was the first by the Eagles since Joe Kelly blocked an attempt vs. the Cardinals in 1996 ... 26 penalties were called in the game for a total of 272 yards.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
New Orleans	0	7	7	6	- 20
Philadelphia	10	10	3	10	- 33

- Phila** - D.Akers, 36 FG
- Phila** - B.Westbrook, 15 run (Akers)
- Phila** - C.Buckhalter, 1 run (Akers)
- NO** - B.Williams, 6 pass (Carney)
- Phila** - D.Akers, 41 FG
- Phila** - D.Akers, 42 FG
- NO** - D.McAllister, 76 run (Carney)
- Phila** - D.Akers, 33 FG
- Phila** - J.Ritchie, 2 pass from McNabb (Akers)
- NO** - D.McAllister, 22 run (pass failed)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	27	22
Net Yards Gained	466	448
Rushes/Yards	24/199	32/201
Net Yards Passing	267	247
Att/Comp/INT	39/24/0	25/16/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/20	3/12
Punts/Average	1/40.0	3/34.7
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	0/0
Penalties/Yards	12/101	14/171
Time of Possession	28:56	31:04
3rd Down Efficiency	5/10	4/10

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 8-77, D.McNabb 7-54, B.Westbrook 9-52-1TD, C.Buckhalter 7-18-1TD, J.Thrash 1-0 ... SAINTS - D.McAllister 19-184-2TDs, K.Carter 1-8, A.Brooks 4-7.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 3-47, C.Lewis 2-37, D.Staley 2-26, F.Mitchell 2-24, J.Thrash 2-19, T.Pinkston 1-48, L.Smith 1-28, C.Buckhalter 1-20, G.Lewis 1-8, J.Ritchie 1-2-1TD ... SAINTS - B.Williams 9-110-1TD, J.Pathon 5-35, J.Horn 4-76, D.McAllister 4-48, T.Gardner 2-18.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 25-16-259-0-1TD ... SAINTS - A.Brooks 39-24-287-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... SAINTS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - C.Simon 1.0, N.Wayne 1.0 ... SAINTS - C.Grant 1.5, D.Howard 1.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +3 (3 fumbles, 0 INT/ 0 fumble, 0 INT)

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 56 degrees
Wind: E 3mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:18



GAME
12

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 25, CAROLINA 16
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 72,977



The Eagles put together their first seven-game winning streak since 1980 as they downed the Carolina Panthers, 25-16. Both teams entered Ericsson Stadium with 8-3 records and a hold of first place in their respective divisions. The kicking game was the difference, as David Akers boomed four field goals, while John Kasay missed three field goals and an extra point attempt. Donovan McNabb finished off a stellar month of November by completing 69% of his passes to nine different receivers against a feisty Panthers defense. He overcame an interception on the first offensive play from scrimmage that led to an early 20-yard field goal by Kasay. On the very next drive, McNabb directed a 10-play, 68-yard drive that was capped by a 2-yard TD plunge by Duce Staley. The Panthers threatened on the ensuing possession, but Kasay's nightmare day began as he misfired on a 32-yard attempt. Early in the 2nd quarter, Brian Westbrook fumbled away a punt return deep inside Eagles territory, but Kasay's 38-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right. After Akers 35-yard FG late in the 2nd quarter made it 10-3, the Eagles defense faced a 4th-and-1 situation at their own 8-yard line, but DE Brandon Whiting stopped RB Stephen Davis for no gain. Another missed field goal by Kasay (49 yards) early in the 3rd quarter plagued the Panthers as Akers responded with a 49 yarder to build the lead to 10 points. But Carolina QB Jake Delhomme orchestrated a 70-yard scoring drive that ended with a 24-yard TD toss to WR Steve Smith. The Eagles responded once again with a field goal by Akers (38 yards) to build a 16-10 lead. On the Panthers next offensive play, Delhomme was sacked and forced to fumble by LB Nate Wayne. The ball was recovered by DT Darwin Walker at the Panthers 11-yard line. Two plays later, McNabb connected with WR James Thrash on a 10-yard scoring play. TE Chad Lewis dropped the 2-point conversion attempt, but the Eagles held a 22-10 advantage. Midway through the 4th quarter, Delhomme would not let the Panthers die as he connected with Muhsin Muhammad on a 23-yard TD, but Kasay botched the extra point attempt as the Eagles maintained a 6-point lead. The Panthers next possession was halted by two big plays by CB Lito Sheppard, who batted down a long pass attempt to Smith on 2nd down before drawing an offensive pass interference penalty by Smith on third down. The Eagles then chewed up over 5 minutes of clock time before Akers ended the Panthers comeback attempt with a 29-yard field goal. On that drive, McNabb connected with TE Chad Lewis on a clutch 29-yard grab on third down to keep the drive alive.

NOTES: Akers posted back-to-back four field games for the first time in his career ... Kasay became the first kicker to miss 3 field goals in a game vs. the Eagles since the Redskins Chip Lohmiller in 1990 ... McNabb, who led the Eagles to a franchise-first 5-0 record in a single month, finished the month of November with the following passing numbers: 94 for 145 (64.8%) for 1,265 yds, 6 TDs, 1 INT, and a 103.4 QB rating ... The Eagles starting defensive backfield featured Pro Bowlers Brian Dawkins, Bobby Taylor, and Troy Vincent for the first time since opening day ... The Eagles recorded a rushing TD in their 11th straight game, a team record ... Wayne registered a sack and forced fumble for the 2nd consecutive game. Both plays resulted in touchdowns ... The Eagles registered their first-ever win at Ericsson Stadium.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	3	3	12	- 25
Carolina	3	0	7	6	- 16

Car - J.Kasay, 20 FG
Phila - D.Staley, 2 run (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 35 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 48 FG
Car - S.Smith, 24 pass from Delhomme (Kasay)
Phila - D.Akers, 38 FG
Phila - J.Thrash, 10 pass from McNabb (pass failed)
Car - M.Muhammad, 23 pass from Delhomme (kick failed)
Phila - D.Akers, 29 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>CAR</u>
First Downs	17	19
Net Yards Gained	283	336
Rushes/Yards	28/124	29/136
Net Yards Passing	159	200
Att/Comp/INT	26/18/1	29/18/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/23	2/16
Punts/Average	3/49.3	3/46.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Penalties/Yards	4/35	9/70
Time of Possession	29:54	30:06
3rd Down Efficiency	5/12	4/12

RUSHING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 12-64, C.Buckhalter 6-30, D.Staley 8-24-1TD, D.McNabb 2-6 ... PANTHERS - S.Davis 23-115, J.Delhomme 3-13, N.Goings 1-8, R.Smart 1-2, S.Smith 1-(-2).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 5-32, F.Mitchell 3-40, J.Thrash 3-27-1TD, J.Ritchie 2-9, C.Lewis 1-29, T.Pinkston 1-15, L.Smith 1-15, D.Staley 1-8, G.Lewis 1-7 ... PANTHERS - M.Muhammad 6-79-1TD, S.Smith 5-80-1TD, R.Proehl 2-24, N.Goings 2-19, J.Wiggins 1-8, R.Smart 1-5, M.Seidman 1-1.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 26-18-182-1-1TD ... PANTHERS - J.Delhomme 29-18-216-0-2TDs

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... PANTHERS - M.Rucker 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES - N.Wayne 1.0, B.Whiting 1.0 ... PANTHERS - K.Jenkins 1.0, M.Rucker 1.0, R.Howard 0.5, A.Wallace 0.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: -1 (1 fumble, 0 INT/1 fumble, 1 INT)

Weather: Sunny, 59 degrees

Wind: W 12mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:02



GAME
13

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 36, DALLAS 10
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 69,773



In a NFC East showdown, the Eagles used a dominating 2nd half performance that lifted them to a 36-10 win over the Dallas Cowboys at a frigid and windy Lincoln Financial Field. With the win, the Eagles posted their first 8-game win streak since 1980 and clinched their fourth consecutive playoff berth. In that decisive final 30 minutes, Dallas was held scoreless and to 61 total yards, 2 turnovers and 4 first downs. Meanwhile, the Eagles offense piled up 26 points, 216 yards, and 12 first downs. Although the final score was lopsided, the first half was exactly the opposite as both teams engaged in a hard-fought, physical battle that ended in a 10-10 tie. But the Cowboys first possession of the 3rd quarter began the Eagles rout after CB Sheldon Brown stepped in front of a Quincy Carter for an interception. The opportunistic Eagles converted that turnover into a touchdown as Donovan McNabb shoved a pass to RB Duce Staley, who darted 5 yards for a touchdown. Late in the 3rd quarter, the Cowboys were pinned deep in their own territory, facing a 3rd-n-24 at their own 13-yard line. The center snap by Matt Lehr zipped past Carter, who was in shotgun formation, and through the back of the end zone for a safety. Leading 19-10 at that point, the Eagles scored again following the free kick, as McNabb connected with rookie TE L.J. Smith for his first career TD, a 6 yarder, which stretched the lead to 26-10. After a field goal by David Akers upped their lead to 19, Eagles RB Correll Buckhalter put on the finishing touches as he raced a career-long 64 yards for another touchdown.

NOTES: The Eagles held the Cowboys talented trio of wide receivers – Terry Glenn, Joey Galloway, and Antonio Bryant – without a catch ... The Eagles three-headed monster at running back (Staley, Brian Westbrook and Buckhalter) each reached the end zone for the 2nd straight game vs. Dallas ... Buckhalter, meanwhile, registered a career high with 144 total yards from scrimmage ... Akers moved past Steve Van Buren (464) and into 4th place on the Eagles all-time scoring list ... McNabb's 3 TD passes were a season high ... Eagles rookie DT Sam Rayburn posted his first career sack on the drive that resulted in a safety ... That safety was the first by the Eagles since 10/3/99 at NYG.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Dallas	3	7	0	0	- 10
Philadelphia	0	10	9	17	- 36

DAL - B.Cundiff, 29 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 22 FG
Phila - B.Westbrook, 16 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
DAL - J.Robinson, 3 pass from Q.Carter (Cundiff)
Phila - D.Staley, 5 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - M.Lehr fumble out of bounds in end zone for safety
Phila - L.Smith, 6 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 21 FG
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 64 run (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>DAL</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	13	20
Net Yards Gained	225	403
Rushes/Yards	34/150	23/175
Net Yards Passing	75	240
Att/Comp/INT	24/15/2	34/18/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/18	2/12
Punts/Average	7/31.6	5/38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	9/62	3/25
Time of Possession	33:22	26:38
3rd Down Efficiency	2/13	4/12

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 13-115-1TD, B.Westbrook 7-31, D.McNabb 1-21, D.Staley 2-8 ... COWBOYS - T.Hambrick 17-75, E.Bickerstaff 9-41, R.Anderson 6-32, J.Galloway 1-2, Q.Carter 1-0.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 3-40-1TD, J.Thrash 4-34, F.Mitchell 3-58, D.Staley 3-22-1TD, C.Buckhalter 2-29, C.Lewis 1-28, T.Pinkston 1-23, L.Smith 1-6-1TD ... COWBOYS - R.Anderson 7-40, J.Witten 3-35, T.Hambrick 2-6, Z.Smith 1-8, J.Robinson 1-3-1TD, D.Campbell 1-1.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 34-18-240-0-3TDs ... COWBOYS - Q.Carter 24-15-93-2-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - S.Brown 1-10, B.Taylor 1-2 ... SAINTS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - N.Kalu 1.0, S.Rayburn 1.0, D.Walker 1.0 ... COWBOYS - G. Ellis 1.0, D.Stewart 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +2 (0 fumbles, 2 INT/ 0 fumble, 0 INT)

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 30 degrees

Wind: NW 23mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 2:59



**GAME
14**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 34, MIAMI 27
PRO PLAYER STADIUM • 73,780**



The Eagles lit up the scoreboard early and often at Miami's Pro Player Stadium as they rolled to their 9th straight victory with a 34-27 decision over the Dolphins on Monday Night Football. Donovan McNabb and Todd Pinkston connected on a 59-yard reception on the game's first play from scrimmage to set the tone for a high-octane offensive output that torched the Dolphins with 401 net yards and featured 14 plays of 13-yards-or-more. Two plays after Pinkston's catch, Brian Westbrook scored his first of two touchdowns with a 21-yard scamper to give the Eagles a quick 7-0 lead just 1:11 into the contest. The Dolphins responded with a one-yard TD run by former Eagles QB Jay Fiedler. But Philadelphia struck back to take a 7-point lead as McNabb's 44-yard connection to James Thrash highlighted an 8-play, 80-yard drive that culminated in a one-yard run by the Eagles signal caller. The Dolphins marched right back down the field to tie the game with a 2-yard TD plunge by Travis Minor, but the Eagles reached into their bag of tricks to regain the lead. WR Freddie Mitchell caught a backwards pass from McNabb and heaved a picture-perfect pass of his own across the field to Westbrook for a 25-yard TD. Both teams traded field goals late in the 2nd quarter as the Eagles took a 24-17 lead into the intermission. Miami tied the score on their first possession of the 3rd quarter as RB Ricky Williams' 3-yard TD run capped off an 80-yard drive. The score remained tied at 24 until the first play of the 4th quarter when Eagles RB Correll Buckhalter dove above Miami LB Junior Seau and reached over the goal line outstretching the ball inside the pylon before landing out of bounds. The play was originally ruled down at the one-yard line, but head coach Andy Reid correctly challenged the play and was awarded the touchdown. With 3:24 remaining, the Dolphins took over at their own 20-yard line poised to tie the score, but Eagles SS Michael Lewis intercepted a pass attempt by Fiedler to end Miami's comeback attempt. From there, David Akers connected on a 42-yard field goal to widen the lead to 10 points with 2:00 remaining. The Dolphins managed a field goal to make the score 34-27, but their onside kick attempt went out of bounds and the Eagles celebrated their first win ever in Miami.

NOTES: The Eagles played without the services of Pro Bowl LT Tra Thomas, who was sidelined with back spasms, but held the Dolphins to just one sack (0 yards). 2nd-year pro Artis Hicks started in place of Thomas and matched up very well vs. Pro Bowl DE Jason Taylor ... The Eagles first score was the fastest touchdown to start a game by their offense since Ollie Matson scored 35 seconds into an October 18, 1964 contest vs. the Giants at Yankee Stadium ... Akers moved past Harold Carmichael (474) and Sam Baker (475) and into 2nd place on the Eagles all-time scoring list ... McNabb moved past Norm Snead (1,154) and into 3rd place on the team's all-time list for completions.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	14	10	0	10	- 34
Miami	7	10	7	3	- 27

Phila - B.Westbrook, 21 run (Akers)
Mia - J.Fiedler, 1 run (Mare)
Phila - D.McNabb, 1 run (Akers)
Mia - T.Minor, 2 run (Mare)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 25 pass from F.Mitchell (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 46 FG
Mia - O.Mare, 27 FG
Mia - R.Williams, 3 run (Mare)
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 2 run (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 42 FG
Mia - O.Mare, 50 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	MIA
First Downs	23	22
Net Yards Gained	401	398
Rushes/Yards	28/140	29/177
Net Yards Passing	261	221
Att/Comp/INT	28/16/1	40/21/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/0	2/19
Punts/Average	3/43.0	3/34.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/60	7/76
Time of Possession	27:55	32:05
3rd Down Efficiency	3/8	3/14

RUSHING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 8-59-1TD, D.Staley 6-58, D.McNabb 8-14-1TD, C.Buckhalter 6-9-1TD ... DOLPHINS - R.Williams 18-107-1TD, T.Minor 5-24-1TD, M.Turk 1-23, J.Fiedler 4-16-1TD, J.McKnight 1-7.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - B.Westbrook 3-45-1TD, L.Smith 3-16, T.Pinkston 2-78, J.Thrash 2-48, C.Lewis 2-31, F.Mitchell 2-30, J.Ritchie 2-13 ... DOLPHINS - R.McMichael 7-95, C.Chambers 5-86, D.Thompson 3-35, J.McKnight 3-16, R.Williams 2-1, O.Gadsden 1-7.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 27-15-236-1-oTDs (starter), F.Mitchell 1-1-25-0-1TD ... DOLPHINS - J.Fiedler 40-21-240-2-oTDs.

INTs: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-0, M.Lewis 1-5 ... DOLPHINS - Z.Thomas 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES - N.Kalu 1.0, B.Dawkins 0.5, C.Simon 0.5 ... DOLPHINS - J.Taylor 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +1 (0 fumble, 2 INTs/o fumble, 1 INT)

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 70 degrees

Wind: NE 8 mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:25



GAME 15 **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2003**
SAN FRANCISCO 31, PHILADELPHIA 28 - OT
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,866



The Eagles nine-game win streak came to end as Todd Peterson nailed a 22-yard field goal in overtime, lifting the visiting San Francisco 49ers to a 31-28 win at Lincoln Financial Field. Philadelphia fought back from a 28-21 deficit late in the 4th quarter with a dramatic touchdown drive to send the game into overtime. But Eagles QB Donovan McNabb was intercepted by Tony Parrish on the first play from scrimmage in the extra period leading to the game-winning field goal. Parrish began the day the same way, intercepting a McNabb pass on the game's first play from scrimmage, which led to a 30-yard field goal attempt by Peterson. But holder Bill LaFleur mishandled the snap from center as the 49ers missed a golden scoring opportunity. Later in the first quarter, the 49ers made the most of their next opportunity with a 15-yard scoring pass from Jeff Garcia to RB Kevan Barlow. Trailing 7-0 early in the 2nd quarter, the Eagles used a turnover to manufacture the tying score as DT Corey Simon sacked and forced a fumble by Garcia that was recovered by LB Carlos Emmons at the SF20. Two plays later, RB Duce Staley scored on a 7-yard TD run. On the Eagles next possession, McNabb connected with WR Todd Pinkston on what appeared to be 48-yard TD. But after an official challenge by the Niners, the play was ruled a touchback as the replay showed Parrish knocked the ball out of Pinkston's hands and out of the end zone before he crossed the goal line. The Eagles managed to score on their next possession, however, as James Thrash drew a pass interference penalty in the end zone to set up Staley's 2nd TD run of the day, a 1-yard run. San Francisco knotted the score with a 33-yard TD catch by Brandon Lloyd late in the 2nd quarter. After a three-and-out by the 49ers on their first possession of the 3rd quarter, Brian Westbrook took the long punt by LaFleur and raced 81 yards for an electrifying touchdown that gave Philadelphia a 21-14 lead. The Niners answered with a 33-yard field goal by Peterson, but Pinkston's 47-yard grab on the Eagles next possession set up a 42-yard field goal attempt by Akers. But he came up short in the windy conditions, and Peterson responded with a 25-yard FG of his own to make the score 21-20 early in the 4th quarter. Akers again misfired on the Eagles next possession as his 47-yard attempt sailed wide left. The 49ers took the lead with a one-yard touchdown run by Barlow and a two-point conversion. But McNabb and the Eagles fought back with a 10-play, 65-yard drive that was capped off by a 19-yard TD catch by Pinkston with just 1:08 remaining.

NOTES: Westbrook became the first Eagle ever to record two punt returns for a touchdown in the same season ... Staley rushed for two touchdowns for the third time in his career ... Pinkston logged his first career 100-yard receiving game, finishing with 5 catches for 121 yards and 1 TD ... Simon became the 4th Eagles defensive tackle to record 25.0 sacks, joining Andy Harmon, Ken Clarke, and Jerome Brown ... Eagles FB Jon Ritchie recorded his first rushing attempt, a one-yard gain, since 12/5/99 vs. Seattle ... Emmons left the game with a broken fibula and 49ers Pro Bowl WR Terrell Owens left the game in the first half with a broken collarbone.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
San Francisco	7	7	3	11	3	31
Philadelphia	0	14	7	7	0	28

SF - K.Barlow, 15 pass from J.Garcia (Peterson)
Phila - D.Staley, 7 run (Akers)
Phila - D.Staley, 1 run (Akers)
SF - B.Lloyd, 33 pass from J.Garcia (Peterson)
Phila - B.Westbrook, 81 punt return (Akers)
SF - T.Peterson, 33 FG
SF - T.Peterson, 25 FG
SF - K.Barlow, 1 run (B.Lloyd pass from J.Garcia)
Phila - T.Pinkston, 19 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
SF - T.Peterson, 22 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>PHILA</u>
First Downs	22	18
Net Yards Gained	414	293
Rushes/Yards	43/203	19/88
Net Yards Passing	211	205
Att/Comp/INT	29/15/0	27/17/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/14	5/33
Punts/Average	4/33.8	4/41.5
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/1
Penalties/Yards	8/70	5/35
Time of Possession	36:19	24:46
3rd Down Efficiency	6/14	3/10

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 11-53-2TDs, B.Westbrook 5-29, D.McNabb 2-5, J.Ritchie 1-1 ... 49ERS - K.Barlow 30-154-1TD, J.Robertson 4-39, J.Garcia 7-14, B.LaFleur 1-0, C.Wilson 1-(-4).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - T.Pinkston 5-121-1TD, B.Westbrook 5-39, F.Mitchell 2-23, G.Lewis 1-23, J.Thrash 1-13, C.Lewis 1-12, J.Ritchie 1-6, D.Staley 1-1 ... 49ERS - J.Weaver 3-61, T.Streets 3-46, K.Barlow 3-33-1TD, B.Lloyd 2-33-1TD, F.Beasley 2-11, C.Wilson 1-21, T.Owens 1-20.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 27-17-238-2-1TD ... 49ERS - J.Garcia 29-15-225-0-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... 49ERS - T.Parrish 2-63.

SACKS: EAGLES - N.Kalu 1.0, C.Simon 1.0 ... 49ERS - B.Young 1.5, C.Ahanotu 1.0, J.Endelberger 1.0, J.Peterson 1.0, A.Adams 0.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: -2 (1 fumble, 0 INTs/1 fumble, 2 INTs)

Weather: Clear, 35 degrees
Wind: SW 16 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:20



**GAME
16**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2003
PHILADELPHIA 31, WASHINGTON 7
FEDEX FIELD • 76,766**



The Eagles clinched their third consecutive NFC East title and a first round bye in the playoffs with a dominating 31-7 victory over the Redskins at FedEx Field. Donovan McNabb accounted for all four touchdowns (three passing and one rushing) and completed 71.9 percent of his passes to 10 different receivers for 242 yards. The Eagles scored on their first three possessions of the game to build a 21-0 lead early in the 2nd quarter to cruise to the victory. First, McNabb alertly found an uncovered Chad Lewis, who was split out and hauled in a 3-yard TD. Then, McNabb capped off a season-long 96-yard touchdown drive (14 plays) as he rolled out and ran in from one yard out to make it 14-0 early in the 2nd quarter. After a sack and forced fumble by DT Corey Simon on the ensuing possession, McNabb connected with Freddie Mitchell on an 8-yard TD completion. After a touchdown by the Redskins late in the 2nd quarter, the Eagles responded on their first drive of the 2nd half as McNabb connected with RB Correll Buckhalter on a swing pass that resulted in an 11-yard score. With the score 28-7, the Eagles defense pressured former teammate Tim Hasselbeck and the Redskins offense for the rest of the night. David Akers nailed a 26-yard field goal in the final minutes to seal the victory.

NOTES: The Eagles registered a season-high 5 sacks ... RB Duce Staley moved past Wilbert Montgomery (2,447) and into 3rd place on the club's all-time receiving yards list for running backs ... Buckhalter's score was the first receiving TD of his career ... Brian Westbrook left the game in the 2nd quarter with a torn tricep in his left arm ... McNabb tied a career-high with four total TDs ... Eagles P Dirk Johnson pinned all three of his punts inside the 20 yard line.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	14	7	3	- 31
Washington	0	7	0	0	- 7

Phila - C.Lewis, 3 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.McNabb, 1 run (Akers)
Phila - F.Mitchell, 8 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Was - R.Cartwright, 1 run (Hall)
Phila - C.Buckhalter, 11 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 26 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	WAS
First Downs	24	16
Net Yards Gained	332	260
Rushes/Yards	25/83	18/79
Net Yards Passing	249	181
Att/Comp/INT	34/24/0	34/22/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	0/0	5/18
Punts/Average	3/38.0	1/69.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	7/48	9/78
Time of Possession	31:22	28:38
3rd Down Efficiency	6/11	4/9

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 13-54, D.McNabb 3-16-1TD, D.Staley 5-7, B.Westbrook 4-6 ... REDSKINS - R.Cartwright 12-43-1TD, C.Morton 2-19, T.Hasselbeck 3-17, J.Simon 1-0.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 5-56, F.Mitchell 4-47-1TD, T.Pinkston 3-74, C.Buckhalter 3-16-1TD, B.Westbrook 2-15, L.Smith 2-12, J.Thrash 2-8, G.Lewis 1-25, C.Lewis 1-3-1TD, D.McNabb 1-(-7) ... REDSKINS - L.Coles 6-87, R.Cartwright 5-53, K.Ware 2-11, C.Russell 2-10, C.Morton 2-9, R.Gardner 2-4, D.McCants 1-14, B.Chamberlain 1-6, J.Simon 1-5.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 32-23-242-0-3TDs (starter), K.Detmer 2-1-7-0-0TDs ... REDSKINS - T.Hasselbeck 32-21-192-1-0TDs (starter), G.Hamden 2-1-7-0-0TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - M.Lewis 1-3 ... REDSKINS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - S.Rayburn 1.0, I.Reese 1.0, C.Simon 1.0, B.Whiting 1.0, M.Coleman 0.5, D.Walker 0.5 ... REDSKINS - 0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: +2 (1 fumble, 1 INT/0 fumble, 0 INT).

Weather: Clear, 46 degrees
Wind: N 12mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 2:49



NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2004
PHILADELPHIA 20, GREEN BAY 17 - (OT)
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,707



It was simply an instant classic. In the first ever playoff game at Lincoln Financial Field, the Eagles roared back from a 14-0 deficit in the first quarter and a 17-14 deficit in the final minutes of regulation to defeat the Packers, 20-17, in overtime. David Akers booted a 37-yard field goal with 0:05 remaining in the 4th quarter to tie the game and then nailed a 31-yard kick in overtime to win the contest. With the Packers holding a 3-point lead late in the 4th quarter and driving, the Eagles stopped Packers QB Brett Favre 1-yard shy on what would have been a critical first down with 2:39 left on the clock. The Eagles took over at their own 20-yard line after a punt and embarked on a dramatic game-tying drive. After a 22-yard carry by Duce Staley got the offense going, Donovan McNabb and the Eagles seemed to stall on their next set of downs, facing a 4th-and-26 situation at their own 26. But McNabb connected with WR Freddie Mitchell for a dramatic 28-yard gain over the middle to give the Eagles another breath of life. They then faced a 3rd-and-7 at the GB29 with a stiff breeze blowing in their face. McNabb calmly found Todd Pinkston for a 10-yard gain with 25 seconds remaining. After two incomplete passes in the end zone, the Eagles settled for the tie and overtime as Akers drilled the field goal. In overtime, the Eagles won the toss, but stalled on their opening possession, giving Favre and the Packers a shot to win. On their first play from scrimmage, Favre tossed a long pass downfield intended for Javon Walker. It ended up in the waiting hands of Eagles FS Brian Dawkins, who raced back to the GB34. Six plays later, Akers ended up back on the field with a chance to win the game and he did not disappoint the frenzied home crowd. That same crowd was very docile in the early going as Favre and the Packers mounted a 14-0 lead in the first quarter on a pair of TD passes to Robert Ferguson. The Eagles managed to get on the board midway through the 2nd quarter as McNabb and Pinkston connected on a 45-yard pass play to the GB7. That play set the stage for a 7-yard shovel pass for a TD to Staley. On their ensuing possession, Green Bay threatened to add to their lead as they set up shop with a first and goal at the Eagles four-yard line. After an incomplete pass, the Eagles twice stopped Packers RB Najeh Davenport short of the goal line to set up a 4th and goal at the PE1. This time, RB Ahman Green was halted for no gain to cap off a dramatic goal line stand. The Eagles finally drew even on the first play of the 4th quarter as McNabb eluded defensive lineman Kabere Gbaja-Biamila and Cletidus Hunt to free himself in time to fire a strike to Pinkston from 12 yards out. The Packers drove inside the Eagles 5-yard line once again in the 4th quarter, but managed just a field goal by Ryan Longwell to give the Packers their final lead at 17-14.

NOTES: McNabb set an NFL playoff record for most rushing yards by a quarterback (11-107) ... Staley and Chad Lewis overtook Keith Byars and Harold Carmichael (29) for most catches in Eagles playoff history ... McNabb became the Eagles all-time leader in career touchdown passes during the postseason ... The Eagles played without Pro Bowl CB Troy Vincent (hip injury).



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
Green Bay	14	0	0	3	0	- 17
Philadelphia	0	7	0	10	3	- 20

GB - R.Ferguson, 40 pass from B.Favre (Longwell)
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Phila - D.Staley, 7 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - T.Pinkston, 12 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
GB - R.Longwell, 21 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 37 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 31 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	GB	PHILA
First Downs	16	19
Net Yards Gained	381	363
Rushes/Yards	37/210	25/164
Net Yards Passing	171	199
Att/Comp/INT	28/15/1	39/21/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/9	8/49
Punts/Average	7/41.9	7/43.1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/1
Penalties/Yards	6/45	3/25
Time of Possession	32:20	32:28
3rd Down Efficiency	10/19	4/17

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 11-107, D.Staley 5-45, C.Buckhalter 9-12 ... PACKERS - A.Green 25-156, N.Davenport 9-42, T.Fisher 2-9, B.Favre 1-3.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - T.Pinkston 7-95-1TD, C.Lewis 4-37, D.Staley 3-26-1TD, F.Mitchell 2-37, L.Smith 2-31, J.Thrash 1-9, R.Mahe 1-8, C.Buckhalter 1-5 ... PACKERS - R.Ferguson 4-65-2TDs, A.Green 3-16, D.Driver 2-25, T.Fisher 2-13, J.Walker 1-44, W.Walls 1-7, B.Franks 1-6, W.Henderson 1-4.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 39-21-248-0-2TDs ... PACKERS - B.Favre 28-15-180-1-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-35 ... PACKERS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - I.Reese 1.0 ... PACKERS - A.Kampman 2.0, M.Anderson 1.0, N.Diggs 1.0, B.Jue 1.0, M.McKenzie 1.0, C.Nwokorie 1.0, D.Sharper 1.0.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: EVEN (0 fumbles, 1 INT/ 1 fumble, 0 INTs)

Weather: Clear, 25 degrees
Wind: SW 13mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:28



NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2004
CAROLINA 14, PHILADELPHIA 3
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD • 67,862



The Carolina Panthers took advantage of four interceptions (three by rookie CB Ricky Manning, Jr.) and an injury to Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb to earn their first Super Bowl appearance by defeating the Eagles, 14-3. As a result, the Eagles dropped their third consecutive NFC Championship Game. Late in the 2nd quarter, McNabb suffered a rib injury after a questionable hit by LB Greg Favors, who pounced on McNabb after a sack by Mike Rucker. Although he missed one play at the time, McNabb fought through the injury until early in the 4th quarter when he was replaced by Koy Detmer for the remainder of the contest. At the time of McNabb's injury the Eagles trailed 7-0 after a 24-yard touchdown pass from Jake Delhomme to Muhsin Muhammad early in the 2nd quarter. On the drive McNabb was injured, the Eagles eventually got on the scoreboard with a 41-yard field goal by David Akers. Later in that quarter, an injured McNabb threw the first of his three interceptions, thwarting a chance to get some points on the board before halftime. On their first possession of the 2nd half, the Eagles used the run game to march to the Panthers 18-yard line, but an interception by Manning stopped a scoring opportunity. After the Eagles defense forced another punt, Eagles WR James Thrash was thumped by safety Mike Minter after a catch, but the ball was jarred loose and ended up in the hands of Manning, who returned it to the Eagles 37. Five plays later, RB DeShaun Foster made the Eagles pay as he broke three tackles en route to a one-yard TD run, giving the Panthers a commanding 14-3 lead. McNabb played two more series before giving way to Detmer, who led a drive to the Panthers 11-yard line with 5:22 remaining. But Carolina LB Dan Morgan intercepted a pass that all but ended the Eagles comeback hopes.

NOTES: With 384 career postseason rushing yards, RB Duce Staley moved past Steve Van Buren (365) and Donovan McNabb (327) to move into 2nd place on the club's all-time list. Staley had 112 total yards from scrimmage.



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Carolina	0	7	7	0	- 14
Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	- 3

CAR - M.Muhammad, 24 pass from J.Delhomme (Kasay)

Phila - D.Akers, 41 FG

CAR - D.Foster, 1 run (Kasay)

TEAM STATISTICS	CAR	PHILA
First Downs	14	18
Net Yards Gained	256	289
Rushes/Yards	40/155	26/137
Net Yards Passing	101	152
Att/Comp/INT	14/9/0	36/17/4
Sacked/Yards Lost	0/0	5/36
Punts/Average	8/38.3	4/36.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	5/35	4/34
Time of Possession	30:11	29:49
3rd Down Efficiency	4/13	2/13

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 13-79, C.Buckhalter 11-48, D.McNabb 2-10 ... PANTHERS - S.Davis 19-76, D.Foster 14-60-1TD, J.Delhomme 4-7, M.Muhammad 1-5, R.Smart 1-5, B.Hoover 1-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 4-69, F.Mitchell 4-38, D.Staley 4-33, C.Buckhalter 2-26, L.Smith 1-12, J.Thrash 1-9, J.Ritchie 1-1 ... PANTHERS - S.Smith 3-26, M.Muhammad 2-39-1TD, S.Davis 1-21, B.Hoover 1-6, D.Foster 1-6, N.Goings 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 22-10-100-3-oTDs (starter), K.Detmer 14-7-88-1-oTDs ... PANTHERS - J.Delhomme 14-9-101-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... PANTHERS - R.Manning 3-15, D.Morgan 1(-2).

SACKS: EAGLES - 0 ... PANTHERS - B.Buckner 1.5, M.Minter 1.0, M.Rucker 1.0, W.Witherspoon 1.0, S.Burton 0.5.

EAGLES TURNOVER RATIO: -4 (0 fumbles, 0 INTs/ 0 fumble, 4 INTs)

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 33 degrees

Wind: WNW 19 mph

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 2:58

