#### PHILAPELLAHIA FAGLES

#### 2001 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW



GAME ¶

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2001 St. Louis 20, Philadelphia 17 (OT) VETERANS STADIUM • 66,243



Despite a valiant comeback attempt in the 4th quarter the Eagles dropped their home opener, 20-17, in overtime to the St. Louis Rams. The Eagles defense used their aggressive style of play to limit the high-powered Rams offense all afternoon, holding them to their third lowest point total since Kurt Warner has been their starting QB. The Eagles offense, however, struggled early and were plagued by turnovers that directly resulted in 14 points. On the game's first play from scrimmage, QB Donovan McNabb fumbled the snap from C Hank Fraley and the ball was recovered by the Rams. Two plays later, RB Marshall Faulk scored on a 7-yard TD scamper to give the Rams a 7-0 lead 51 seconds into the game. The Eagles were able to get on the board later in the first stanza as David Akers booted a 50-yd. FG. Down 7-3 and driving at the SL33, McNabb was intercepted by CB Dre Bly, who dove in front of WR Todd Pinkston to thwart a potential scoring drive. On the Eagles next possession, the turnover bug proved costly again as TE Chad Lewis fumbled after a reception from McNabb. Rams S Adam Archuleta picked up the loose ball and returned it 24 yards before he fumbled. The Rams recovered, however, and took a 14-3 halftime lead with a 2-yard TD pass from Warner to TE Ernie Conwell. The Rams took control in the 2nd half with an 8-minute, 17-play drive that resulted in a 20-yd. FG by Jeff Wilkins. Later in the quarter the Rams marched to the PE8 poised to open up a big lead. However, LB Carlos Emmons tipped Warner's pass attempt and Troy Vincent recorded a pivotal interception at the PE2. From there, Philadelphia embarked on an 18-play, 98-yard drive (including 3-3 on 4th downs) that ended in a 1yd. TD pass to FB Cecil Martin. The fourth down play was originally ruled not a TD by the on-field officials, who claimed Martin did not cross the goal line. After a coaches challenge by Andy Reid, the play was overturned and the Eagles found themselves down just 17-10. On their next possession, McNabb hit Martin again on an 8-yd. TD completion that tied the score at 17-17. With momentum clearly on the Eagles side, LB Ike Reese stripped Rams return man Aveion Cason on the ensuing kickoff. However, the Eagles missed a golden opportunity as they could not recover the loose ball. Both teams failed to score on their final two possessions of regulation and the game went into OT. The Eagles won the coin toss in the extra session but stalled on their drive. Warner and WR Isaac Bruce connected on gains of 20 and 27 yards to set up the game-winning, 26-yd. FG by Wilkins.

NOTES: The Eagles opened with 17 players who started opening day last year. The only changes were at WR (James Thrash and Pinkston), C (Fraley), LDE (Brandon Whiting, who finished last season as the starter), and WILL (Mike Caldwell) ... The Eagles lost in overtime for the first time since 11/28/99 (at Washington) ... McNabb completed a career-high 32 pass attempts ... Duce Staley made his first regular season appearance since October 1, 2000, and caught a career-high 11 passes ... Martin scored his first NFL TDs ... Pinkston had a career-high 7 catches for 99 yards ... FS Brian Dawkins had a game-high 13 tackles and Caldwell notched 10 tackles, including a sack.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT		Pts
St. Louis	7	7	3	0	3	-	20
Philadelphia	3	0	0	14	0	-	17

**StL** - M.Faulk, 7 run (Wilkins)

Phila - D.Akers, 50 FG

StL - E.Conwell, 2 pass from Warner (Wilkins)

StL - J. Wilkins, 20 FG

**Phila** - C.Martin, 1 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - C.Martin, 8 pass from McNabb (Akers)

StL - J.Wilkins, 26 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	ST. LOUIS
First Downs	19	22
Net Yards Gained	334	364
Rushes/Yards	18/57	23/82
Net Yards Passing	277	282
Att/Comp/INT	48/32/1	42/28/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/35	4/26
Punts/Average	5-40.8	6/42.7
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	3/0
Penalties/Yards	2/20	7/45
Time of Possession	32:44	35:12

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 9-48, D.Staley 9-9 ... RAMS – M.Faulk 20-72-1TD, A.Hakim 1-5, E.Conwell 1-4, T.Canidate 1-1.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – D.Staley 11-81, T.Pinkston 7-99, C.Martin 6-40-2TDs, C.Lewis 5-45, N.Brown 2-36, J.Thrash 1-11 ... RAMS – M.Faulk 8-48, T.Holt 7-85, E.Conwell 5-49-1TD, I.Bruce 4-89, J.Robinson 2-26, R.Proehl 1-6, A.Hakim 1-5.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 48-32-312-1-2TDs ... RAMS – K.Warner 42-28-308-2-1TDs.

INTs: EAGLES – T.Vincent 1-0, D.Moore 1-0 ... RAMS – D.Bly 1-1.

SACKS: EAGLES – M.Caldwell 1.0, C.Simon 1.0, H.Douglas 1.0, B.Taylor 1.0 ... RAMS – L.Fletcher 1.0, L.Little 1.0, T.Jackson 1.0, S.Moran 1.0, B.Young 1.0.

Weather: Sunny, 82 degrees

Wind: NW 5 mph Playing surface: NeXturf



### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 27, SEATTLE 3 HUSKY STADIUM • 62,826





The Eagles, along with the entire NFL, resumed their schedule after the national tragedies at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and western Pennsylvania postponed the week 2 contests on September 16-17. After an emotional pre-game ceremony at Husky Stadium on the campus of the University of Washington, the Eagles used big plays by Donovan McNabb and WR James Thrash and a stingy and aggressive defensive performance, to cruise to a 27-3 win over the Seahawks. Thrash burned the Seahawks for two 2nd quarter touchdown receptions of 64 and 23 yards, respectively, and set career highs in catches (10), yards (165), and TDs (2). The defense registered 7 sacks of Seahawks QB Matt Hasselbeck, who completed just 9 of 24 passes for 62 yards. The Seahawks only score of the day came early in the second quarter as Rian Lindell drilled a 41-yd. FG, the drive was one of only two that penetrated Eagles territory all day. The Eagles dominated from the start of the game and took a 14-3 halftime lead behind the strength of McNabb and Thrash. After the teams combined for 8 punts in the 3rd quarter, McNabb and the offense embarked on a 16-play, 72-yard drive to start the 4th quarter that culminated in a 21-yard field goal by David Akers. After forcing another 3-and-out by the Seahawks, McNabb and rookie RB Correll Buckhalter engineered an 8-play, 62-yard drive that was capped off by a 3-yd. TD run by McNabb. Buckhalter stepped in for an injured Duce Staley (shoulder) and registered 102 total yards from scrimmage (52 rushing, 50 receiving) in his first NFL action at running back.

NOTES: The game featured a match-up of head coaches – Andy Reid and Mike Holmgren – who are good friends. Reid served as an assistant coach under Holmgren in Green Bay from 1992-98 ... Thrash's 165-yd. output was the most by an Eagle since Fred Barnett's 173-yd. performance vs. Arizona in 1994 ... The Eagles have won their last two road openers by a total of 51 points. In 2000, the Eagles won, 41-14 at Dallas on opening day ... The play of the Eagles defense and special teams forced the Seahawks to start drives inside their 20-yd. line 7 times, including three times inside their 10-yard line ... DE Brandon Whiting recorded a career-high 2 sacks ... P Sean Landeta punted five times for a 52.4 yd. avg. and pinned two inside the 20-yard line to earn his fifth career NFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	3	14	0	10	-	27
Seattle	0	3	0	0	-	3

Phila - D.Akers, 48 FG

Phila - J.Thrash, 64 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Sea - R.Lindell, 41 FG

Phila - J.Thrash, 23 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 21 FG

Phila - D.McNabb, 3 run (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	SEA
First Downs	18	9
Net Yards Gained	344	147
Rushes/Yards	31/102	26/126
Net Yards Passing	242	21
Att/Comp/INT	37/24/0	24/9/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/41	7/41
Punts/Average	5/52.4	10/46.6
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/30	7/62
Time of Possession	32:36	27:24

RUSHING: EAGLES – C.Buckhalter 18-52, D.McNabb 5-16-1TD, D.Staley 3-12, J.Thrash 2-9, C.Martin 1-8, B.Mitchell 2-5 ... SEAHAWKS – R.Watters 17-81, M.Hasselbeck 4-31, K.Robinson 2-8, S.Alexander 3-6.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – J.Thrash 10-165-2TDs, C.Buckhalter 4-50, C.Lewis 3-13, B.Mitchell 2-29, C.Martin 2-6, N.Brown 1-12, T.Pinkston 1-6, D.Staley 1-2 ... SEAHAWKS – B.Engram 2-28, C.Fauria 2-13, D.Jackson 2-9, M.Strong 1-7, K.Robinson 1-3, R.Watters 1-2.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 37-24-283-0-2TDs ... SEAHAWKS – M.Hasselbeck 24-9-62-0-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - o ... SEAHAWKS - o.

SACKS: EAGLES – B.Whiting 2.0, J.Trotter 1.0, B.Dawkins 1.0, C.Emmons 1.0, C.Simon 1.0, D.Burgess 1.0 ... SEAHAWKS – C.Brown 2.0, M.Bell 1.0, L.Kirkland 1.0, J.Randle 0.5, M.Sinclair 0.5.

Weather: Sunny, 65 degrees

Wind: N 4 mph

Playing surface: FieldTurf



#### GAME B

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 40, DALLAS 18 VETERANS STADIUM • 66,621





The Eagles used a 26-point barrage in the 2nd quarter to cruise to a 40-18 domination of the Dallas Cowboys in a nationally televised (ESPN) game. Philadelphia's defense smothered the Cowbovs in the decisive first half, holding them to just 11 total yards in 29 plays from scrimmage and one first down, which came with under 4 minutes remaining in the 2nd quarter. Offensively, rookie RB Correll Buckhalter rushed for 99 yards on 20 carries, including his first career touchdown run, while QB Donovan McNabb fired 3 first-half TD passes, including a pair to TE Chad Lewis. The game did not start well for the Eagles as KR Brian Mitchell fumbled away both the opening kickoff and the Cowboys first punt early in the first quarter. Those miscues led to two Cowboys FGs and a 6-o deficit. The Eagles settled down on their very next possession, driving 62 yards on 9 plays as McNabb connected with Lewis on a 10-yard TD. On the first play of the 2nd stanza, Mitchell atoned for his earlier fumbles with a 54-yard punt return that set the Eagles up at the DC17. Two plays later, McNabb found Lewis again for their 2nd TD connection of the evening to make the score, 14-6. Later in the quarter, the Eagles defense struck again as LB Mike Caldwell forced a fumble by Cowboys RB Troy Hambrick. SS Damon Moore picked up the loose ball and strolled 10 yards for his first career touchdown increasing the Eagles lead to 21-6. On the Cowboys next possession, DE Hugh Douglas sacked and forced a fumble by Cowboys QB Anthony Wright that was recovered by fellow DE Brandon Whiting. That turnover led to McNabb's third TD pass of the day - a 10-yarder to WR Todd Pinkston, who reached the end zone for the first time in his career. K David Akers added two field goals to boost the halftime lead to 33-6. On the Eagles first possession of the 3rd quarter, Buckhalter capped a 7-play, 86-yard drive with a 3-yd. scamper for his first career TD run to end the Eagles scoring on the night.

**NOTES:** In the Cowboys first eight possessions, the Eagles defense limited them to -7 yards on 22 plays and no first downs ... The Eagles forced 5 turnovers vs. the Cowboys (4 fumbles and 1 INT) to record their best turnover output since the season finale vs. St. Louis in 1999 (7) ... In the last two games, the Eagles have allowed just 82 net passing yards ... Cowboys WRs combined for just 2 receptions for 26 yards ... In his first game since rejoining the Eagles this past offseason, DE N.D. Kalu blocked a punt by Micah Knorr which led to a field goal, it was the team's first blocked punt since DB Jason Bostic blocked one in the 2000 NFC Divisional Playoff game at NYG ... Brian Mitchell became the third player in league history (Walter Payton and Jerry Rice) to surpass the 19,000-yard plateau in all-purpose yards ... DT Corey Simon recorded a career-high 4 tackles for a loss ... Lewis logged the first two-touchdown performance of his career, while Buckhalter, Pinkston and Moore all scored their first NFL touchdowns ... The 40 points scored by the Eagles represented the second highest point total to date under Andy Reid (41 at Dallas in 2000).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Dallas	6	0	0	12	-	18
Philadelphia	7	26	7	0	-	40

Dal - T.Seder, 41 FG

**Dal** - T.Seder, 43 FG

Phila - C.Lewis, 10 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - C.Lewis, 17 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Moore, 10 fumble return (Akers)

Phila - T.Pinkston, 10 pass from McNabb (Akers kick failed)

**Phila** - D.Akers, 40 FG

Phila - D.Akers, 19 FG

**Phila** - C.Buckhalter, 3 run (Akers)

Dal - R.Thomas, 5 pass from Stoerner (Stoerner pass failed)

Dal - M. Wiley, 11 pass from Stoerner (Stoerner pass failed)

TEAM STATISTICS	<u>PHILA</u>	DAL
First Downs	14	11
Net Yards Gained	276	242
Rushes/Yards	30/131	30/181
Net Yards Passing	145	61
Att/Comp/INT	28/14/0	30/11/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/17	2/16
Punts/Average	7/40.6	7/34.9
Fumbles/Lost	5/3	5/4
Penalties/Yards	10/81	6/50
Time of Possession	30:29	29:31

RUSHING: EAGLES – C.Buckhalter 20-99-1TD, D.McNabb 4-19, C.Martin 5-14, K.Detmer 1-(-1) ... COWBOYS – T.Hambrick 10-107, E.Smith 16-58, M.Wiley 2-8, R.Thomas 1-6, A.Wright 1-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – C.Lewis 4-43-2TDs, T.Pinkston 3-71-1TD, C.Martin 3-14, J.Thrash 2-25, C.Buckhalter 1-9, F.Mitchell 1-0 ... COWBOYS – M.Wiley 3-28-1TD, R.Thomas 2-10-1TD, M.Lucky 2-8, D.Chiaverini 1-21, W.McGarity 1-5, E.Smith 1-4, J.Huggins 1-1.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 28-14-162-0-3TDs... COWBOYS – A.Wright 23-7-33-1-oTD, C.Stoerner 7-4-44-0-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - A.Harris 1-14 ... COWBOYS - o.

**SACKS:** EAGLES – H.Douglas 1.0, B.Dawkins 0.5, B.Whiting 0.5 ... COWBOYS – P.Zellner 1.0, M.Myers 1.0.

Weather: Light Rain, 53 degrees

Wind: N 13 mph

Playing surface: NeXturf



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2001 ARIZONA 21, PHILADELPHIA 20 VETERANS STADIUM • 66,360





The Eagles lost a stunning 21-20 decision to Jake Plummer and the visiting Arizona Cardinals, dropping their record to 2-2. Plummer engineered another 4th quarter comeback vs. the Eagles as he connected with WR MarTay Jenkins on a 35-yard TD pass with just :09 remaining. The Cardinals built an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter as they capitalized on two turnovers by QB Donovan McNabb. On the Eagles second play from scrimmage, McNabb had the ball jarred loose as he was sacked by blitzing LB Rob Fredrickson. DE Kyle Vanden Bosch scooped up the ball and rumbled nine yards for the touchdown. On the Eagles next possession, a scrambling McNabb found a wide-open WR Todd Pinkston, who sprinted 71 yards for a touchdown. However, the TD was nullified after a holding penalty downfield on RB Correll Buckhalter. With a 3rd-and-8 at the AC28, McNabb was intercepted by Kwamie Lassiter to thwart a potential scoring opportunity. The Cardinals then drove 70 yards in 14 plays to score on a 2-yd. TD pass from Plummer to FB Joel Mackovicka. Saddled with a 14-0 deficit, the Eagles stormed back on their next possession to cut the lead in half as McNabb hit Pinkston with a picture-perfect 13-yard fade pass in the back of the end zone. That score was set up by a 56-yard screen pass to RB Brian Mitchell. After a 42-yd. FG by David Akers early in the 2nd stanza, McNabb and the Eagles embarked on a 2-minute drive at the end of the half. The drive spanned 69 yards in 7 plays and was capped off by another TD catch by Pinkston, who beat CB Coby Rhinehart on a fade pattern in the back of the end zone. Pinkston's 2-yd. TD put the Eagles in front 17-14 as the half expired. The Cardinals opened the 2nd half with a 64-yd. drive that stalled at the PE12. However, Bill Gramatica misfired on a 30-yd. FG that would have evened the score. Early in the 4th quarter, Arizona drove to the PE12 once again but came up short on another scoring opportunity as Plummer was intercepted by LB Jeremiah Trotter in the end zone. With 3:50 remaining in the 4th qtr. and the Eagles set up at their own 6 yd. line, McNabb drove 84 yards to the AC10. Facing a 3rd-and-1, Buckhalter was stopped for no gain before Akers nailed a 28-yard FG. Plummer and the Cardinals would not be denied on their final drive, as he connected with Jenkins on passes of 16 and 28 yards to set up the winning score on a 4th-and-10 play.

**NOTES:** Pinkston's career-high two TD effort was the fourth straight 2 TD receiving game by an Eagle ... in his first career NFL start, Buckhalter's 134 rushing yards were the highest total ever by an Eagles rookie, eclipsing the 129 by Steve Van Buren at the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1944.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Arizona	14	0	0	7	-	21
Philadelphia	7	10	0	3	-	20

Arz - K.Vanden Bosch, 9 fumble return (Gramatica)

**Arz** - J.Makovicka, 2 pass from Plummer (Gramatica)

Phila - T.Pinkston, 13 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 42 FG

Phila - T.Pinkston, 2 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 28 FG

Arz - M.Jenkins, 35 pass from Plummer (Gramatica)

TEAM STATISTICS	<u>PHILA</u>	ARZ
First Downs	19	19
Net Yards Gained	440	329
Rushes/Yards	30/179	28/97
Net Yards Passing	280	232
Att/Comp/INT	29/19/1	32/18/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/19	1/6
Punts/Average	5/41.4	6/40.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/0
Penalties/Yards	8/58	5/40
Time of Possession	29:05	30:55

RUSHING: EAGLES – C.Buckhalter 21-134, D.McNabb 3-24, B.Mitchell, 3-14, T.Pinkston 1-5, C.Martin 2-2 ... CAR-DINALS – M.Pittman 22-83, T.Jones 5-13, J.Plummer 1-1.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – T.Pinkston 4-90-2TDs, C.Lewis 4-38, B.Mitchell 3-82, J.Thrash 3-42, N.Brown 2-18, J.Thomason 2-8, C.Martin 1-2 ... CARDINALS – M.Jenkins 6-119-1TD, D.Boston 4-71, T.Hardy 3-22, M.Pittman 2-16, J.Makovica 2-7-1TD, F.Sanders 1-3.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 29-19-280-1-2TDs ... CAR-DINALS – J.Plummer 32-18-238-1-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - J.Trotter 1-14 ... CARDINALS - K.Lassiter 1-25.

**SACKS:** EAGLES – P.Grasmanis 1.0 ... CARDINALS – R.Fredrickson 1.0, T.Burke 1.0.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 53 degrees

Wind: NW 17 mph
Playing surface: NeXturf



#### PHILADELLAHIA EAGLES

# GAME 5

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 10, NEW YORK 9 GIANTS STADIUM • 78.821



Monday Night Football at Giants Stadium. There was no better scenery for the Eagles to claim first place in the NFC East as they overcame a 4th quarter deficit to end a nine-game, four-year losing streak against the New York Giants. Trailing 9-3 with 5:52 remaining in the final stanza, the Eagles drove to the NYG18 as the two-minute warning paused the action. After the timeout, Donovan McNabb took the snap, scrambled right and fired a bullet to a sliding James Thrash in the end zone for the gamewinning touchdown. With no disrespect to the heroics of McNabb and Thrash, the story of the night for the Eagles was the suffocating play of their defense, especially in the decisive second half. After surrendering three field goals in the first half, the defense threw a blanket over the Giants in the final 30 minutes, allowing them just 59 total net yards and 3 first downs. After the Eagles touchdown, the Giants took over at their own 30-yard line with all three timeouts in their pocket and with 1:47 showing on the clock. An 11-yard pass play from Kerry Collins to Tiki Barber started a potential game-winning drive by the Giants. But on the next play, a scrambling Collins was sacked by MLB Jeremiah Trotter, who neatly slapped the ball loose. DE Brandon Whiting pounced on the ball just before it reached the Giants sideline at the 36-yard line. With 65 seconds remaining, the Giants had three timeouts and a chance to regain possession. After three running plays by Correll Buckhalter that netted 7 yards there were still 49 seconds remaining. McNabb took off on a QB keeper on the 4th-n-3 play and darted for 21 yards to seal the victory. The first half belonged to the home club as the Eagles fell behind 9-0 with the help of six offsides penalties, a missed FG by David Akers, and an interception thrown by McNabb. The Eagles managed to get on the scoreboard late in the 3rd quarter as Akers connected on a 25-yd. FG. Trailing 9-3 with 8:11 left in the 4th quarter and facing a 4th-and-2 at their own 41, Eagles head coach Andy Reid called for a fake punt. Mike Bartrum made the direct snap to upback Brian Mitchell, who completed an 8-yard pass to SS Damon Moore. The play did not stand, however, as TE Jeff Thomason was ruled an ineligible man downfield. After the Eagles punted the ball away, the Giants went three-and-out and punted 39 yards to the PE38. A holding penalty on the Giants forced them to punt again and Rodney Williams misfired on his next attempt, sending a 27-yard punt to the NYG40, as the stage was set for the fantastic finish.

NOTES: The Eagles recorded their first win on Monday Night Football since Oct. 24, 1994, when they defeated the Houston Oilers, 21-6 at Veterans Stadium (they had been o-6 in their last 6 attempts) ... The last time the Eagles defeated the Giants was on December 1, 1996, when they shutout the visiting New Yorkers, 24-0 ... Besides Reid, 22 Eagles made their debuts on Monday Night Football, including 10 starters. Players such as McNabb, RT Jon Runyan, Buckhalter, and Trotter all shined in their first time under the Monday night lights.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	3	7	-	10
New York	3	6	0	0	-	9

NYG- M.Andersen, 24 FG NYG- M.Andersen, 21 FG NYG- M.Andersen, 24 FG Phila - D.Akers, 25 FG

Phila - J.Thrash, 18 pass from McNabb (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	13	16
Net Yards Gained	215	238
Rushes/Yards	20/91	31/96
Net Yards Passing	124	142
Att/Comp/INT	25/15/1	33/21/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/30	3/20
Punts/Average	6/44.3	6/42.7
Fumbles/Lost	o/o	2/1
Penalties/Yards	7/35	3/31
Time of Possession	24:40	35:20

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 6-35, C.Buckhalter 11-34, D.Staley 3-22 ... GIANTS – T.Barber 13-55, R.Dayne 16-32, K.Collins 2-9.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES – J.Thrash 6-77-1TD, T.Pinkston 4-39, D.Staley 4-23, C.Lewis 1-15 ... GIANTS – I.Hilliard 6-80, T.Barber 5-25, J.Jurevicius 3-22, A.Toomer 3-19, R.Dayne 2-15, G.Comella 2-1.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 26-15-154-1-1TD ... GIANTS – K.Collins 33-21-162-0-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - o ... GIANTS - S.Williams 1-20.

SACKS: EAGLES - J.Trotter 1.0, H.Douglas 1.0, D.Burgess 1.0 ... GIANTS – M.Strahan 2.0, J.Sehorn 1.0, K.Holmes 1.0.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 61 degrees

Wind: N 7 mph Playing surface: Grass



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2001 OAKLAND 20, PHILADELPHIA 10 VETERANS STADIUM • 65,342





The first-place Eagles dropped a 20-10 decision to the visiting Oakland Raiders at a chilly Veterans Stadium. The game was a homecoming for several former Eagles who now don the Raiders silver and black, including head coach Jon Gruden, linebacker William Thomas, cornerback Eric Allen, and running back Charlie Garner. But the star of the homecoming party was Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon, a product of St. Joe's Prep in Philadelphia and the University of Delaware, who led a balanced, mistake-free offensive attack. Meanwhile, the Eagles could not jump start their offense all day long as they accumulated just 195 total net yards, 11 first downs and a 1-11 conversion rate on 3rd downs. After stalling on their first two drives, the Eagles punted deep into Raiders territory where PR David Dunn was forced to fumble by Jeff Thomason. The Raiders dodged a bullet as they eventually recovered the loose ball at their own 20-yard line and proceeded to march 80 yards in 15 plays, capped off by a 2-yd TD by Garner. Late in the 2nd stanza, Raiders K Sebastian Janikowski upped the Raiders lead to 10-0 with a 42-yard FG. But the Eagles answered right back with :31 left in the half as David Akers nailed a 34-yd. FG to cut the halftime lead to 10-3. The Raiders stormed to a twotouchdown lead midway through the 3rd quarter as RB Zack Crockett's 1-yd. TD run capped off a 6-play, 63-yard drive. On that drive, Gannon connected with WR Jerry Rice on a 32-yd. completion followed by a 22-yd. gain by Garner. Three plays into the 4th quarter, Janikowski nailed a 32-yd. FG to up the Raiders commanding lead to 20-3. Eagles RB Duce Staley notched a 3-yd. TD run late in the game to finish the scoring.

**NOTES:** The last time the Eagles held sole possession of first place in the NFC East for two consecutive weeks was in 1981.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Oakland	7	3	7	3	-	20
Philadelphia	0	3	0	7	-	10

Oak - C.Garner, 2 run (Janikowski)

Oak - S.Janikowski, 42 FG

Phila - D.Akers, 34 FG

Oak - Z.Crockett, 1 run (Janikowski)

**Oak** - S.Janikowski, 32 FG **Phila** - D.Staley, 3 run (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	OAK
First Downs	11	22
Net Yards Gained	195	354
Rushes/Yards	16/78	47/202
Net Yards Passing	117	152
Att/Comp/INT	27/12/0	26/17/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/16	1/6
Punts/Average	8/46.0	5/45.6
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	5/31	7/65
Time of Possession	19:51	40:09

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 6-30, C.Buckhalter 7-29, D.Staley 3-19-1TD ... RAIDERS – C.Garner 21-77-1TD, Z.Crockett 17-47-1TD, R.Jordan 3-45, R.Gannon 3-16, T.Kirby 2-15, S.Lechler 1-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES –D.Staley 2-35, N.Brown 2-29, C.Lewis 2-27, J.Thrash 2-9, C.Martin 2-7, F.Mitchell 1-15, J.Thomason 1-11 ... RAIDERS – T.Brown 3-43, C.Garner 3-18, R.Williams 3-16, J.Rice 2-34, J.Porter 2-23, J.Ritchie 2-15, T.Kirby 1-8, J.Brigham 1-1.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 27-12-133-0-0TD ... RAIDERS – R.Gannon 26-17-158-0-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - o ... RAIDERS - o.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Caldwell 1.0 ... RAIDERS - J.Taves 1.0, R.Coleman 1.0, E.Alexander 1.0, T.Bryant 1.0.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 52 degrees

Wind: N 17 mph

Playing surface: NeXturf



# GAME 7

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 21, ARIZONA 7 SUN DEVIL STADIUM • 33,340



The Eagles kept their grip on first place in the NFC East and continued their perfect record away from home this season with a 21-7 triumph over the host Arizona Cardinals. The Eagles got off to a quick start in this contest as KR Brian Mitchell took the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown. The Eagles shut down the Cards running and passing attacks throughout most of the first half as they gang-tackled RB Michael Pittman and pressured QB Jake Plummer consistently. The game remained 7-o until late in the 1st half when Mitchell returned a punt 22 yards to set up the Eagles at the AC35. Seven plays later, McNabb connected with WR James Thrash in the back of the end zone to increase the Eagles lead to 14-0. However, Plummer and the Cards struck back as he hit WR David Boston with a 52-yard strike to the PE2. From there, Plummer tossed a two-yard TD to TE Tywan Mitchell with 1:09 left in the half. But McNabb and the Eagles were not yet ready to make the long haul to the locker rooms at Sun Devil Stadium as he connected with Thrash on a 15yard completion and then with Thrash again on a 54-yard bomb that proved to be the final points of the afternoon. In the 2nd half, both teams traded punts until the early portion of the 4th quarter when, faced with a 4th-and-10 at the PE33, Plummer completed a pass to Boston who came up one yard short of a first down when he was stopped by Brian Dawkins and Troy Vincent. On the Cards next possession, Plummer, who entered the game with five 4th quarter comebacks vs. the Eagles in his young career, drove the Redbirds down to the PE1 with just over three minutes remaining in regulation. From there, Pittman was forced to fumble on a diving attempt into the end zone by DT Hollis Thomas. DE Derrick Burgess pounced on the loose ball in the end zone to thwart Arizona's comeback bid.

NOTES: By holding the Cardinals to just 7 points, the Eagles held their road opponents to single-digit point totals in three straight games for the 2nd time in team history and the first since 1949-50 ... Rookie WR Freddie Mitchell became a primary target for the first time in his career and caught 4 passes for 62 yards. On a 3rd-and-14 play in the 3rd quarter, Mitchell took a big hit from two Cardinals but held on to the ball for the first down. Later that quarter, Mitchell made a picture-perfect diving catch for 20 yards on a 3rd-and-11 situation ... Brian Mitchell's TD tied him with Eric Metcalf atop the NFL list for most career kick returns for scores with 12. In addition, it marked the first time an Eagle returned the opening kickoff for a score since 9/17/61 when Timmy Brown returned the opening kickoff 105 yards for a TD vs. the Browns. His effort earned him NFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors ... Sean Landeta surpassed Lee Johnson (50,473) for first place on the NFL's all-time punt yardage list.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	7	14	0	0	-	21
Arizona	0	7	0	0	-	7

Phila - B.Mitchell, 94 kickoff return (Akers)
Phila - J.Thrash, 8 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Arz - T.Mitchell, 2 pass from Plummer (Gramatica)
Phila - J.Thrash, 54 pass from McNabb (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	ARZ
First Downs	13	20
Net Yards Gained	332	327
Rushes/Yards	22/113	24/57
Net Yards Passing	219	270
Att/Comp/INT	33/19/1	41/24/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/19	3/23
Punts/Average	10/47.6	10/41.4
Fumbles/Lost	o/o	2/1
Penalties/Yards	11/92	1/9
Time of Possession	28:55	31:05

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Staley 12-49, D.McNabb 4-26, J.Thrash 2-24, C.Buckhalter 4-14 ... CARDINALS – M.Pittman 18-43, T.Jones 6-14.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES – J.Thrash 4-80-2TDs, F.Mitchell 4-62, C.Lewis 4-57, T.Pinkston 3-15, C.Martin 2-16, J.Thomason 1-9, C.Buckhalter 1-(-1) ... CARDINALS – D.Boston 8-138, F.Sanders 6-87, M.Pittman 5-28, T.Mitchell 3-14-1TD, M.Jenkins 2-26.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 33-19-238-1-2TDs... CARDINALS – J.Plummer 41-24-293-1-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - D.Moore 1-2 ... CARDINALS - K.Lassiter 1-o.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 2.o, N.D.Kalu 1.o ... CAR-DINALS - R.McKinnon 1.o, R.Hill 0.5, A.Wilson 0.5, R. Thompson 0.5, F. Wakefield 0.5.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 94 degrees

Wind: SE 16 mph Playing surface: Grass



#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 48, MINNESOTA 17 VETERANS STADIUM • 65.638



The Eagles hit the midway point of the season with a 48-17 trouncing of the Vikings. RB Duce Staley, in his first start since week 2 of the season, was back to his old self, breaking tackles, catching passes, and playing with tremendous heart as he racked up 231 total yards from scrimmage. QB Donovan McNabb engineered an offense that compiled 6 touchdowns, 487 yards, 33 first downs, and 23 plays of 10 yards-or-more. He accounted for 4 touchdowns on his own, throwing for three and running for another, without throwing an interception. The defense pressured Vikings QB Duante Culpepper all day long (6 sacks), forced four turnovers (leading to 24 points), and stuffed their attempt at a running game (2.7 average on 21 attempts). They dominated from the start of the game as they took a 14-o lead on a McNabb TD pass to James Thrash and a McNabb 12-yd. scramble for a score. After the teams traded field goals midway through the 2nd stanza, Eagles DE Hugh Douglas sacked and forced a fumble by Culpepper that was recovered by Bobby Taylor. Two plays later, McNabb hit Thrash for his second TD catch of the day, a 17 yarder that upped their lead to 24-3. On the Vikings next play from scrimmage, Culpepper was intercepted by CB Troy Vincent and, once again, paid the price. RB Correll Buckhalter's 1-yd. TD plunge capped a 4-play, 49-yard drive and gave the Eagles a commanding 31-3 lead. A late TD by the Vikings in the 2nd quarter was neutralized by a 44-yd. TD run by Staley on the Eagles first possession of the 2nd half. Down 38-10, the Vikings drove to the PE2 late in the 3rd quarter before surrendering another turnover. RB Jim Kleinsasser fumbled as he was diving toward the end zone as Brian Dawkins scooped up the loose ball for a touchback. A 21-yard FG by David Akers resulted as the Eagles built a 41-10 lead. The turnover bug bit the Vikes on their next possession as reserve safety Rashard Cook was cut loose on a blitz, he sacked and forced a fumble by Culpepper that DE Brandon Whiting recovered. Four plays later, McNabb found 3rd-string TE Mike Bartrum on a 4yd. TD pass to give the Eagles a 48-10 lead. A late TD pass from Culpepper to WR Randy Moss closed out the scoring.

NOTES: The Eagles 48 points marked the highest scoring output in a regular season game since scoring 48 vs. New England on 11/4/90 ... The 31-point margin of victory was the largest for the Eagles since a 40-8 win at San Francisco on 10/2/94 ... The 33 first downs by the Eagles were the second best total in team history. Philadelphia managed 34 first downs vs. Baltimore on 11/15/81 ... Staley rushed for 146 yards (one TD) and also caught 6 passes for 85 yards. It was his first 100-yard game since a 201-yard output at Dallas on opening day in 2000. The 146 yards were the second best mark of his career and the 85 receiving yards were his best to date. His 231 total yards from scrimmage were also the second best total of his career ... Bartrum's TD catch was the third reception of his career, all of which have resulted in TDs ... Douglas logged his 15th multiple sack game of his career moved into 6th place on the club's all-time list.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Minnesota	0	10	0	7	-	17
Philadelphia	7	2/1	7	10		48

Phila - J.Thrash, 14 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.McNabb, 12 run (Akers)

Min - G.Anderson, 43 FG

Phila - D.Akers, 36 FG

Phila - J.Thrash, 17 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - C.Buckhalter, 1 run (Akers)

Min - C.Carter, 5 pass from Culpepper (Anderson)

**Phila** - D.Staley, 44 run (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 21 FG

Phila - M.Bartrum, 4 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Min - R.Moss, 29 pass from Culpepper (Anderson)

TEAM STATISTICS	<u>PHILA</u>	MIN
First Downs	33	16
Net Yards Gained	487	301
Rushes/Yards	35/272	21/56
Net Yards Passing	215	245
Att/Comp/INT	29/19/0	35/21/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/8	6/40
Punts/Average	2/30.5	4/37.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/3
Penalties/Yards	2/8	7/51
Time of Possession	31:43	28:17

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Staley 17-146-1TD, C.Buckhalter 11-66-1TD, D.McNabb 3-37-1TD, J.Thrash 1-14, F.Mitchell 1-12, K.Detmer 2-(-3) ... VIKINGS – D.Culpepper 6-21, D.Chapman 9-19, J.Kleinsasser 4-12, T.Prentice 2-4.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES –D.Staley 6-85, J.Thrash 5-52-2TDs, F.Mitchell 3-38, T.Pinkston 2-20, C.Martin 1-17, C.Lewis 1-7, M.Bartum 1-4-1TD ... VIKINGS – R.Moss 7-95-1TD, C.Carter 5-81-1TD, D.Chapman 2-45, B.Chamberlain 2-23, J.Reed 2-19, J.Kleinsasser 2-16, C.Walsh 1-6.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 29-19-223-0-3TDs ... VIKINGS – D.Culpepper 35-21-285-1-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - T.Vincent 1-0 ... VIKINGS - o.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 2.5, D.Moore 1.0, P.Grasmanis 1.0, R.Cook 1.0, J.Trotter 0.5 ... VIKINGS – K.Wong 1.0.

Weather: Clear, 50 degrees

Wind: N 10 mph

Playing surface: NeXturf



# GAME 9

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 36, DALLAS 3 TEXAS STADIUM • 63,204



The Eagles benefited from another all-around effort in recording their second lopsided win over the Cowboys this year, a 36-3 triumph at Texas Stadium. RB Duce Staley posted his second straight 100-yard rushing game, K David Akers nailed a career-high 5 field goals, and the defense posted four take-aways and two touchdowns in the romp. The Eagles got the scoring barrage underway early in the 2nd qtr. after CB Bobby Taylor ripped the ball away from Cowboys RB Emmitt Smith at the DC25. From there, the Eagles drove to the DC16, where they faced a 4th-and-1. Opting not to try the short field goal, head coach Andy Reid decided to give the ball to their best weapon of the day - Staley - and it worked setting the tone for the remainder of the game. After a 10-yard rush and a first down by Staley, QB Donovan McNabb found TE Chad Lewis all alone in the end zone for a 7-o lead. On the Cowboys next possession, QB Ryan Leaf fumbled a snap and the ball bounced into the hands of MLB Jeremiah Trotter at the DC33. The Eagles could not convert this turnover into points, however, as McNabb was intercepted by S Darren Woodson at the goal line, snapping a streak of 25 straight scoring trips in the red zone this year. Akers made good on two field goals later in the quarter to seemingly send the Eagles into the locker room with a 13-0 advantage. But, on a last ditch effort to move the ball into field goal range with time running out, Leaf was intercepted by Trotter, who raced 50 yards for his second TD in as many years at Texas Stadium. Armed with a commanding 20-0 lead at the half, the Eagles came out flying in the 3rd quarter with a 61-yard kickoff return by Brian Mitchell that set up a 26-yard FG by Akers. A stifling defensive effort (6 plays, 6 net yards), set up another FG by Akers (28 yarder) that put the Cowboys on life support. After both teams traded field goals early in the 4th, Leaf threw another INT, this one to back-up CB William Hampton, who raced 33 yards for his first career score.

**NOTES:** The Eagles tied a team record with their 7th straight regular season road victory ... The Eagles defeated their last two opponents by a combined margin of 64 points, the highest margin of victory in two straight games since 1981, when they beat St. Louis (52-10) and Baltimore (38-13) by a combined margin of 67 points. Their 84 points in the last two games the most by the Eagles since scoring 90 points in those same two games in 1981 ... The Eagles combined margin of victory over Dallas in 2001 was 55 points, the most ever over an NFC East opponent in one year since 1981, when they downed the St. Louis Cardinals by a combined total of 80 points ... CB Troy Vincent recorded a career-high 1.5 sacks and became the 14th different Eagle to record a sack this year ... Akers was a perfect 5-5 on FG attempts and 3-3 on PAT attempts for a total of 18 points, earning him NFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	0	20	6	10	-	36
Dallas	0	0	0	3	-	3

Phila - C.Lewis, 2 pass from McNabb (Akers)

**Phila** - D.Akers, 24 FG

Phila - D.Akers, 46 FG

Phila - J. Trotter, 50 INT return (Akers)

**Phila** - D.Akers, 26 FG **Phila** - D.Akers, 28 FG

**Dal** - J.Hilbert, 30 FG

Phila - D.Akers, 30 FG

Phila - W. Hampton, 33 INT return (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	<u>PHILA</u>	DAL
First Downs	17	11
Net Yards Gained	227	213
Rushes/Yards	35/98	23/132
Net Yards Passing	129	81
Att/Comp/INT	32/16/1	26/11/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	o/o	3/21
Punts/Average	3/47.0	5/33.8
Fumbles/Lost	o/o	2/2
Penalties/Yards	3/22	10/81
Time of Possession	33:40	26:20

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Staley 26-102, D.McNabb 4-24, K. Detmer 2-(-2), B.Mitchell 2-(-10), F.Mitchell 1-(-16) ... COWBOYS – E.Smith 15-80, J.Galloway 2-22, T.Hambrick 3-17, M.Wiley 2-13, R.Leaf 1-0.

RECEIVING: EAGLES –D.Staley 4-31, C.Lewis 3-18-1TD, T.Pinkston 2-30, J.Thrash 2-17, F.Mitchell 2-15, B.Mitchell 1-11, C.Martin 1-4, J.Reader 1-3 ... COWBOYS – R.Ismail 5-57, J.Galloway 2-20, E.Smith 2-10, M.Lucky 1-9, J.Harris 1-6.

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 32-16-129-1-1TD ... COW-BOYS – R.Leaf 26-11-102-2-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - J.Trotter 1-50-1TD, W.Hampton 1-33-1TD ... COWBOYS - D.Woodson 1-5.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - T.Vincent 1.5, D.Burgess 1.0, C.Simon 0.5 ... COWBOYS – 0.

Weather: Cloudy, 70 degrees

Wind: SE 5 mph

Playing surface: Artificial



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2001 WASHINGTON 13, PHILADELPHIA 3 VETERANS STADIUM • 65,666





Riding a four-game win streak heading into Veterans Stadium, the Washington Redskins continued their winning ways as they limited the Eagles to just 186 total net yards, 6 first downs, and 3 points in their 13-3 triumph. The Eagles simply could not get anything going offensively all day as they went three-and-out on their first five possessions. Meanwhile, the Redskins rode the legs of RB Stephen Davis in the first quarter, driving to the PE19 before K Brett Conway misfired on a 37-yard FG attempt. After Davis left with a back injury later that quarter, the Redskins turned to Ki-Jana Carter, who rushed 4 times for 26 yards on the next drive, including a 5-yard TD run that gave the 'Skins a 7-o lead. Penalties and mistakes continued to plague the Eagles offense in the 2nd quarter as they stumbled on all four of their possessions before yielding a last-second, 43-yd. FG by Conway. Philadelphia finally got on the board late in the 3rd quarter, driving 42 yards on 9 plays that set up a 49-yard FG by David Akers. Down 10-3 and poised for more points, Donovan McNabb and the Eagles marched to the WR33 as the 3rd quarter expired. Facing a 4th-and-3, McNabb, however, misfired on a pass attempt to WR Freddie Mitchell. After the defense forced a three-and-out by the 'Skins, Philadelphia drove to the WR35, where they faced another fourth down. On 4th-and-1 with 9:30 left in the game, the Eagles handed off to RB Correll Buckhalter, who lost his footing and was touched down short of the first down marker. That drive proved to be the Eagles last gasp at a comeback as the Redskins chewed up all but 24 seconds of the remaining clock on their next drive (15 plays, 50 yards) as Conway's 32-yard field goal sealed the victory.

**NOTES:** Despite suffering a minor knee sprain early in the game, DT Corey Simon tied a career-high with 2 sacks ... Former XFL star Rod Smart made his NFL debut as he played on the kickoff coverage unit ... K David Akers, who is in just his 2nd season as a full-time kicker, connected on his 10th consecutive field goal, his third longest streak. He previously had streaks of 13 (1999-2000) and 11 (2000) straight field goals made.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Washington	0	10	0	3	-	13
Philadelphia	0	0	3	0	-	3

Wash - K.Carter, 5 run (Conway kick)

Wash - B.Conway, 43 FG Phila - D.Akers, 49 FG Wash - B.Conway, 32 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	7	16
Net Yards Gained	186	240
Rushes/Yards	22/94	45/155
Net Yards Passing	92	85
Att/Comp/INT	27/15/0	18/12/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	o/o	2/11
Punts/Average	7/47.7	7/44.9
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	7/52	5/41
Time of Possession	22:11	37:49

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Staley 15-50, D.McNabb 3-39, C.Buckhalter 4-5 ... REDSKINS – S.Davis 22-79, K.Carter 18-56-1TD, T.Banks 5-20.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES –D.Staley 7-40, J.Thrash 4-32, T.Pinkston 2-11, J.Thomason 1-5, C.Buckhalter 1-4 ... REDSKINS – R.Gardner 4-33, M.Westbrook 3-22, Z.Flemister 2-33, K.Carter 2-9, D.Bennett 1-(-1).

**PASSING:** EAGLES – D.McNabb 27-15-92-0-0TD ... RED-SKINS – T.Banks 18-12-96-0-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - o ... REDSKINS - o.

SACKS: EAGLES - C.Simon 2.0 ... REDSKINS - o.

Weather: Cloudy, 69 degrees Wind: S 20 mph Playing surface: NeXturf



## GAME 1

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 23, KANSAS CITY 10 ARROWHEAD STADIUM • 77,087



Using an aggressive brand of football, the Eagles stormed into a hostile Arrowhead Stadium in a nationally televised (ESPN) Thursday night contest and flattened the Kansas City Chiefs, 23-10. With the win, the first place Eagles pushed their record to 7-4, including a 5-0 mark on the road for the first time in franchise history. The win also represented the Eagles 8th consecutive regular season triumph away from home, topping the franchise record of seven set in 1949. After the Chiefs won the coin toss and elected to receive, Eagles head coach Andy Reid called for an onsides kick to get the game underway. K David Akers, who is one of the league's finest onsides kick artists, performed his magic once again as Dameane Douglas easily recovered the kick at the PE40. After the Eagles drive stalled at the KC6, Akers came on to give Philadelphia an early 3-o lead with a 24-yard field goal. The score remained that way until early in the 2nd stanza, when another special teams play proved beneficial in the Eagles favor. Eagles P Sean Landeta had his punt tipped by Chiefs LB Glenn Cadrez. The punt, which traveled only 12 yards, was then fumbled by the Chiefs Eric Warfield and recovered by Eagles DB William Hampton. Two plays later, QB Donovan McNabb connected with RB Duce Staley on a screen pass. Staley broke three tackles and scampered 46 yards for a touchdown that gave the Eagles a 10-0 lead. On the Eagles next possession, McNabb fired a 34-yard completion to WR James Thrash that set up another FG by Akers. As the clock wound down in the first half and the Chiefs were driving deep in Eagles territory, FS Brian Dawkins neatly broke up a potential TD pass from Trent Green to Tony Gonzalez that forced the Chiefs to settle for a field goal and a 13-3 halftime deficit. Using his arm and legs, McNabb built the Eagles a 20-3 lead in the 3rd quarter as he found a wide open Tony Stewart on a 1-yard TD pass. But the Chiefs bounced back on their next possession after a 59-yard kickoff return by Dante Hall. Green capped an 8-play, 38-yard drive with a 3-yard strike to WR Derrick Alexander that pulled the Chiefs within 10 points. But that would be the final time the Chiefs lit the scoreboard, as a stingy Eagles defense, shut the door on the home team. Akers nailed his 13th consecutive field goal (tying his own franchise mark set in 2000) in the 4th qtr. to seal the win and their hold on first place in the NFC East.

NOTES: It was the Eagles first visit to Arrowhead Stadium since 1992 ... After being deactivated for the first 10 games of the season, TE Tony Stewart dressed in place of an injured Jeff Thomason (knee) and hauled in a 10-yard pass from McNabb on the Eagles first possession before registering his first career TD catch from McNabb in the 3rd ... Staley's 46-yard TD catch was the longest reception of his career ... The onsides kick to start the game was the second in Reid's tenure as head coach. Reid opened the 2000 season with a successful onsides kick at Dallas ... McNabb completed 5 passes of 20 yards-or-more ... Freddie Mitchell's 3 catches (for 60 yards) all resulted in first downs.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	3	10	7	3	-	23
Kansas City	Ο	3	7	0	-	10

Phila - D.Akers, 24 FG

Phila - D.Staley, 46 pass from McNabb (Akers)

**Phila** - D.Akers, 33 FG **KC** - T.Peterson, 29 FG

Phila - T.Stewart, 1 pass from McNabb (Akers)

KC - D.Alexander, 3 pass from Green (Peterson)

Phila - D.Akers, 38 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	KC
First Downs	19	18
Net Yards Gained	378	291
Rushes/Yards	36/127	20/83
Net Yards Passing	251	208
Att/Comp/INT	26/18/1	35/21/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/18	2/5
Punts/Average	5/31.4	5/37.2
Fumbles/Lost	o/o	2/2
Penalties/Yards	5/35	3/43
Time of Possession	35:00	25:00

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 25-80, D.McNabb 9-41, C.Buckhalter 2-6 ... CHIEFS - P.Holmes 18-76, D.Hall 1-4, T.Richardson 1-3.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Thrash 5-65, D.Staley 4-66-1TD, F.Mitchell 3-60, T.Pinkston 2-37, T.Stewart 2-11-1TD, C.Lewis 1-27, C.Martin 1-3 ... CHIEFS - P.Holmes 8-100, D.Alexander 4-39-1TD, T.Gonzalez 4-28, L.Parker 2-22, T.Richardson 2-11, M.Ricks 1-13.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 26-18-269-1-2TDs ... CHIEFS - T.Green 35-21-213-1-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - A. Harris 1-8 ... CHIEFS - G. Wesley 1-14.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - C.Simon 2.0 ... CHIEFS - M.Patton 2.0.

Weather: Overcast, 35 degrees

Wind: NE 7 mph
Playing surface: Grass



### **12**

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 24, SAN DIEGO 14 VETERANS STADIUM • 65,438



On a cold, windy December afternoon at Veterans Stadium, the Eagles grinded out a 24-14 win over the feisty San Diego Chargers and improved their record to 8-4. For the first time all season, the Eagles registered seven points on their opening offensive possession, driving 63 yards on 6 plays resulting in a 1-yard TD pass from Donovan McNabb to TE Chad Lewis. On that drive, McNabb connected on two big plays - a 28-yd. pass to RB Duce Staley and a 31-yd. pass to WR James Thrash. The Chargers struck back on their next drive to tie the game on a fluke play. QB Doug Flutie floated a pass to WR Jeff Graham, who was tightly covered by CB Troy Vincent along the sideline. The ball deflected off of Vincent's back and fell into the hands of Graham, who raced 61 yards for the score. On the Chargers next possession, the Eagles defense struck with their first of many big plays as FS Brian Dawkins knifed into the backfield and stripped the ball from rookie RB LaDainian Tomlinson. Dawkins picked up the loose ball and took it 49 yards for the touchdown. After the first of two missed field goals by Chargers K Steve Christie, the game remained 14-7 until late in the 2nd quarter when the Eagles converted a 4th-and-1 with a 24-yard pass from McNabb to Thrash. Two plays later, Staley made a highlight-film one-handed grab from McNabb for an 8-yard touchdown to give the Eagles a commanding 21-7 lead. But the Chargers bounced right back behind the arm and legs of Flutie, who led a 7-play, 71-yard drive that resulted in a 10-yard TD pass to Graham. The score remained 21-14 until the 4th stanza when the Chargers turned the ball over on consecutive possessions (an INT by Vincent and a forced fumble by Dawkins that DT Hollis Thomas recovered). The Eagles took advantage of the latter turnover as David Akers connected on his team record 14th consecutive field goal to set the final score at 24-14. Christie misfired on a 37-yard field goal that would have pulled the Chargers within seven with 2:00 remaining in the game.

NOTES: P Sean Landeta moved past Lee Johnson (1,187) and into first place on the NFL's all-time punt list, he punted 10 times for 414 yards and pinned 4 inside the 20-yard-line to earn him his sixth career NFC Special Teams Player of the week honors ... Akers connected on his 14th straight FG, surpassing his previous consecutive streak of 13 set in 2000 ... Derrick Burgess had a career-high 2 sacks ... Staley's 88 receiving yards were a career high and were the most by any Eagles running back since James Joseph had 109 vs. SF in 1993.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
San Diego	7	7	0	0	-	14
Philadelphia	1/1	7	0	3	-	24

Phila - C.Lewis, 1 pass from McNabb (Akers) SD - J.Graham, 61 pass from Flutie (Christie) Phila - B.Dawkins, 49 fumble return (Akers) Phila - D.Staley, 8 pass from McNabb (Akers) SD - J.Graham, 10 pass from Flutie (Christie) Phila - D.Akers, 37 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	SD
First Downs	14	18
Net Yards Gained	273	393
Rushes/Yards	24/63	27/96
Net Yards Passing	210	297
Att/Comp/INT	45/22/1	44/20/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/11	2/10
Punts/Average	10/41.4	7/44.1
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/2
Penalties/Yards	4/30	7/67
Time of Possession	29:28	30:32

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 7-39, D.Staley 15-21, C.Buckhalter 1-4, K.Detmer 1- (-1) ... CHARGERS - L.Tomlinson 19-51, D.Flutie 8-45.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 5-88-1TD, J.Thrash 5-74, T.Pinkston 5-17, C.Lewis 4-27-1TD, J.Reader 1-11, F.Mitchell 1-5, C.Martin 1-(-1) ... CHARGERS - J.Graham 5-110-2TDs, T.Dwight 4-51, L.Tomlinson 4-13, F.Jones 3-70, C.Conway 3-54, T.Fletcher 1-9.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 44-22-221-1-2TDs, F.Mitchell 1-0-0-0 ... CHARGERS - D.Flutie 44-20-307-1-2TDs.

INTs: EAGLES - B.Taylor 1-5, T.Vincent 1-0 ... CHARGERS - R.Harrison 1-22.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - D.Burgess 2.0 ... CHARGERS - R.Harrison 1.0, L.Harrison 1-0.

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 43 degrees

Wind: NW 10 mph
Playing surface: NeXturf



## GAME 13

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 20, WASHINGTON 6 FEDEX FIELD • 84.936



In a football game reminiscent of a heavyweight boxing match, the Eagles put on the gloves, played a physical brand of football and left FedEx Field with a 20-6 triumph over the Washington Redskins. With the win, the Eagles tightened their grip on their lead in the NFC East and, in the process, registered their ninth consecutive road win. After falling behind 3-0 with a sluggish start in the 1st quarter, the Eagles were torched for a long completion from Tony Banks to Rod Gardner on the Redskins first possession of the 2nd stanza. As Gardner was racing for what seemed to be an easy touchdown and a 10-0 lead, Eagles FS Brian Dawkins shifted his motor into 5th gear and chased down the speedy rookie wide receiver at the 7-yard line. From there, the Eagles tightened up and held the Redskins out of the end zone to preserve just a 6-o deficit. After stalling during their first four possessions, Donovan McNabb and the Eagles offense got on track with their backs against the wall. McNabb connected with WR Todd Pinkston on a 15-yarder, TE Chad Lewis on a 25yarder, and James Thrash on a 9-yarder to set the Eagles up inside the WR10. On a third-and-goal play from the WR4, McNabb rolled right and delivered a strike to rookie WR Freddie Mitchell to give the Eagles a 7-6 lead. For Mitchell, it was the first touchdown of his career. Later in the quarter, the Eagles survived a McNabb INT, recovered a fumbled punt by Redskins KR Eric Metcalf, and added to their lead with a 40-yd. FG by David Akers with just :04 remaining in the half. The place kicking certainly played a major role in this game as Redskins Brett Conway missed two field goals, including a 48-yarder early in the 3rd quarter that would have pulled the 'Skins within one point. One play after that miss, McNabb faked a handoff to RB Duce Staley, faked a reverse to Thrash, pump faked, and threw a strike to a streaking Pinkston, who slipped through two Redskin defenders and into the end zone for a 62-yard TD. Armed with a 17-6 lead, the Eagles defense harrassed Banks for the remainder of the game as Dawkins intercepted him twice in the red zone. Akers finished off the scoring with a 50-yard field goal early in the 4th and the Eagles withstood two late turnovers of their own to register their second straight victory at FedEx

**NOTES:** KR Brian Mitchell became just the 3rd player in NFL history to register 20,000 all-purpose yards, joining Walter Payton and Jerry Rice ... Dawkins, who finished with 12 tackles, became the first Eagle to record multiple INTs in a game since Troy Vincent had two at New Orleans on 9/24/00.

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

Wash - B.Conway, 47 FG Wash - B.Conway, 25 FG

Phila - F.Mitchell, 4 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 40 FG

Phila - T.Pinkston, 62 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 50 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	11	16
Net Yards Gained	287	362
Rushes/Yards	23/63	29/157
Net Yards Passing	224	205
Att/Comp/INT	34/16/3	36/17/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/11	2/8
Punts/Average	6/48.8	6/37.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	6/45	7/58
Time of Possession	26:12	33:48

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 15-36, D.McNabb 7-25, C.Buckhalter 1-2 ... REDSKINS - S.Davis 24-111, R.Gardner 1-16, T.Banks 3-15, K.Carter 1-15.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 8-73, T.Pinkston 2-77-1TD, F.Mitchell 2-27-1TD, J.Thrash 2-15, C.Lewis 1-25, C.Buckhalter 1-18 ... REDSKINS - M.Westbrook 4-48, R.Gardner 3-70, S.Davis 3-35, W.Rasby 2-32, B.Johnson 2-18, Z.Flemister 2-4, K.Lockett 1-6.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 34-16-235-3-2TDs ... REDSKINS - T.Banks 36-17-213-2-0TD.

**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Dawkins 2-15 ... REDSKINS - L.Arrington 1-10, D.Green 1-0, D.Wilkinson 1-0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 1.0, C.Simon 1.0 ... RED-SKINS - D.Terrell 1.0, L.Arrington 0.5, M.Coleman 0.5.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 46 degrees

Wind: Calm

Playing surface: Grass



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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2001 SAN FRANCISCO 13, PHILADELPHIA 3 3COM PARK • 68.124



The Eagles were plagued by missed opportunities all day long as they suffered a 13-3 loss at a rain-soaked 3Com Park in San Francisco. In a tight, defensive struggle, the Eagles twice found themselves inside the Niners 10 vardline only to come away with a total of three points. On the latter of those instances early in the 4th quarter, the Eagles, down 6-3, were set up with a first and goal at the SF9. After an 8-yard completion to WR James Thrash, RB Duce Staley was stuffed for a one-yard loss. From there, Donovan McNabb completed another pass to Thrash, who was stopped just outside of the goal line. On fourth down, head coach Andy Reid decided to go for the TD, but McNabb rolled right and and was stopped by LB Derek Smith for no gain. On that play, however, Niners S Lance Schulters was flagged for holding TE Chad Lewis in the end zone. Armed with a fresh set of downs at the Niners 1-yard line, Staley was stopped on successive runs for no gain before McNabb stepped back to pass on third down. Lewis seemed to be all alone in the end zone, but Smith stepped in front of his pass attempt to snare a crucial INT and preserve San Francisco's lead. Early in the 2nd quarter, McNabb completed an 8-yard pass to Freddie Mitchell to set up Philadelphia with a 3rd and goal at the SF2. From there, McNabb was pressured into an incomplete pass as the Eagles settled for a 20-yard FG by David Akers and a 3-o lead. The game remained that way until late in the first half when the Niners embarked on an 11-play, 57yard drive that culminated in a 21-yard FG by Jose Cortez. On that drive, the Eagles came up with a goal line stand of their own after a first and goal situation at the one-yard line. The Niners scored what proved to be the game-winning points late in the 3rd quarter with a 16-play, 66-yard drive that ended in a 32-yard field goal by Cortez. Again, the Eagles kept them out of the end zone after the Niners were set up with a 1st and goal situation at the PE3. A key sack by reserve DE N.D. Kalu stalled the 49ers drive. After the key goal line stand by the 49ers early in the 4th quarter, the fired-up Niners drove 80 yards in 7 plays using a 34-yard pass interference penalty on CB Al Harris, who was covering WR Terrell Owens, and a 32-yard TD strike from QB Jeff Garcia to Owens to open up a 13-3 lead. With 6:52 remaining in the game, the Eagles could not advance the ball into 49ers territory and thus suffered their first road loss of the 2001 season.

**NOTES:** The Eagles suffered their first regular season road loss since 10/29/00, when they fell, 24-7, to the New York Giants. During that span, the Eagles set a franchise record with nine straight road wins ... The 49ers offensive output was their lowest of the season ... Akers 20-yd. FG extended his consecutive field goal streak to 17 ... Staley's 103 yards receiving (9 catches) represented a career high and he became the first Eagles back to surpass the 100-yd. mark since James Joseph (1/3/94) ... McNabb moved ahead of Roman Gabriel (7,221) and into 8th place on the Eagles all-time passing yardage list.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	-	3
San Francisco	Ο	3	3	7	-	12

**Phila** - D.Akers, 40 FG **SF** - J.Cortez, 21 FG **SF** - J.Cortez, 32 FG

SF- T.Owens, 32 pass from Garcia (Cortez)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	SF
First Downs	12	14
Net Yards Gained	292	244
Rushes/Yards	22/79	30/117
Net Yards Passing	213	127
Att/Comp/INT	34/23/1	24/14/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/19	2/9
Punts/Average	7/47.9	6/41.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	11/109	3/15
Time of Possession	28:40	31:20

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 15-35, D.McNabb 5-31, C.Buckhalter 2-13 ... 49ERS - G.Hearst 17-72, K.Barlow 6-25, J.Garcia 6-19, F.Beasley 1-1.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 9-103, J.Thrash 5-26, T.Pinkston 3-51, C.Martin 3-15, F.Mitchell 2-31, C.Lewis 1-6 ... 49ERS - T.Owens 4-64-1TD, K.Barlow 3-20, E.Johnson 2-24, J.Swift 1-13, J.Stokes 1-6, G.Hearst 1-4, T.Streets 1-4, F.Beasley 1-1.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 34-23-232-1-0TD ... 49ERS - J.Garcia 24-14-136-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - o ... 49ERS - D. Smith 1-o.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - N.D.Kalu 1.0, M.Caldwell 1.0 ... 49ERS - D.Smith 1.0, J.Peterson 1.0, J.Engelberger 1.0.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 51 degrees

Wind: E 8 mph Playing surface: Grass



# GAME 15

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2001 PHILADELPHIA 24, NEW YORK 21 VETERANS STADIUM • 65.885





In one of the most dramatic finishes in team history, the Eagles captured their first NFC East division title since 1988 with a 24-21 victory over the New York Giants. K David Akers nailed a 35-yard field goal with :07 remaining in the game as the Eagles overcame a 21-14 deficit with 2:43 remaining on the clock. In those final minutes, Donovan McNabb spearheaded a gutsy effort vs. a stingy Giants defense and led two scoring drives - a six-play, 67yard jaunt leading to a 7-yd. TD strike to TE Chad Lewis and a 7-play, 54-yard drive that led to Akers' game-winning field goal. On that final drive, McNabb completed a 25-yard pass to WR James Thrash, hit WR Todd Pinkston for 9 yards, and ran 11 yards to set up Akers. Giants DE Michael Strahan helped the Eagles by holding McNabb down after the run, resulting in a delay-of-game penalty that stopped the clock and gave Philadelphia 5 more yards. After the Giants went three-and-out on the opening possession of the game, the Eagles drove 72 yards in nine plays, capped by McNabb's 5-yard TD pass to Lewis. McNabb was 6-of-7 for 68 yards as the Eagles scored a TD on their first possession for just the third time this season. New York tied the score 7-7 on a 60-yard TD pass from Kerry Collins to Amani Toomer on its first play of the third guarter. Collins lateraled to RB Tiki Barber, who tossed the ball back to Collins. Toomer got wide open across the field, caught the ball at the 20 and easily ran in. After a 25-yd. FG by Morten Andersen gave the Giants a 10-7 lead, McNabb and Thrash connected with a pictureperfect 57-yard scoring play on the first snap of the fourth quarter. After another FG by Andersen, Ron Dayne's 16yard TD run with 2:43 left gave the Giants a 19-14 lead. Barber ran in for the 2-point conversion to make it 21-14. After McNabb's heroics gave the Eagles the lead, the Giants made one last gasp to win the game. Collins threw a 14-yard pass to Barber who lateraled the ball to wideout Ron Dixon. With blockers leading him down the left sideline, Dixon made it all the way to the Eagles 4, before Damon Moore made the game-saving tackle.

**NOTES:** McNabb became only the third QB in team history to pass for 3,000+ yards in consecutive seasons [Sonny Jurgenson (1961-62), Ron Jaworski (1980-81), and Randall Cunningham (1988-90)]. He also has 7,546 career passing yards moving him into 7th place on the Eagles all-time list ahead of Norm Van Brocklin (7,497). His 25 TD passes were the most by an Eagles QB since Cunningham had 30 in 1990.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
New York	0	0	10	11	-	21
Philadelphia	7	0	0	17	-	24

Phila - C.Lewis, 5 pass from McNabb (Akers)

NYG - A.Toomer, 60 pass from Collins (Andersen)

NYG- M.Andersen, 25 FG

Phila - J.Thrash, 57 pass from McNabb (Akers)

NYG- M.Andersen, 32 FG

NYG- R.Dayne, 16 run (T.Barber run)

Phila - C.Lewis, 7 pass from McNabb (Akers)

Phila - D.Akers, 35 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	21	18
Net Yards Gained	361	420
Rushes/Yards	23/120	26/129
Net Yards Passing	241	291
Att/Comp/INT	39/21/1	39/22/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/29	2/12
Punts/Average	7/36.7	8/35.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/1
Penalties/Yards	3/25	6/73
Time of Possession	29:40	30:20

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 7-48, C.Buckhalter 7-39, D.Staley 8-23, J.Thrash 1-10 ... GIANTS - T.Barber 16-71, R. Dayne 8-59-1TD, K.Collins 2-(-1).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Thrash 7-143-1TD, C.Lewis 7-74-2TDs, F.Mitchell 2-30, T.Pinkston 2-23, D.Staley 2-(-1), C. Martin 1-1 ... GIANTS - T. Barber 10-87, A.Toomer 3-69-1TD, I. Hilliard 3-19, D.Campbell 2-31, G.Comella 2-9, J. Jurevicius 1-18, M.Rivers 1-8, R.Dixon 0-62.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 39-21-270-1-3TDs ... GIANTS - K.Collins 39-22-303-0-1TD.

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

**SACKS:** EAGLES - J.Trotter 1.0, H.Douglas 1.0 ... GIANTS - M.Strahan 3.5, M.Barrow 0.5.

Weather: Mostly sunny, 31 degrees

Wind: W 16 mph

Playing surface: NeXturf



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2002 PHILADELPHIA 17, TAMPA BAY 13 RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM • 65,541



In a game that meant nothing in terms of standings or playoff implications, the Eagles roared back from a 13-3 deficit in the final minutes of the fourth quarter to down the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 17-13, at Raymond James Stadium. With most of the starters on the sidelines for all but a series, the Eagles got a chance to see some of their young players perform in front of a national television (ESPN) audience, including rookie QB A.J. Feeley who engineered the comeback in his NFL debut. With the win, the Eagles finished their second straight season with an 11-5 record, including an impressive 7-1 road mark. The Bucs got off to an early lead on the strength of a 42-yard FG by Doug Brien. Later in the first stanza an interception by Bucs S John Lynch of Koy Detmer set up a 4-yard TD run by Aaron Stecker that gave Tampa Bay a 10-0 lead. Eagles K David Akers rebounded from a 34-yard miss to nail a 47 yarder that pulled the Eagles within 7. Brien then upped the Bucs lead to 10 with a 23-yd. FG with: 25 left in the 1st half. Down 13-3 late in the 4th, Feeley, who suffered a severely bloodied mouth earlier, steered the Eagles 61 yards in 8 plays and capped it off with a 2-yard strike to WR Dameane Douglas with 2:19 left. Electing not to go for the onsides kick, the Eagles booted it deep to Bucs return man Karl Williams. Williams returned it to his own 22-yard line but was jolted by Rashard Cook and fumbled. Tim Hauck wrestled for the loose ball and recovered it, giving the Eagles new life. Two plays later, Feeley hit Douglas again for a 24-yard play into the end zone with just 1:54 remaining in regulation. A stingy 2nd string defense stopped the Bucs final attempt at a score and secured the victory.

**NOTES:** With 586 yards Correll Buckhalter broke the Eagles single-season rookie rushing record set by Keith Byars (177-577) in 1986 ... Donovan McNabb started at QB, but was pulled after just two snaps ... Starters Troy Vincent, Hugh Douglas, Chad Lewis, James Thrash, Duce Staley, Brian Dawkins, and Tra Thomas were deactivated for the contest ... DT Darwin Walker posted his first career NFL sack (Shaun King) ... Jon Runyan opened at RT and extended his streak of consecutive games started to 80.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	0	14	-	17
Tampa Bay	3	10	0	0	-	13

TB - D.Brien, 42 FG

TB - A.Stecker, 4 run (Brien)

**Phila** - D.Akers, 47 FG **TB** - D.Brien, 23 FG

**Phila** - D.Douglas, 2 pass from Feeley (Akers) **Phila** - D.Douglas, 24 pass from Feeley (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	<u>TB</u>
First Downs	15	16
Net Yards Gained	296	236
Rushes/Yards	25/111	25/71
Net Yards Passing	185	165
Att/Comp/INT	28/15/2	32/22/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/9	3/29
Punts/Average	4/40.5	6/38.5
Fumbles/Lost	o/o	2/1
Penalties/Yards	11/95	1/10
Time of Possession	27:18	32:42

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 20-89, K.Detmer 2-13, R.Smart 2-6, C.Martin 1-3 ... BUCCANEERS - A.Stecker 12-35-1TD, R.Abdullah 8-34, M.Alstott 3-11, S.King 2-(-9).

RECEIVING: EAGLES -D.Douglas 5-77-2TDs, C.Buckhalter 5-50, T.Stewart 3-41, G.Scott 2-26 ... BUCCANEERS - J.Cook 5-21, M.Wynn 4-69, F.Murphy 3-25, A.Stecker 3-8, R.Abdullah 2-26, T.Yoder 2-20, K.Williams 2-18, J.Green 1-7.

PASSING: EAGLES - A.Feeley 14-10-143-1-2TDs, K.Detmer 14-5-51-1-0, McNabb 0-0-0-0-OTDs (starter) ... BUCCANEERS - S.King 28-19-148-1-OTD, B.Johnson 4-3-46-0-OTD (starter).

INTs: EAGLES - R.Cook 1-11 ... BUCCANEERS - J.Lynch 1-2, D.Abraham 1-0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - N.D.Kalu 1.0, D.Burgess 1.0, D.Walker 1.0 ... BUCCANEERS - J.Gooch 0.5, B.Kelly 0.5.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 60 degrees

Wind: W 15MPH Playing surface: Grass



#### **NFC WILD CARD GAME**

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2002 PHILADELPHIA 31, TAMPA BAY 9 VETERANS STADIUM • 65.847



In their finest all-around performance of the 2001 season, the Philadelphia Eagles dominated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the second straight postseason and cruised to a 31-9 victory in an NFC Wild Card game at Veterans Stadium. The Eagles used a physical brand of football, controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the football stifling the Bucs running attack (24-63-2.6), while amassing 148 yards on the ground offensively. Donovan McNabb threw for 194 yards and 2 TDs and rushed for 57 more while frustrating the Bucs defense all day long. His 39-yard jaunt in the 1st quarter led to a 26yard field goal by David Akers that tied the score at 3-3. After stopping the Bucs on a 3rd-and-1 running play by Warrick Dunn late in the 1st quarter, the Eagles took over at their own 27 and proceeded to take the lead for good on a 5-play, 73-yard drive. On that drive, McNabb completed all four of his pass attempts, including a 41-yarder to WR Todd Pinkston and a 16-yarder to TE Chad Lewis for a TD. On both of those plays, McNabb showed a considerable amount of poise as he eluded danger in the pocket and scrambled before unloading the ball. After a FG by the Bucs Martin Gramatica cut the lead to 10-6, McNabb connected with RB Duce Staley on a 23-yard screen pass for another TD with under one minute remaining in the 1st half. Another FG by Gramatica as time expired in the half cut the Eagles lead to 17-9. However, Philadelphia took a commanding lead midway through the 3rd quarter as RB Correll Buckhalter broke four tackles, rumbling 25 yards for a TD. On the ensuing possession, CB Troy Vincent snuffed a Bucs scoring attempt by making a highlightfilm, over-the-shoulder INT in the end zone. It was one of four 2nd half INTs by the Eagles off Brad Johnson. SS Damon Moore had two of those INTs, including a 59-yard return for a TD that finished off the scoring.

**NOTES:** The 22-point margin of victory was the highest in the club's postseason history ... Moore's two interceptions tied the team's postseason record and his 59-yard return for a score was the longest in the club's postseason history. His effort earned him NFL Defensive Player of the Week honors.



	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	0	-	9
Philadelphia	3	14	7	7	-	31

TB - M.Gramatica, 36 FG

**Phila** - D.Akers, 26 FG

Phila - C.Lewis, 16 pass from McNabb (Akers)

TB - M.Gramatica, 32 FG

Phila - D.Staley, 23 pass from McNabb (Akers)

TB - M.Gramatica, 27 FG

**Phila** - C.Buckhalter, 25 run (Akers) **Phila** - D.Moore, 59 INT return (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>TB</u>
First Downs	17	16
Net Yards Gained	334	258
Rushes/Yards	29/148	24/63
Net Yards Passing	186	195
Att/Comp/INT	25/16/1	36/22/4
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/8	1/7
Punts/Average	6/37.7	5/41.6
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	7/59	4/28
Time of Possession	30:23	29:37

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 4-57, C.Buckhalter 9-55-1TD, D.Staley 15-34, J.Thrash 1-2 ... BUCCANEERS - M.Alstott 12-32, W. Dunn 11-29, B.Johnson 1-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - T.Pinkston 5-62, C.Lewis 4-60-1TD, J.Thrash 3-32, D.Staley 2-27-1TD, C.Buckhalter 2-13 ... BUCCANEERS - W.Dunn 8-37, M.Alstott 5-32, K.Johnson 3-75, K.Williams 2-25, J.Green 2-15, D.Moore 1-13, T.Yoder 1-5.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 25-16-194-1-2TDs ... BUCCANEERS - B.Johnson 36-22-202-4-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - D.Moore 2-59, B.Dawkins 1-0, T.Vincent 1-0 ... BUCCANEERS - D.Jackson 1-9.

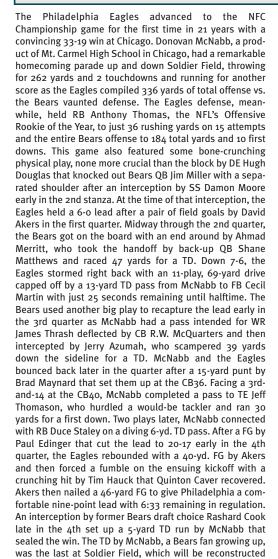
**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 1.0 ... BUCCANEERS - S.Rice 2.0, S.White 1.0.

Weather: Clear, 46 degrees Wind: SSW 10 mph Playing surface: NeXturf



#### NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2002 PHILADELPHIA 33, CHICAGO 19 SOLDIER FIELD • 66.944



NOTES: The Eagles won a road playoff game for the first time since 1/3/93 (at New Orleans) and a divisional playoff game for the first time since 1/3/81 (vs. Minnesota) ... Akers four field goals tied the club's postseason record for a single game and his 46 yarder was the longest in the team's playoff history ... Thomason's 30-yard catch was a career long ... The Eagles interior offensive line (Gs Jermane Mayberry and John Welbourn and C Hank Fraley) held the Bears monstrous DT duo of Keith Traylor and Ted Washington to just four tackles while the Eagles unit rushed 27 times for 112 yards before the final kneel downs by McNabb and the safety by P Sean Landeta.





	1st	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	6	7	7	13	-	33
Chicago	0	7	7	5	-	19

Phila - D.Akers, 34 FG Phila - D.Akers, 23 FG

Chi- A.Merritt 47 run (Edinger)

Phila - C.Martin, 13 pass from McNabb (Akers) Chi - J.Azumah, 39 INT return (Edinger) Phila - D.Staley, 6 pass from McNabb (Akers)

**Chi** - P.Edinger, 38 FG **Phila** - D.Akers, 40 FG **Phila** - D.Akers, 46 FG

Phila - D.McNabb, 5 run (Akers)

Chi - S.Landeta ran OB in end zone, safety

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	<u>CHI</u>
First Downs	19	10
Net Yards Gained	336	184
Rushes/Yards	31/87	23/111
Net Yards Passing	249	73
Att/Comp/INT	40/26/1	22/11/3
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/13	2/16
Punts/Average	4/41.5	5/38.2
Fumbles/Lost	o/o	1/1
Penalties/Yards	6/60	1/5
Time of Possession	36:07	23:53

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 18-66, D.McNabb 8-37-1TD, C.Buckhalter 3-5, S.Landeta 1-(-20), J.Reader 1-(-1) ... BEARS - A.Merritt 1-47-1TD, A.Thomas 15-36, D.White 1-15, L.Johnson 3-7, J.Allen 2-7, S.Matthews 1-(-1).

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 7-54-1TD, J.Thrash 5-73, C.Lewis 3-32, C.Martin 3-18-1TD, J.Thomason 2-39, T.Pinkston 2-19, F.Mitchell 2-14, C.Buckhalter 2-13 ... BEARS - D.White 4-30, M.Booker 2-18, D.Terrell 2-18, A.Thomas 1-11, J.Allen 1-9, F.Baxter 1-3.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 40-26-262-1-2TDs ... BEARS - S.Matthews 17-8-66-2-0TD, J.Miller 5-3-23-1-0TD (starter).

INTs: EAGLES - D.Moore 1-18, R.Cook 1-15, C.Emmons 1-0 ... BEARS - J.Azumah 1-39TD.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 1.0, R.Cook 1.0 ... BEARS - B.Urlacher 1.0, J.Azumah 1.0.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 31 degrees

Wind: W 8 mph
Playing surface: Grass

**Time:** 2:58



for the start of the 2003 season.

#### **NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2002 ST. LOUIS 29, PHILADELPHIA 24 **EDWARD JONES DOME • 66.502**



29-24 loss to the Rams in the NFC Championship game. The Eagles battled toe-to-toe with the high-powered Rams and overcame adversity early in the contest, but fell short on their final possession late in the 4th quarter. Down by 12 points with just under 7 minutes to play in the game, the Eagles would not give up easily as Brian Mitchell returned a kickoff 41 yards to the SL48. Facing a 4th-and-7, Donovan McNabb connected with TE Chad Lewis for a clutch 11-yard catch to move the chains and keep their hopes alive. On 1st-and-goal at the StL3, McNabb rolled out and looked to throw for the score, but ended up barreling his way into the end zone to slash the Rams lead to 29-24 with 2:56 remaining in regulation. After forcing the Rams to punt with some tough defense, the Eagles narrowly missed a blocked punt as DE N.D. Kalu barely missed John Baker's boot. Facing a 3rd-and-7 at their own 48-yard line, McNabb threw an incompletion to WR Freddie Mitchell and then was intercepted on the 4th down play by Aeneas Williams, who stepped in front of Mitchell to seal the Rams victory. In almost a mirror image of their first meeting in week one, the Eagles offense started with a deadly turnover on their first possession that resulted in a 7-0 Rams lead. This time McNabb fumbled on the 2nd play from scrimmage and the loose ball was pounced on by Rams DT Brian Young at the PE21. Five plays later, Kurt Warner found WR Isaac Bruce on a five-yard TD play to give the Rams the early lead. The Eagles rebounded on the ensuing possession with a 46-yard FG by David Akers. But the Rams answered that with a 27-yd FG of their own by Jeff Wilkins that built a 10-3 lead heading into the 2nd quarter. That 15 minutes belonged to the Eagles as they put up 14 points to take a 17-13 lead at the half. RB Correll Buckhalter's 31-yard scamper set up a 1-yard TD run by fellow RB Duce Staley. After a Rams field goal, McNabb got going in the 2-minute offense, hitting WR Todd Pinkston with a 12-yard TD pass with 46 seconds left on the clock. But the Rams came out storming in the 2nd half, using Marshall Faulk on their first seven plays from scrimmage (7-27 rushing) to set up another FG by Wilkins. After a three-and-out by the Eagles, Warner and Faulk marched the Rams down the field and again recaptured the lead with a 1-yard scoring plunge by Faulk. Their two-point conversion attempt failed and the scored remained 22-17 heading into the final 15 minutes of play. Early in that quarter, Faulk seemingly put the game out of reach with another 1-yard TD run. From there, the heroic comeback attempt by the Eagles fell short and gave the Rams their 2nd Super Bowl berth in the last three years.

**NOTES:** The Eagles made their first appearance in the NFC Championship game since 1980 ... Troy Vincent battled a severe groin injury during the week to start, but left during the third quarter after re-aggravating the injury and did not return ... SS Damon Moore tore the ACL in his knee in the 4th quarter and did not return ... Staley scored a TD in his third straight postseason game ... After going 6-50 rushing in the first half, RB Correll Buckhalter sprained and ankle and did not return.



	1St	2nd	3rd	4th		Pts
Philadelphia	3	14	0	7	-	24
St. Louis	10	3	9	7	-	29

StL - I.Bruce, 5 pass from Warner (Wilkins)

Phila - D.Akers, 46 FG StL - I. Wilkins, 27 FG

Phila - D.Staley, 1 run (Akers)

StL - J.Wilkins, 39 FG

Phila - T.Pinkston, 12 pass from McNabb (Akers)

**StL** - J.Wilkins, 41 FG

StL - M.Faulk, 1 run (Warner pass failed)

StL - M.Faulk, 1 run (Wilkins) Phila - D.McNabb, 3 run (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>StL</u>
First Downs	16	22
Net Yards Gained	256	371
Rushes/Yards	22/110	33/161
Net Yards Passing	146	210
Att/Comp/INT	30/18/1	33/22/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/25	1/2
Punts/Average	4/39.3	3/45.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	2/15	6/38
Time of Possession	24:30	35:30

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Buckhalter 6-50, D.Staley 11-39-1TD, D.McNabb 4-26-1TD, J.Thrash 1-(-5) ... RAMS -M.Faulk 31-159-2TDs, K.Warner 2-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 8-58, C.Lewis 5-53, J.Thrash 3-46, T.Pinkston 1-12-1TD, F.Mitchell 1-2 ... RAMS - I.Bruce 8-84-1TD, T.Holt 5-58, M.Faulk 4-13, E.Conwell 3-33, A.Hakim 2-24.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 30-18-171-1-1TD ... RAMS - 33-22-212-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - o ... RAMS - A.Williams 1-o.

SACKS: EAGLES - D.Burgess 1.0 ... RAMS - L.Little 2.0, G.Wistrom 1.o.

Weather: Indoors (Outdoors - Mostly Cloudy, 67 degrees)

Wind: Indoors Playing surface: Turf





#### PRIME TIME GAMES - WON 27, LOST 20



Date	Opponent	F	Result	Network	•	<u>Date</u>	<b>Opponent</b>	ļ	Result	Network
Mon., Nov. 23, 1970	NYG	W	23-20	ABC		Sun., Dec. 19, 1993	at Ind	W	20-10	ESPN
Mon., Oct. 2, 1972	NYG	L	12-27	ABC		Mon., Jan. 3, 1994	at SF	W	37-34	(OT) ABC
Mon., Sept. 23, 1974	Dal	W	13-10	ABC		Mon., Sept. 12, 1994	Chi	W	30-22	ABC
Mon., Nov. 3, 1975	LA Rams	L	3-42	ABC		Sun., Oct. 9, 1994	Wash	W	21-17	TNT
Mon., Sept. 27, 1976	Wash	L	17-20	(OT) ABC		Mon., Oct. 24, 1994	Hou Oilers	W	21-6	ABC
Mon., Sept 10, 1979	Atl	L	10-14	ABC		Sun., Sept. 10, 1995	at Arz	W	31-19	TNT
Mon., Nov. 12, 1979	at Dal	W	31-21	ABC		Mon., Nov. 6, 1995	at Dal	L	12-34	ABC
Mon., Sept. 22, 1980	NYG	W	35-3	ABC		Sun., Nov. 12, 1995	Den	W	31-13	ESPN
Thurs., Sept 17, 1981	at Buf	W	20-14	ABC	i	Mon., Sept. 9, 1996	at GB	L	13-39	ABC
Mon., Oct. 5, 1981	Atl	W	16-13	ABC		Sun., Sept. 22, 1996	at Atl	W	33-18	TNT
Mon., Nov 30, 1981	at Mia	L	10-13	ABC		Mon., Sept. 30, 1996	Dal	L	19-23	ABC
Mon., Oct. 10, 1988	NYG	W	24-13	ABC		Thurs., Dec. 5, 1996	at Ind	L	10-37	ESPN
Mon., Oct 2, 1989	at Chi	L	13-27	ABC		Mon., Sept. 15, 1997	at Dal	L	20-21	ABC
Mon., Dec. 18, 1989	at NO	L	20-30	ABC		Sun., Sept. 28, 1997	at Min	L	19-28	TNT
Sun., Sept. 9, 1990	at NYG	L	20-27	TNT		Mon., Nov. 10, 1997	SF	L	12-24	ABC
Mon., Oct. 15, 1990	Min	W	32-24	ABC		Sun., Sept. 20, 1998	at Arz	L	3-17	ESPN
Mon., Nov. 12, 1990	Wash	W	28-14	ABC		Mon., Nov. 2, 1998	Dal	L	0-34	ABC
Sun., Dec. 9, 1990	at Mia	L	20-23	ESPN		Thurs., Dec. 3, 1998	StL Rams	W	17-14	ESPN
Mon., Sept. 30, 1991	at Wash	L	0-23	ABC		Sun., Oct. 1, 2000	Atl	W	38-10	ESPN
Mon., Nov. 4, 1991	NYG	W	30-7	ABC	i	Sun., Sept. 30, 2001	Dal	W	40-18	ESPN
Mon., Dec. 2, 1991	at Hou Oilers	W	13-6	ABC		Mon., Oct. 22, 2001	at NYG	W	10-9	ABC
Sun., Sept. 13, 1992	at Pho	W	31-14	TNT		Thurs., Nov. 29, 2001	at KC	W	23-10	ESPN
Mon., Oct. 5, 1992	Dal	W	31-7	ABC		Sun., Jan. 6, 2002	at TB	W	17-13	ESPN
Mon., Dec. 6, 1993	at Dal	L	17-23	ABC	:					

#### OVERTIME GAMES > WON 10, LOST 12, TIED 3



*Sept. 27, 1976 Sept. 12, 1982 Dec. 11, 1983 Nov. 4, 1984	Washington 20, Philadelphia 17, at Philadelphia Washington 37, Philadelphia 34, at Philadelphia New Orleans 20, Philadelphia 17, at Philadelphia Philadelphia 23, Detroit 23, at Detroit
Sept. 29, 1985	New York Giants 16, Philadelphia 10, at Philadelphia
Nov. 10, 1985	Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17, at Philadelphia
Sept. 14, 1986	Chicago 13, Philadelphia 10, at Chicago
Nov. 30, 1986	Philadelphia 33, Los Angeles Raiders 27, at Los Angeles
Dec. 7, 1986	Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 10, at Philadelphia
Oct. 18, 1987	Green Bay 16, Philadelphia 10, at Green Bay
Nov. 29, 1987	Philadelphia 34, New England 31, at Foxboro
Dec. 6, 1987	N.Y. Giants 23, Philadelphia 20, at Giants Stadium
Nov. 20, 1988	Philadelphia 23, N.Y. Giants 17, at Giants Stadium
Dec. 9, 1990	Miami 23, Philadelphia 20, at Miami
Dec. 13, 1992	Philadelphia 20, Seattle 17, at Seattle
*Jan. 3, 1994	Philadelphia 37, San Francisco 34, at San Francisco
Oct. 8, 1995	Philadelphia 37, Washington 34, at Philadelphia
Oct. 19, 1997	Philadelphia 13, Arizona 10, at Philadelphia
Nov. 16, 1997	Philadelphia 10, Baltimore 10, at Baltimore
Dec. 13, 1998	Arizona 20, Philadelphia 17, at Philadelphia
Oct. 31, 1999	New York Giants 23, Philadelphia 17, at Philadelphia
Nov. 28, 1999	Washington 20, Philadelphia 17, at Washington
Nov. 5, 2000	Philadelphia 16, Dallas 13, at Philadelphia
Nov. 12, 2000	Philadelphia 26, Pittsburgh 23, at Pittsburgh
Sept. 9, 2001	St. Louis 20, Philadelphia 17, at Philadelphia

