

**GAME
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**Sunday, September 3, 2000
Philadelphia 41, Dallas 14
Texas Stadium • 62,872**



The Eagles opened the 2000 season in explosive fashion with a 41-14 trouncing of NFC East rival Dallas Cowboys at a sultry Texas Stadium, where the game-time temperature was 109 degrees and nearly 150 degrees on the turf. The heat did not bother RB Duce Staley, who rushed for 201 yards and a TD on 26 carries, marking only the 2nd time in team history, and the first time in over 50 years, that an Eagle rushed for over 200 yards (Steve Van Buren rushed for 205 yards vs. Pittsburgh on 11/27/49) ... With the Cowboys winning the coin toss and electing to receive, the fireworks began on the opening kickoff when head coach Andy Reid called for a surprise onsideline kick that Eagles WR Dameane Douglas recovered. The offense, led by QB Donovan McNabb, marched 58 yards on 8 plays culminating in a 1-yard TD pass to TE Jeff Thomason. Armed with a 7-0 lead, the defense stepped onto the scorching turf and proceeded to sack QB Troy Aikman 3 times on their first drive, including one by first round draft pick DT Corey Simon on his very first play from scrimmage (DEs Mike Mamula and Hugh Douglas registered the other two sacks). Later in the quarter, the Eagles used a 26-yard pass interference call on DB Izell Reese that put the ball on the Dallas 1-yard line. Staley then plunged one yard for the score. At the beginning of the 2nd qtr. the Eagles defense struck again as LB Jeremiah Trotter intercepted Aikman and returned it 27 yards for his first career TD to give the Eagles a 21-0 lead. K David Akers connected on a 33-yard FG to push the Eagles lead to 24-0. Two FGs by Cowboys K Tim Seder made the halftime score 24-6. The Eagles offense opened the 2nd half with a 14 play-61 yd. drive that chewed 8:30 off the clock and resulted in a 37-yd. FG by Akers. After a 3-and-out by the Cowboys, the Eagles then traveled 72 yards in 9 plays as McNabb forged his way into the end zone from 3 yards out to increase their lead to 34-6. With the game well in hand and Staley 1-yard short of his career high in rushing yards (141), Reid decided to let Staley run. And run he did, sprinting 60 yards to the DC 6, where RB Brian Mitchell did the rest, powering in the end zone to cap the Eagles scoring for the day.

NOTES: The Eagles 306 total rushing yards were the most by the club since 12/2/51, when they rumbled for 307 yds. vs. the Redskins ... Since 1970, the Eagles eclipsed the 300-yard mark just one other time – a 304 yard performance vs. NE on 11/4/90 behind two individual 100-yard games (QB Randall Cunningham, 8-124 and RB Heath Sherman, 24-113) ... Staley, who earned Miller Lite Player of the Week and NFC Offensive Player of the Week honors, also led the Eagles with 4 catches for 61 yards. His 262 total yards from scrimmage bettered his previous high by more than 100 yards (151 at Carolina on 11/7/99) ... Aikman, who had been sacked 49 times and intercepted 18 times in 20 previous career regular season games against the Eagles, sustained 4 sacks, 1 INT returned for a TD (Trotter), and 6 QB hits before leaving the game in the 2nd qtr. with a concussion. He was replaced by former Eagle Randall Cunningham ... Cowboys WR Joey Galloway suffered a season-ending knee injury ... The last time the Eagles won 41-14 on the road on opening day was at Tampa Bay on 9/4/88, which happened to be the last year the Eagles won the NFC East Division ... The Eagles 39:30 time of possession was their most since 12/1/96, when they shut out the Giants, 24-0.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	14	10	3	14	- 41
Dallas	0	6	0	8	- 14

Phila - Thomason, 1 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - Staley, 1 run (Akers)
Phila - Trotter, 27 interception return (Akers)
Phila - Akers, 33 FG
Dal - Seder, 34 FG
Dal - Seder, 38 FG
Phila - Akers, 37 FG
Phila - McNabb, 3 run (Akers)
Phila - Mitchell, 6 run (Akers)
Dal - Galloway, 4 pass from Cunningham (Ismail-Cunningham pass)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>DALLAS</u>
First Downs	27	10
Net Yards Gained	425	167
Rushes/Yards	46/306	13/67
Net Yards Passing	119	100
Att/Comp/INT	29/16/3	31/13/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/35	1/11
Punts/Average	2/44.0	7/44.6
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/25	9/93
Time of Possession	39:30	20:30

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 26-201-1TD, B.Mitchell 8-39-1TD, S.Pritchett 6-29, D.McNabb 5-29-1TD, C.Johnson 1-8 ...
COWBOYS - R.Ismail 2-33, E.Smith 7-29, R.Cunningham 1-5, C.Warren 3-0.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 4-61, T.Pinkston 3-29, L.Broughton 2-12, A. Van Dyke 1-8, C.Lewis 1-6, C.Johnson 1-5, B.Mitchell 1-5, C.Martin 1-2, T.Small 1-1, J.Thomason 1-1-1TD ...
COWBOYS - J.Galloway 4-62-1TD, R.Ismail 3-36, J.Harris 2-3, W.McGarity 1-10, M.Wiley 1-10, J.McKnight 1-9, C.Warren 1-5.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb (starter) 28-16-130-2-1TD, K.Detmer 1-0-0-1-oTD ...
COWBOYS - R.Cunningham 26-13-135-1-1TD, T.Aikman (starter) 5-0-0-1-OTD.

INTs: EAGLES - J.Trotter 1-27-1TD, C.Emmons 1-8 ...
COWBOYS - D.Nguyen 1-24, I.Reese 1-14, P.Sparks 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 2, M.Mamula 1, C.Simon 1, J.Darling 0.5, C.Emmons, 0.5 ...
COWBOYS - A.Spellman 1.

Weather: Sunny, 109 degrees
Wind: S 5 mph
Playing surface: Astro Turf
Time: 3:10

**GAME
2**

**Sunday, September 10, 2000
NY Giants 33, Philadelphia 18
Veterans Stadium • 65,530**



The New York Giants used a methodical offense of both the run and the pass to hand the Eagles their first loss of the 2000 season, 33-18. Mixing a grinding ground game from Tiki Barber and Ron Dayne with QB Kerry Collins' pinpoint pass efficiency, the Giants offense marched to two 10-play drives, resulting in two FGs in the first half. The Giants efficiency on offense coupled with the Eagles inability to sustain a drive left Philadelphia's defense on the field for over 22 minutes in the first half of play ... After three straight three-and-outs for the Eagles, QB Donovan McNabb began to showcase his multi-talented abilities in the 2nd quarter. Midway thru the 2nd stanza, McNabb juke and jived out of the backfield to burst upfield for a 17-yd. run. On the very next play, McNabb went to the air with a pass over the middle to TE Chad Lewis, who made a highlight-reel, one-handed catch to bring the ball to the Giants 4-yard line. There the offense stalled and David Akers came on to kick a 33-yd. FG to cut the Giants lead in half at 6-3. Then over the span of 4:43 left in the first half, the Giants used two quick TDs (a 25-yd. TD catch by WR Amani Toomer and a 31-yd. TD scamper by Barber) to open up a 20-3 half-time lead. With their backs against the wall, the Eagles offense, led by McNabb's 6-for-6 passing, awoke to start the second half and promptly marched 49 yards in 10 plays to the Giants 11-yd. line. Once again, they stalled as Akers came on to boot a 29-yd. FG to bring the score to 20-6. But the Giants came back down the field to open a three-touchdown lead as Collins connected with WR Ike Hilliard on a 30-yd. scoring play. McNabb fought back to drive his troops 68 yds. in just 6 plays and finished it off with a spectacular 15-yd. TD jaunt. The ensuing PAT by Akers was blocked and the score remained 27-12. As was the case all afternoon, every time the Eagles attempted to get back in the game, the Giants had an answer. Collins again led the Giants on two drives that not only produced two field goals to open the lead to 33-12, but chewed up precious time. McNabb closed out the scoring by firing a 7-yd. TD strike to Lewis to cap an 8-play, 64-yd. drive.

NOTES: With 106 return yards, RB/KR Brian Mitchell became only the sixth player in NFL history to reach the 17,000-yard mark in combined net yards. Only Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Barry Sanders, Herschel Walker and Marcus Allen are ahead of Mitchell ... C Bubba Miller recorded the second reception of his career as he came down with a deflected pass and rumbled 9 yards. His first, an 11-yd. catch, also came against the Giants in 1998 (12/27) ... QB Donovan McNabb rushed for his second TD in as many games. The last time an Eagles QB rushed for a TD in consecutive games was Randall Cunningham (12/6/92 vs. Minnesota and 12/13/92 at Seattle).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
NY Giants	3	17	7	6	- 33
Philadelphia	0	3	9	6	- 18

NYG - B.Daluiso, 32 FG
NYG - B.Daluiso, 36 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 33 FG
NYG - A.Toomer, 25 pass from K.Collins (Daluiso)
NYG - T.Barber, 31 run (Daluiso)
Phila - D.Akers, 29 FG
NYG - I.Hilliard, 30 pass from K.Collins (Daluiso)
Phila - D.McNabb, 15 run (PAT blocked)
NYG - B.Daluiso, 44 FG
NYG - B.Daluiso, 23 FG
Phila - C.Lewis, 7 pass from McNabb (pass failed)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>NYG</u>
First Downs	13	24
Net Yards Gained	237	387
Rushes/Yards	12/56	39/167
Net Yards Passing	181	220
Att/Comp/INT	33/19/0	29/21/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/33	1/0
Punts/Average	4/51.0	2/35.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	5/40	4/35
Time of Possession	21:16	38:44

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 5-45-1TD, D.Staley 7-11 ... GIANTS - T.Barber 11-96-1TD, R.Dayne 21-50, G.Comella 2-19, K.Collins 5-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 7-58, C.Johnson 5-48, C.Lewis 4-67-1TD, T.Pinkston 1-23, D.Douglas 1-9, B.Miller 1-9 ... GIANTS - I.Hilliard 8-84-1TD, A.Toomer 7-80-1TD, T.Barber 3-29, G.Comella 2-12, R.Dixon 1-15.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 33-19-214-0-1TD ... GIANTS - K.Collins 29-21-220-0-2TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... GIANTS - 0.

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1 ... GIANTS - J.Armstead 1, R.Phillips 1, P.Monty 1.

Weather: Sunny, 77 degrees
Wind: SE 6 mph
Playing surface: Astro Turf
Time: 2:59

**GAME
3**

**Sunday, September 17, 2000
Green Bay 6, Philadelphia 3
Lambeau Field • 59,869**



The Eagles and Packers fought to the bitter end in a hard-hitting, defensive struggle as Packers K Ryan Longwell kicked the winning field goal with three seconds remaining to hand the Eagles a 6-3 defeat at a sun-splashed Lambeau Field. The game featured an Eagles defense that pressured and pounded three-time league MVP Brett Favre as they racked up five sacks and three INTs. However, missed opportunities due to untimely penalties kept the scoring between the opposing kickers ... After trading punts on both of their first possessions, the Eagles defense struck as MLB Jeremiah Trotter picked off Favre and returned it to the GB 7-yd. line. But a defensive holding call by CB Troy Vincent negated the play and breathed new life into the Packer offense. Favre and company began to drive out of the shadow of their end zone to mid-field. But as Favre went for the home run pass deep down the field, FS Brian Dawkins made a leaping INT to put a halt to the drive at the Eagles 10-yd. line. The Packers first possession of the 2nd quarter was halted once again by an aggressive Eagle defense as CB Bobby Taylor ripped the ball loose from TE Tyrone Davis with DE Brandon Whiting recovering the fumble. Later in the 2nd stanza, Eagles QB Donovan McNabb finally sparked the offense on an 11-play, 41-yd. trip down the field ending with a 43-yd. FG by David Akers to break the scoreless deadlock. In the closing moments of the half, Packers S Darren Sharper intercepted a McNabb pass and returned it to the GB44. Aided by four straight Eagle penalties, the Packers moved the ball to the PE22 to set up a field goal, but Longwell pushed the 40-yd. FGA wide left as the half ended ... As Green Bay was putting together a drive on their first possession of the 2nd half, the Eagles defense once again came up with a big play that looked to turn the tide of the game. Hugh Douglas, who registered 2.5 sacks on the day, sacked Favre and jarred the ball loose. The fumble was scooped up by Mike Caldwell and returned 46 yds. for a TD. However, an untimely illegal contact penalty by SS Damon Moore canceled out the result of the play and gave the ball back to Favre. This time Favre drove the offense to the PE19 where Longwell booted a 37-yd FG to knot the score at 3-3. As the 3rd quarter began to wind down, the Packers looked to have taken the lead as former Eagle Allen Rossum fielded a punt and sprinted 72 yds. for a TD. This time the penalty bug bit the Packers as Kevin Williams was whistled for an illegal block and the TD was negated, which kept the score 3-3 going into the deciding 4th quarter. Green Bay drove down to the PE31 where Troy Vincent brought it to an end with an INT. The Packers next possession saw the same result as Damon Moore picked off Favre. However with the Eagles offense not being able to move the ball into field goal range, Favre was given one too many chances to win the game. With five minutes remaining in the game, Favre began the drive that would break the Eagles back and eventually cost them the game. Mixing runs by RB Dorsey Levens and four straight completions by Favre, the Packers set the stage for Longwell's game-winning kick.

NOTES: Brian Mitchell, in his 11th year of service, played his first game ever against Green Bay ... With 2.5 sacks, DE Hugh Douglas has recorded at least one sack in the last five games he has started (dates back to the two starts in the 1999 season) ... The last time the Eagles played in a game that did not feature a TD was a 12-6 defeat against Arizona (11/20/94) ... The Eagles entered the game with a 16-0-1 record in their last 17 games in which they held their opponent to 10 points or less.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	- 3
Green Bay	0	0	3	3	- 6

Phila - D.Akers, 43 FG
GB - R.Longwell, 37 FG
GB - R.Longwell, 38 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	GB
First Downs	12	19
Net Yards Gained	171	236
Rushes/Yards	22/85	29/79
Net Yards Passing	86	157
Att/Comp/INT	31/15/1	33/18/3
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/32	5/32
Punts/Average	9/46.4	5/44.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	12/115	5/31
Time of Possession	27:40	32:20

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Staley 17-60, D.McNabb 3-20, B.Mitchell 2-5 ... PACKERS – D.Levens 24-74, A.Green 3-3, B.Favre 2-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – D.Staley 8-62, C.Johnson 3-20, C.Martin 2-17, L.Broughton 1-10, S.Pritchett 1-9 ... PACKERS – T.Davis 5-41, A.Freeman 3-35, B.Franks 3-13, D.Driver 2-50, D.Levens 2-15, B.Schroeder 1-18, A.Green 1-16, W.Henderson 1-1.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 31-15-118-1-0TD ... PACKERS – B.Favre 33-18-189-3-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES – D.Moore 1-20, B.Dawkins 1-0, T.Vincent 1-0 ... PACKERS – D.Sharper 1-7.

SACKS: EAGLES – H.Douglas 2.5, H.Thomas 1, P.Grasmanis 1, Mamula 0.5 ... PACKERS – S.Dotson 1.5, B.Harris 1, D.Bowens 1, J.Thierry 1, S.McGarrahan 0.5.

Weather: Sunny, 67 degrees
Wind: N 9 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:03

**GAME
4**

**Sunday, September 24, 2000
Philadelphia 21, New Orleans 7
Louisiana Superdome • 64,900**



The Eagles defense collected four turnovers and five sacks for the second straight week, Donovan McNabb fired two TD passes, and Brian Mitchell returned a punt 72 yds. for a TD as the Eagles forged to a 21-7 win down on the bayou over the Saints at the Superdome to even their record at 2-2 ... The game did not start out well for the Eagles as the Saints Toby Gowin's punt ricocheted off of CB Jason Bostic's back and the Saints recovered the ball on the PE20. Three plays later QB Jeff Blake scampered 10-yds. for the TD and a 7-0 lead midway through the 1st quarter. On the ensuing kickoff, Mitchell bolted 94 yds. for the apparent game-tying TD. However, a holding penalty nullified the score. After the two teams traded punts, the Eagles offense began a drive that would span 88 yds. in 10 plays as McNabb completed 6 of 7 passes, including a 16-yd. TD pass to TE Chad Lewis to knot the score at 7-7. On the Saints very next offensive play, DT Hollis Thomas stripped the ball from RB Ricky Williams that CB Troy Vincent recovered to set up the offense on the NO21. McNabb went for the quick strike, on the very next play, as he hit WR Charles Johnson in the back of the end zone to give the Eagles the 14-7 lead. The Eagles defense swarmed all over the field, punishing anyone who had the ball and protected the lead. SS Tim Hauck, filling in for the injured Brian Dawkins (appendectomy), administered a devastating hit on WR Joe Horn to break up a pass and keep the Saints out of the Eagles red zone. As the 1st half wound down, Vincent picked off Blake to halt a Saints drive and preserve the 14-7 lead. On their first possession of the 2nd half, the Saints used the power running of Williams to drive to the PE24. On the next play though, H.Thomas exploded into the Saints backfield to hit Williams and force another fumble. LB Carlos Emmons made the recovery to turn away the latest Saints attempt to tie the game. With just under five minutes to play in the 3rd quarter Mitchell capped off the scoring for the day and seemingly broke the Saints backs. He settled under Gowin's booming 52-yd. punt and exploded up the middle of the field for 72 yds. and a TD. The final quarter did not feature any scoring, but defensive coordinator Jim Johnson had his unit pin its ears back and come after Blake and the Saints offense. The result was three sacks, another Vincent INT and the preservation of a gutsy 21-7 win in a hostile arena.

NOTES: RB/KR Brian Mitchell's 72-yd. punt return for a TD was his 10th career TD return (kickoff or punt) ... he now trails only Eric Metcalf who holds the NFL record with 11 TD returns ... Troy Vincent's 2 INTs marked the fourth time in his career he has accomplished multiple thefts in one game.

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

NO - J.Blake, 10 run (Brien)
Phila - C.Lewis, 16 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - C.Johnson, 21 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - B.Mitchell, 72 punt return (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>NO</u>
First Downs	14	17
Net Yards Gained	268	287
Rushes/Yards	25/67	25/146
Net Yards Passing	201	146
Att/Comp/INT	32/20/0	38/18/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/21	5/22
Punts/Average	7/41.7	7/38.9
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	2/2
Penalties/Yards	10/64	5/40
Time of Possession	29:21	30:39

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Staley 18-44, D.McNabb 7-23 ... SAINTS – R.Williams 20-103, J.Blake 4-38-1TD, J.Horn 1-5.
RECEIVING: EAGLES – T.Small 5-74, C.Lewis 5-43-1TD, C.Johnson 3-48-1TD, D.Staley 3-16, L.Broughton 2-22, T.Pinkston 1-11, N.Brown 1-8 ... SAINTS – R.Williams 7-52, J.Reed 5-67, J.Horn 3-29, T.Smith 2-7, W.Jackson 1-8..
PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 32-20-222-0-2TD ... SAINTS – J.Blake 38-18-168-2-0TD.
INTs: EAGLES – T.Vincent 2-17 ... SAINTS – 0.
SACKS: EAGLES – C.Simon 2, H.Douglas 1, H.Thomas 1, P.Grasmanis 1 ... SAINTS – K.Mitchell 1, W.Whitehead 1, D.Howard 1.

Weather: Indoors (Outdoors - Partly Cloudy, 92 degrees)
Wind: S 10 mph
Playing surface: Astro Turf
Time: 3:00

**GAME
5**

**Sunday, October 1, 2000
Philadelphia 38, Atlanta 10
Veterans Stadium • 65,424**



Brian Mitchell racked up 290 total net yds. and 2 TDs, Donovan McNabb spread the ball around to ten different receivers for 311 yds. and 2 TDs, and the defense threw up a roadblock at the Falcons as the Eagles rolled to a 38-10 win over Atlanta in front of an electric Veterans Stadium crowd and a national television audience (ESPN) ... The Eagles faithful immediately rose to a frenzied pitch on the opening kickoff as Mitchell galloped 47 yds. on the return to set up a 39-yd. FG by David Akers. The score would remain the same until McNabb and company embarked on a 15-play, 64-yd. drive culminating in a 38-yd. FG by Akers to give the Eagles a 6-0 halftime margin. As they had all night, the Eagles rock-steady defense turned away the Falcons offense drive after drive, with the Falcons managing only 51 total yds. in the 1st half. Holding a 6-0 lead in a defensive struggle and facing a 3rd and 10 from the PE30, McNabb broke things open when he hit a streaking Torrance Small down the middle of the field for a 70-yd. TD strike. McNabb then found Small in the back of the end zone, as he made a one-handed grab, for the 2-pt. conversion and a 14-0 lead early on in the 3rd quarter. The Falcons responded as Tim Dwight raced 70 yds. on a punt return for a TD to cut the lead in half, 14-7. The Eagles came back with a 19-yd. FG by Akers set up by a Dameane Douglas 41-yd. kickoff return to extend the lead to 17-7 with the 4th quarter left to play. On their next possession, the Eagles used a steady dose of McNabb's passing (6 of 7 for 61 yds.) and Mitchell's legs (55 total yds.), who was stepping in for the injured Duce Staley, to march 85 yds. in 9 plays, capped by a Charles Johnson diving TD reception to make it 24-7. After a Morten Anderson FG brought the score to 24-10, Mitchell fielded the ensuing kickoff and darted 89 yds. for the TD as the Eagles brought their lead to 31-10. With the game well in hand, the Eagles got the ball back on their own 15-yd. line as the two-minute warning approached, and all that was needed were a few plays to run out the clock. However, Mitchell took the hand off and sprinted up the left sideline 85-yds. for the TD to cap the scoring and put an end to a night's worth of fireworks.

NOTES: RB/KR Brian Mitchell tied Eric Metcalf with a NFL-record 11 kick returns (punt and kickoff) for TDs after his 4th qtr. 89-yd. KOR ... In his primetime debut, McNabb registered his first career 300-yd. passing game ... With McNabb (311 yds. passing), Mitchell (105 yds. rushing) and Torrance Small (122 yds. receiving), the Eagles had a 300-yd. passer, 100-yd. rusher and receiver in the same game for the first time since QB Randall Cunningham (365), RB Herschel Walker (111) and WR Fred Barnett (161) did so at Seattle (12/13/92) ... The Eagles offense piled up 502 total yards (it was the first time they reached that plateau since 11/30/97, when they had 507 vs. Cin.) ... DE Hugh Douglas recorded his first career INT (vs. Chris Chandler).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Atlanta	0	0	7	3	- 10
Philadelphia	3	3	11	21	- 38

Phila - D.Akers, 39 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 38 FG
Phila - T.Small, 70 pass from McNabb (Small-McNabb pass)
Atl - T.Dwight, 70 punt return (Andersen)
Phila - D.Akers, 19 FG
Phila - C.Johnson, 11 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Atl - M.Andersen, 48 FG
Phila - B.Mitchell, 89 kickoff return (Akers)
Phila - B.Mitchell, 85 run (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	ATL
First Downs	22	13
Net Yards Gained	502	200
Rushes/Yards	21/195	22/61
Net Yards Passing	307	139
Att/Comp/INT	45/30/2	35/15/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/4	2/17
Punts/Average	3/46	8/37
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/110	2/10
Time of Possession	31:52	28:08

RUSHING: EAGLES - B.Mitchell 2-105-1TD, D.McNabb 6-61, D.Staley 11-28, C.Johnson 1-1, C.Martin 1-0 ... FALCONS - J.Anderson 19-47, M.Smith 2-13, C.Chandler 1-1.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 7-52, C.Johnson 6-47-1TD, T.Small 4-122-1TD, B.Mitchell 3-35, D.Staley 3-4, C.Martin 2-22, L.Broughton 2-8, T.Pinkston 1-11, J.Thomason 1-6, N.Brown 1-4 ... FALCONS - S.Jefferson 4-43, T.Mathis 4-33, T.Dwight 3-55, B.Christian 3-20, Msmith 1-5.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 44-30-311-1-2TD, T.Small 1-0-0-1-0TD ... FALCONS - C.Chandler 34-14-151-1-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1-9 ... FALCONS - R.Bradford 1-12, R.Buchanan 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES - C.Simon 1, M.Mamula 1 ... FALCONS - G.McBurrows 1.

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 68 degrees
Wind: W 8 mph
Playing surface: Astro Turf
Time: 3:07

**GAME
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**Sunday, October 8, 2000
Washington 17, Philadelphia 14
Veterans Stadium • 65,491**



The Eagles and Redskins entered this classic NFC East battle with identical 3-2 records and a share of first place in the division. K Michael Husted, though, kicked the game-winning 24-yd. FG with 0:04 remaining to give the Redskins a 17-14 victory and first place in the NFC East ... The Redskins used their first possession of the game to march 69 yds. in five plays, including a 12-yd. TD scamper by RB Stephen Davis that gave them an early 7-0 lead. The Redskins threatened again later in the quarter as PR Deion Sanders fielded a Sean Landeta punt and raced 22 yds. into Philadelphia territory. LB Ike Reese met him at the PE 37 and jarred the ball loose with Je'Rod Cherry recovering the fumble. As the 2nd quarter began, the Redskins offense was once again on the move, driving to the PE 15. However, Husted hooked his 33-yd. FG attempt wide left to keep the score 7-0. With under three minutes remaining in the half, QB Donovan McNabb (4 of 5 for 84 yds. on the drive) and the offense got in gear, streaking 92 yds. down the field in six plays. The drive culminated in a picture-perfect 30-yd. TD pass to WR Charles Johnson, who beat CB Darrell Green down the sideline as the two raced stride for stride. Midway through the 3rd quarter the Redskins failed to break the deadlocked score as Husted once again hooked a FG attempt wide left, this one from 42 yds. out. With the miss, the Eagles offense came back on the field and proceeded to march towards the Redskins end zone. McNabb was a perfect 6 of 6 for 53 yds. during the 11-play, 68-yd. drive as he hit WR Na Brown with a 8-yd. TD strike to give the Eagles the 14-7 lead as the 4th quarter began. The Redskins then took the ensuing possession down the field to try to answer Phila.'s TD, but FS Damon Moore intercepted QB Brad Johnson at the PE 7. However, Moore fumbled the ball on the return and WR James Thrash recovered as the Redskins had new life at the PE 15. When RB Skip Hicks bolted into the end zone from 3 yds. out, the game was again tied, 14-14, with just over ten minutes to play. The Eagles looked to have a gift at the WR24 with just under three minutes left in the game as Sanders fumbled yet another punt return. The Redskins appealed the ruling on the field, contestng that Sanders was down before the fumble. The officials, with the help of instant replay, overturned the call on the field and gave the ball back to the Redskins. The Eagles defense held strong, including a sack by DE Hugh Douglas, to force the Redskins to give up the ball with under a minute to play. McNabb, in an attempt to get the ball down the field into game winning FG position, was intercepted by Green, who returned it to the PE19. Davis then appeared to lose a fumble deep in Eagles territory as the Redskins jockeyed for better FG position. But, the officials ruled that Davis was down by contact and that the whistled had blown, thus making the play non-reviewable. Husted then came on for the game-winning kick.

NOTES: RB/KR Brian Mitchell moved past Marcus Allen into 5th place on the NFL's all-time list for combined net yards with 17,682. By appearing against his former team, Mitchell has now played in at least one regular season game against all 31 NFL teams ... RB Darnell Autry played in his first NFL game since 12/21/97 when he started for the Chicago Bears against Tampa Bay ... WR Charles Johnson extended his streak of touchdown receptions to three straight games ... Redskins WR Irving Fryar, a former Eagle, left the game on a stretcher in the 3rd qtr. with a bruised nerve in his right shoulder.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Washington	7	0	0	10	- 17
Philadelphia	0	7	0	7	- 14

Wash - S.Davis, 12 run (Husted)
Phila - C.Johnson, 30 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - N.Brown, 8 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Wash - S.Hicks, 3 run (Husted)
Wash - M.Husted, 24 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>WASH</u>
First Downs	16	23
Net Yards Gained	274	407
Rushes/Yards	18/75	31/141
Net Yards Passing	199	266
Att/Comp/INT	35/18/2	36/25/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/8	3/23
Punts/Average	7/44.7	6/37.2
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	1/1
Penalties/Yards	5/48	12/80
Time of Possession	23:33	36:27

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 5-39, D.Autry 7-15, C.Martin 2-10, B.Mitchell 3-8, S.Pritchett 1-3 ... REDSKINS - S.Davis 23-84-1TD, J.Thrash 2-41, A.Murrell 2-14, S.Hicks 1-3-1TD, L.Center 2-0, B.Johnson 1-[-1].

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 5-77, C.Johnson 4-52-1TD, C.Martin 3-17, T.Small 2-44, L.Broughton 1-10, N.Brown 1-8-1TD, D.Autry 1-4, B.Mitchell 1-[-5] ... REDSKINS - A.Connell 6-83, L.Center 5-46, J.Thrash 5-45, S.Alexander 3-48, S.Davis 3-37, M.Sellers 1-12, I.Fryar 1-9, A.Reed 1-9.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 34-17-186-2-2TD, B.Mitchell 1-1-21-0-0TD ... REDSKINS - B.Johnson 36-25-289-1-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - D.Moore 1-4 ... REDSKINS - D.Green 1-33, S.Shade 1-15.

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 2, C.Simon 1 ... REDSKINS - M.Coleman 1, B.Smith 1.

Weather: Partly Sunny, 49 degrees

Wind: W 10 mph

Playing surface: Astro Turf

Time: 3:17

**GAME
7**

**Sunday, October 15, 2000
Philadelphia 33, Arizona 14
Sun Devil Stadium • 38,293**



For the first time since 1995, the Eagles traveled to the desert and came away from Sun Devil Stadium with a 33-14 win to capture their 400th regular season victory and improve to 4-3 on the year. The offense controlled the clock (39:34 time of possession), churning out 391 total yards while the defense quelled Jake Plummer's late game comeback attempt ... The Cardinals began the game with a drive that pushed into Phila. territory. However, as Cardinals WR David Boston took the hand off on an end around, he was met by LB Carlos Emmons and DT Hollis Thomas for a 17 yd. loss. In the process, Thomas stripped the ball and DT Corey Simon recovered the fumble to give the Eagles their first possession of the game at the AC45. The Eagles then marched on a 10-play drive mixing the run and the pass with precision. QB Donovan McNabb was 4 of 4 passing on the drive, adding a 27-yd. sprint to bring the ball to the AC1. Two plays later, RB Stanley Pritchett plunged for the final yard for the TD to give the Eagles an early 7-0 lead. On their next possession, McNabb and company embarked on a 14-play, 54-yd drive capped by a 31-yd. FG by David Akers. The Eagles following possession showcased more of the same clock grinding offense along with some razzle dazzle with a 17-play, 83-yd. drive that chewed 7:47 off the clock. Filling in the for the injured Duce Staley, RB Darnell Autry chipped away at the Cardinals front seven as the Eagles moved the ball to the AZ 32. Facing a 4th and 4, head coach Andy Reid called on Akers. However, it wasn't for kicking, as Akers took a no-look flip toss from holder Koy Detmer and darted 15 yds. for the first down. On the very next play, RB Brian Mitchell took the hand off from McNabb and rolled out looking to throw. Mitchell's pass, slung back across the field to a wide open McNabb, fell incomplete. Three plays later, McNabb atoned for his drop as he scored from 3 yds. out to give the Eagles a 17-0 half-time lead. The Eagles offense continued to roll at the start of the 2nd half with a 58-yd. drive that appeared to end with a TD catch by rookie WR Todd Pinkston. However, the play was challenged by Arizona and overturned by instant replay, saying that Pinkston's knee had hit the ground before his feet were down in the end zone. Undaunted, McNabb struck back on the very next play as he found TE Chad Lewis for a 9-yd. TD to put the Eagles up 24-0. With the game winding down and his team trailing, Jake Plummer was in his element, which is when he is most dangerous. On successive possessions, Plummer hit a streaking Boston for a 70-yd. TD strike and RB Michael Pittman from 10 yds. out to cut the Eagles lead to 24-14 midway through the 4th qtr. With the momentum clearly in Arizona's favor, the Eagles moved swiftly (71 yds. in 5 plays), highlighted by a 59-yd. catch-and-run by WR Charles Johnson that moved the ball to the AC1. Autry was rewarded for his hard days work with a 1-yd. TD plunge to push the Eagles lead to 30-14. The Eagles defense, with the help of a DE Hugh Douglas sack, crushed Plummer's last ditch effort for a comeback in the waning minutes of the 4th quarter. Akers came on to bang a 29-yd. FG off the right upright to finish the scoring.

NOTES: QB Donovan McNabb completed his first 8 passes en route to a then-career-high 70.6 completion percentage (24 of 34) ... The Eagles registered 28 first downs, their best output since moving the chains 30 times vs. Washington on 10/8/95 ... While using a running back by committee approach, the Eagles amassed 172 yards on the ground, including 64 by Darnell Autry, who made his first start since 1997 ... With 2 FGs, Akers was 10-10 on the season and surpassed Eddie Murray's club record of nine successful attempts to start the year set in 1994 ... FS Brian Dawkins returned to the lineup after missing 3 games due to appendicitis.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	10	7	9	- 33
Arizona	0	0	7	7	- 14

Phila - S.Pritchett, 1 run (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 31 FG
Phila - D.McNabb, 3 run (Akers)
Phila - C.Lewis, 9 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Arz - D.Boston, 70 pass from Plummer (Blanchard)
Arz - M.Pittman, 10 pass from Plummer (Blanchard)
Phila - D.Autry, 1 run (PAT failed)
Phila - D.Akers, 29 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	ARZ
First Downs	28	17
Net Yards Gained	391	305
Rushes/Yards	38/172	14/98
Net Yards Passing	219	207
Att/Comp/INT	35/24/0	30/18/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/7	1/6
Punts/Average	3/47.0	3/46.3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	10/95	9/65
Time of Possession	39:34	20:26

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Autry 20-64-1TD, D.McNabb 7-35-1TD, S.Pritchett 6-29-1TD, B.Mitchell 3-16, D.Akers 1-15, C.Martin 1-13 ... **CARDINALS** - J.Plummer 2-43, M.Pittman 8-37, T.Jones 3-35, D.Boston 1-(-17).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 7-62-1TD, T.Small 5-44, C.Johnson 4-68, D.Autry 3-28, C.Martin 3-5, S.Pritchett 1-11, N.Brown 1-8 ... **CARDINALS** - D.Boston 6-123-1TD, M.Pittman 4-27-1TD, C.Gedney 2-13, M.Cody 1-18, F.Sanders 1-13, M.Jenkins 1-7, T.Hardy 1-5, J.Makovica 1-4, T.Jones 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 34-24-226-0-1TD, B.Mitchell 1-0-0-0-0TD ... **CARDINALS** - J.Plummer 30-18-213-2-2TD.

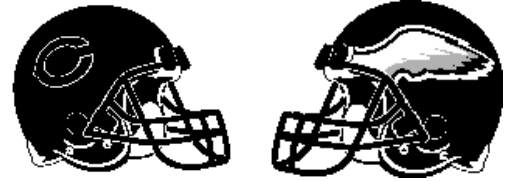
INTs: EAGLES - B.Taylor 1-25, T.Vincent 1-17, A.Harris 0-1 ... **CARDINALS** - 0

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1 ... **CARDINALS** - J.Folston 2, S.Rice 1.

Weather: Sunny, 80 degrees
Wind: Variable 3 mph
Playing Surface: Grass
Time: 3:07

**GAME
8**

**Sunday, October 22, 2000
Philadelphia 13, Chicago 9
Veterans Stadium • 65,553**



Philadelphia improved to 5-3 with a grinding 13-9 win over the Chicago Bears at Veterans Stadium as the Eagles tenacious defense forced seven punts and an INT during 13 of the Bears' offensive possessions ... After both teams traded punts throughout most of the 1st quarter, David Akers got the Eagles on the board with a booming 51-yd FG with 11 seconds remaining. On the fourth play of the 2nd quarter, Eagles LB Mike Caldwell slammed Bears QB Cade McNown to the ground to end the drive as he scrambled outside in his attempt to obtain a first down. McNown would leave for the remainder of the game with a separated left shoulder and be replaced by Jim Miller. Miller proved to be less effective as the Eagles defense continued to fly around the field, refusing to give up much in the way of yards. In fact, the Bears were forced to punt on six of their seven first half possessions and failed to cross the 50-yd. line. With a little over three minutes remaining in the half, McNabb guided the offense 77 yds. in 9 plays (7 of 8 for 74 yds. passing) culminating in a 3-yd. TD toss to TE Jeff Thomason to secure a 10-0 lead at the half. On the Bears' first possession of the 2nd half, Miller attempted to pass deep into Eagles' territory, but the ball was tipped up by CB Troy Vincent and intercepted by FS Brian Dawkins. Dawkins returned the ball 30 yds. to set up the offense on an 11-play, 53-yd. scoring drive that ended with a 29-yd. FG by Akers. At the start of the fourth quarter, the Eagles defense was gunning for their first shutout of the season. However, the Bears offense began to methodically move the ball and chip away at the 13-0 deficit with three field goals by Paul Edinger. The Bears pass-happy offense got the ball with 1:04 remaining in the game and a chance to drive the field for the win. But the Eagles defense slammed the door to protect the victory as Vincent knocked down a hail-mary pass attempt in the end zone as time expired.

NOTES: With his two FGs on the day, K David Akers improved to 12 of 12 on the season and has hit 13 straight dating back to last season to break the club record of 12 consecutive FGs held by Gary Anderson (1996) and Sam Baker (1966-67) ... The Eagles have held their last six opponents to 17 points or less for the first time since the first six games of the 1981 season ... In their two games against the NFC Central for the year, the Eagles defense held both Green Bay (2) and the Bears (3) to five FGs and no TDs.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Chicago	0	0	0	9	- 9
Philadelphia	3	7	3	0	- 13

Phila - D.Akers, 51 FG
Phila - J.Thomason, 3 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 29 FG
Chi - P.Edinger, 25 FG
Chi - P.Edinger, 33 FG
Chi - P.Edinger, 40 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	CHI
First Downs	17	14
Net Yards Gained	298	274
Rushes/Yards	27/97	25/114
Net Yards Passing	201	160
Att/Comp/INT	35/22/1	43/20/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/6	3/17
Punts/Average	7/40.6	7/42.1
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	4/35	7/50
Time of Possession	30:58	29:02

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Autry 14-37, D.McNabb 5-25, S.Pritchett 4-21, K.Detmer 1-8, C.Martin 1-4, B.Mitchell 2-2 ... BEARS - J.Allen 21-87, E.Kennison 1-23, J.Miller 2-2, C.McNown 1-2.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Johnson 6-57, D.Autry 5-70, C.Martin 3-27, T.Small 2-25, C.Lewis 2-12, J.Thomason 2-10-1TD, B.Mitchell 1-3, S.Pritchett 1-3 ... BEARS - E.Kennison 5-62, M.Brooks 5-29, M.Robinson 4-55, M.Booker 3-13, J.Allen 2-9, K.Sinceno 1-9.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 35-22-207-1-1TD ... BEARS - C.McNown (starter) 9-6-49-0-0TD, J.Miller 34-14-128-1-0TD.

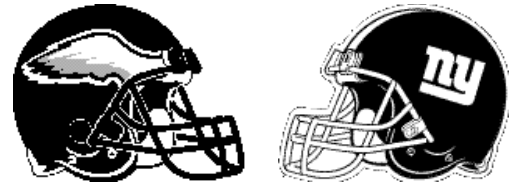
INTS: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-30 ... BEARS - T.Parrish 1-7.

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1.5, H.Thomas 1, P.Grasmanis .5 ... BEARS - J.Flanigan 1.

Weather: Sunny, 59 degrees
Wind: NE 10 mph
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf
Time: 3:05

GAME
9

Sunday, October 29, 2000
NY Giants 24, Philadelphia 7
Giants Stadium • 78,087



The Eagles could not exact revenge on an earlier season loss as they fell to the New York Giants for the second time in the 2000 campaign, 24-7, at a wind-swept Giants Stadium. The Giants controlled the clock with a punishing ground game by RBs Tiki Barber and Ron Dayne and efficient passing attack by QB Kerry Collins ... The Giants took their second possession and marched 74 yds. in 5 plays through the swirling snow flurries to take a 7-0 lead as Dayne plunged into the end zone from 1 yd. out. Throughout the 1st half, the Eagles offense was not able to move the ball into scoring position. After a three-and-out from their own 4 yd. line, the Eagles were forced to punt with under two minutes to go. P Sean Landeta sent a high, spiraling kick to the PE 47 where the ball was downed without a return. However, a 15-yd. unsportsmanlike conduct call against LB Ike Reese brought the ball to the PE 37. From there the Giants only needed 3 plays to find the end zone as Collins hit WR Amani Toomer on a slant route for a 27-yd. TD and a 14-0 lead. After a 25-yd. return by Brian Mitchell on the ensuing kickoff, QB Donovan McNabb drove the offense down the field to the NYG30 on three successive passes to RB Stanley Pritchett and an 11-yd. QB keeper. With 0:08 remaining in the half, K David Akers came on to attempt a 48-yd. FG into the teeth of a gusty wind. His booming kick sailed wide right and the score remained 14-0 in favor of the Giants at the half. Coming out of the locker room, the Eagles offense knew they had to gain back their momentum they had captured slightly at the end of the first half. McNabb began to string a few passes together and the offense looked to have started to get its wheels going. McNabb threw an out pattern to WR Charles Johnson who made a diving reception for a 9-yd. gain and would have set up a 3rd-n-1 situation on the doorstep of Giants territory. However, instant replay overturned the call on the field, saying that Johnson's elbows came down out of bounds first. The Eagles were eventually forced to punt and would never quite seize the momentum again on offense. As the 4th quarter began, K Brad Daluiso hit from 31-yds. out to give the Giants the 17-0 advantage. After a McNabb interception, the Giants drove 54 yds. in an 11-play drive that ended with RB Joe Montgomery's 4-yd. TD run to cap New York's scoring for the afternoon and increase the lead to 24-0. The Eagles got on the board with under ten minutes to play in the game with a 3-play, 51-yd. drive as McNabb found C.Johnson in the flat and he raced 25 yds. for the TD to complete the 24-7 final score.

NOTES: KR Brian Mitchell surpassed Dave Meggett to become the NFL's all-time leading punt returner (3,717 yds.) with his 57 yds. vs. the Giants ... DT Corey Simon recorded his sixth sack of the season to break the club record for sacks by a rookie, previously held by DE Mike Mamula (5.5).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	0	7	- 7
NY Giants	7	7	0	10	- 24

NYG - R.Dayne, 1 run (Daluiso)
NYG - A.Toomer, 27 pass from K.Collins (Daluiso)
NYG - B.Daluiso 31 FG
NYG - J.Montgomery, 4 run (Daluiso)
Phila - C.Johnson, 25 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>NYG</u>
First Downs	8	25
Net Yards Gained	192	384
Rushes/Yards	11/72	44/152
Net Yards Passing	120	232
Att/Comp/INT	31/10/1	37/22/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/9	3/21
Punts/Average	9/37.1	6/45.7
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	4/0
Penalties/Yards	8/74	5/35
Time of Possession	16:19	43:41

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 3-42, S.Pritchett 6-17, C.Johnson 1-15, B.Mitchell 1-[-2]... GIANTS -R.Dayne 25-93-1TD, T.Barber 14-52, J.Montgomery 1-4-1TD, K.Collins 4-3.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - S.Pritchett 3-25, C.Lewis 1-26, C.Johnson 1-25-1TD, A.Lee 1-20, N.Brown 1-13, B.Mitchell 1-12, T.Small 1-7, C.Martin 1-1 ... GIANTS - A.Toomer 9-108-1TD, I.Hilliard 5-39, T.Barber 4-71, P.Mitchell 2-13, R.Dayne 1-12, G.Comella 1-10.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 31-10-129-1-1TD ... GIANTS- K.Collins 37-22-253-0-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... GIANTS - E.McDaniel 1-1.

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1, T.Vincent 1, C.Simon 1 ... GIANTS - M.Barrow 1.5, C.Peter 1, J.Armstead 0.5, C.Griffin 0.5, C.Jones 0.5.

Weather: Mixed Precipitation, 45 degrees
Wind: N 10 mph, gusting to 22 mph (wind chill: 31 degrees)
Playing Surface: Grass
Time: 3:08

**GAME
10**

**Sunday, November 5, 2000
Philadelphia 16, Dallas 13 (ot)
Veterans Stadium • 65,636**



Another chapter was written in the annals of the Eagles-Cowboys rivalry as K David Akers drilled a game-winning 32-yd. FG in overtime to complete the 16-13, come-from-behind thriller at a blustery Veterans Stadium. A fierce 4th quarter rally led by QB Donovan McNabb helped the Eagles improve to 6-4 and secure the season sweep of Dallas ... The Eagles took their opening possession to the DC22 to set up Akers for a 40-yd. FGA. Kicking into the swirling wind of the West end zone, Akers pushed the ball slightly left. Later in the stanza, the Cowboys began to drive from their 13 yd. line to the PE11, threatening to punch the ball in. However, QB Randall Cunningham, making his first return to the city where he spent 11 stellar seasons as a pro, was flushed from the pocket by DE Mike Mamula and threw an errant pass that was picked off by FS Brian Dawkins in the end zone. After a McNabb INT on the ensuing possession, the Cowboys drove for a TD as RB Emmitt Smith ran in from 7 yds. out to give Dallas the 7-0 lead in the 2nd quarter. The Cowboys would take that lead into half time and throughout most of the 3rd quarter before Tim Seder made it 10-0 with a 48-yd. FG. The score would remain the same until late in the 3rd quarter when one play seemed to change the tide in favor of the Eagles. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty by CB Ryan McNeil (removing his helmet), on an unsuccessful third down conversion gave the Eagles new life and allowed them to drive 63 yds. on 11 plays for Akers' 34-yd. FG to cut the lead to 10-3. On the Eagles next possession, Cowboys FS George Teague picked off McNabb at the DC 5. However, a defensive holding call on McNeil negated the INT and once again gave the Eagles new life. After a 23-yard scramble, McNabb flared a screen pass to RB Darnell Autry, who sprinted the remaining 23 yds. for the TD and the 10-10 tie as the 4th quarter reached the halfway point. With 2:20 remaining, Cunningham fired a bomb deep in Eagles territory in the direction of WR James McKnight. The pass was INT'd by CB Troy Vincent, but the officials ruled that he had interfered with McKnight, thus giving the Cowboys a 1st-and-10 at the PE12. But the Eagles defense refused to yield a TD and forced a 27-yd. FG by Seder as the Cowboys grabbed a 13-10 lead with 1:55 left to play. With their backs to the wall, the Eagles offense embarked on a well-orchestrated two-minute drive, highlighted by a juggling 16-yd. catch by WR Charles Johnson, a 19-yd. McNabb sprint, and a one-handed grab by RB Brian Mitchell on a key third-down play. With 15 seconds remaining, Akers completed the 12-play, 54-yd. drive with a 34-yd. FG to send the game into OT. The see-saw battle continued into the extra session. After winning the coin toss, the Eagles drove to the DC36 and looked ready to seize the game. But McNabb's pass ricocheted off of TE Chad Lewis' hands and into the arms of LB Barron Wortham to bring the drive to a grinding halt. But the Cowboys gave the ball right back as RB Robert Thomas fumbled a handoff by Cunningham that was recovered by Eagles S Tim Hauck at the DC48. Four plays later, a 22-yd. catch-and-run by Autry off a screen pass set the stage for Akers' heroics.

NOTES: The Eagles swept the Cowboys for the first time since 1990. The sweep was also the first of an NFC East opponent by Philadelphia since 1996 (NY Giants) ... Starting at LDE for a hobbled Mamula (foot), Brandon Whiting responded with a memorable outing, recording 14 tackles (2 for a loss), 1.5 sacks, and a forced fumble by Cunningham while going against Cowboys all-pro RT Erik Williams ... The Eagles did not allow a sack in a game for the first since 12/19/99 vs. NE ... With 92 combined net yards, KR/RB Brian Mitchell became the 5th player in NFL history to surpass the 18,000 yard mark ... This game was the first time in 83 meetings that the Eagles and Cowboys played in overtime. The Eagles last OT win was vs. Washington on 10/8/95 (37-34).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
Dallas	0	7	3	3	0	13
Philadelphia	0	0	0	13	3	16

Dal - E.Smith, 7 run (Seder)
Dal - T.Seder, 48 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 34 FG
Phila - D.Autry, 23 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Dal - T.Seder, 27 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 34 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 32 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>DAL</u>
First Downs	23	16
Net Yards Gained	357	295
Rushes/Yards	31/129	46/204
Net Yards Passing	228	91
Att/Comp/INT	42/23/2	22/14/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	0/0	3/18
Punts/Average	6/44.3	5/36.2
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/1
Penalties/Yards	7/91	12/97
Time of Possession	33:05	34:50

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Autry 19-65, D.McNabb 5-58, S.Pritchett 3-8, C.Martin 2-2, A.Lee 1-2, C.Johnson 1-(-6) ...
COWBOYS - E.Smith 26-134-1TD, C.Warren 10-48, R.Cunningham 9-22, R.Thomas 1-0.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Martin 6-40, S.Pritchett 5-40, D.Autry 3-57-1TD, C.Johnson 3-34, C.Lewis 3-23, B.Mitchell 2-19, T.Small 1-15 ... COWBOYS - W.McGarity 3-19, R.Thomas 3-14, C.Warren 3-14, J.McKnight 2-41, J.Harris 2-6, E.Smith 1-15.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 41-23-228-1-1TD ... COWBOYS - R.Cunningham 22-14-109-1-0TD.

INTS: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-0 ... COWBOYS - D.Woodson 1-12, B.Wortham 1-1.

SACKS: EAGLES - B.Whiting 1.5, H.Douglas 1, C.Simon 0.5 ... COWBOYS - 0

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 52 degrees
Wind: NW 18 mph, gusting to 24 mph
Playing Surface: AstroTurf
Time: 3:26

**GAME
11**

**Sunday, November 12, 2000
Philadelphia 26, Pittsburgh 23 (ot)
Three Rivers Stadium • 56,702**



For the second straight week, the Eagles overcame a 10-point, 4th-quarter deficit to win in overtime, 26-23, as David Akers kicked the game-winning 42-yd. FG. QB Donovan McNabb's poise in the 4th quarter and the extra session against a top-notch Steeler defense and Akers' late-game heroics gave the Eagles a 7-4 record to put them a half-game out of first place in the NFC East behind the NY Giants ... Akers gave the Eagles the early 3-0 lead late in the 1st quarter with a 26-yd. FG set up by a 38-yd. INT return by CB Bobby Taylor off of Steelers QB Kordell Stewart. The Eagles then took their first drive of the 2nd quarter 78 yds. in 11 plays, aided by 53 yds. of Steelers penalties, as McNabb found TE Jeff Thomason from 2 yds. out in the back of the end zone for the 10-0 lead. The scoring toss marked the first time in 21 straight quarters that the Steelers defense had surrendered a TD. Two Kris Brown FGs, a 38-ydr. and a 51-ydr., respectively, in the last three minutes of the half cut the Eagles lead to 10-6 as the teams headed for the locker rooms. The Eagles took the opening kickoff of the 3rd quarter and quickly went 48 yds. in eight plays to set up Akers 45-yd. FG to increase the lead to seven. After both defenses slugged it out for the middle portion of the quarter, the Steelers scored their first TD of the contest late in the 3rd when RB Jerome Bettis rumbled 7 yds. to tie the game at 13. The crucial fourth quarter began with the Steelers defense striking first. LB Joey Porter's 32-yd. return for a TD off a fumble by RB Stanley Pritchett gave the Steelers their first lead of the game at 20-13. The Eagles looked to answer the Steelers and quiet the now raucous crowd by driving into FG range. However, Akers' 38-yd. attempt banged off the left upright. The Steelers took the ensuing possession the other way for a 40-yd. FG by Brown to give them a 23-13 lead with 3:42 left to play. After struggling for the better part of three-quarters, the Eagles offense took to the field once again facing one of the AFC's best defenses and responded with the start of a memorable comeback. The clutch McNabb (4 of 4 for 44 yds.) calmly led the offense 57 yds. in only 4 plays as he hit RB Brian Mitchell on a swing pass for the 13-yd. TD to bring the Eagles to within three points, 23-20, with 2:29 remaining. The Eagles attempted an on-sides kick and recovered, but were penalized for touching the ball before it traveled its allotted 10 yds. Trying again from five yds. back, the Eagles, this time, recovered as SS Tim Hauck pounced on the loose ball at their own 32 yd. line. With no time outs remaining and under two minutes to play, McNabb (5 of 8 for 31 yds.) again marched the offense down the field to the PS24. As the game clock ticked helplessly down from 0:15, and the Eagles unable to stop the clock, Akers and the FG unit came onto the field to attempt a 42-yd. FG on 4th down. The game-tying kick sailed through the uprights as time expired to force OT. The Eagles won the coin toss and elected to receive to start the extra session. For the third straight possession, McNabb, with the help of a key 16-yd. catch-and-run by Pritchett, drove deep into Steelers territory. Akers came on with 10:51 remaining to complete the remarkable come-from-behind win.

NOTES: The Eagles won back-to-back OT games for the first time in franchise history. Going back to 1990, Akers became the first kicker to boot the game-tying FG as time expired in regulation and then the game-winning FG in OT in back-to-back games ... With 134 kickoff return yds., Brian Mitchell surpassed Mel Gray on the NFL's all-time list. With his 4th quarter TD reception, Mitchell registered a rushing TD, a receiving TD, a punt return TD and a KO return TD this season and became only the second player in NFL history (Gale Sayers) to accomplish that feat twice in a career (Mitchell first did it with the Redskins in 1997) ... QB Donovan McNabb set a career high with 55 pass attempts.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
Philadelphia	3	7	3	10	3	26
Pittsburgh	0	6	7	10	0	23

- Phila** - D.Akers ,26 FG
- Phila** - J.Thomason, 2 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
- Pitt** - K.Brown, 38 FG
- Pitt** - K.Brown, 52 FG
- Phila** - D.Akers, 45 FG
- Pitt** - J.Bettis, 7 run (Brown)
- Pitt** - J.Porter, 32 fumble return (Brown)
- Pitt** - K.Brown, 40 FG
- Phila** - B.Mitchell, 13 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
- Phila** - D.Akers, 42 FG
- Phila** - D.Akers, 42 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>PITT</u>
First Downs	21	21
Net Yards Gained	290	322
Rushes/Yards	22/88	37/182
Net Yards Passing	202	140
Att/Comp/INT	55/26/0	31/14/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/11	3/19
Punts/Average	7/41.4	7/42.4
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/61	13/141
Time of Possession	31:10	33:06

RUSHING: EAGLES – S.Pritchett 7-49, D.McNabb 5-27, D.Autry 7-7, B.Mitchell 2-4, T.Small 1-1 ... STEELERS – J.Bettis 30-134-1TD, R.Huntley 4-31, K.Stewart 3-17.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – S.Pritchett 6-30, C.Lewis 5-41, C.Johnson 4-18, T.Small 3-42, D.Autry 3-31, C.Martin 2-35, B.Mitchell 2-14-1TD, J.Thomason 1-2-1TD ... STEELERS – C.Hawkins 4-71, T.Edwards 2-25, H.Ward 2-22, J.Bettis 2-4, B.Shaw 1-25, R.Huntley 1-5, P.Burress 1-4, M.Cushing 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 55-26-213-0-2TD ... STEELERS – K.Stewart 31-14-159-1-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES – B.Taylor 1-38 ... STEELERS – 0.

SACKS: EAGLES – M.Mamula 1, B.Gardner 1, C.Simon 0.5, B.Whiting 0.5 ... STEELERS – J.Gildon 1, A.Smith 1, K. von Oelhoffen 1.

Weather: Overcast, 47 degrees
Wind: E/SE 7 mph
Playing Surface: AstroTurf
Time: 3:36

**GAME
12**

**Sunday, November 19, 2000
Philadelphia 34, Arizona 9
Veterans Stadium • 65,356**



The Eagles used a 34-9 thumping of the Arizona Cardinals at a frigid Veterans Stadium to move into sole possession of first place in the NFC East with an 8-4 record. QB Donovan McNabb carved up the Arizona secondary by hitting 10 different receivers as he threw for a TD and ran for another, while the defense racked up eight sacks in a dominating performance to lead the Eagles to their first series sweep of the Cardinals since 1995 ... Down 3-0, the Eagles opened the 2nd quarter with a 12-play, 64-yd. drive as McNabb hit on 6 of 7 passes for 61 yds. to set up a 38-yd. FG by David Akers. After turning the ball over deep inside Arizona territory twice (an INT by McNabb and a fumble by FB Cecil Martin), the Eagles offense was able to punch one in as the half was nearing its end. With 1:35 to play in the half, McNabb and company, with the assistance of a pass interference penalty on CB Corey Chavous, drove 48 yds. in six plays to take a 10-3 lead as McNabb hit TE Jeff Thomason for a 1-yd. TD. As the teams headed for the locker room, the Eagles had seized the momentum, but the challenge would be to carry it over into the second half. And they did just that with a sustained march down the field on their first possession of the 3rd stanza. Traveling 65 yds. in 15 plays, the Eagles chewed up 8:32 of clock as McNabb darted into the end zone from 7 yds. out for a 17-3 lead. With their first possession of the final quarter, McNabb (4 of 5 for 59 yds.) continued to pick apart the Cardinals defense with a 9-play, 62-yd. drive leading to a 46-yd. FG by Akers. After stymieing the Cardinals offense all afternoon, the Eagles defense was rewarded with points of their own as LB Mike Caldwell picked off QB Dave Brown, who was replacing a battered Jake Plummer (back, rib and thumb injuries), and sprinted 26 yds. for a TD and a commanding 27-3 lead. RB Darnell Autry's 1-yard TD burst capped off the scoring for the afternoon.

NOTES: The Eagles have not been in first place this late in the season since they were tied with the New York Giants (9-4) in Week 13 of the 1989 campaign. They last had sole possession of the top spot this late in the season in 1988 when they captured the division title ... The Eagles amassed eight sacks in a game for the first time since 10/13/96 vs. NYG ... FS Brian Dawkins and LB Jeremiah Trotter each had two sacks for the first time in their career ... Before Arizona's TD scoring drive late in the 4th quarter, the Eagles defense had only allowed 94 total yds. of offense ... The Eagles registered a three game winning streak for the first time since 1996 when they won four straight (10/13-11/3) ... Coupled with their sweep of Dallas, the Eagles swept two NFC East opponents for the first time since 1995 (NYG and Arz).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Arizona	3	0	0	6	9
Philadelphia	0	10	7	17	34

Arz - C.Blanchard, 42 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 38 FG
Phila - J.Thomason, 1 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.McNabb, 7 run (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 46 FG
Phila - M.Caldwell, 26 INT return (Akers)
Arz - D.Boston, 44 pass from D.Brown (pass failed)
Phila - D.Autry, 1 run (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	ARZ
First Downs	21	12
Net Yards Gained	338	210
Rushes/Yards	31/134	17/54
Net Yards Passing	204	156
Att/Comp/INT	34/25/1	28/19/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/13	8/35
Punts/Average	3/33.3	7/40.3
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	5/35	9/114
Time of Possession	34:49	25:09

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Autry 16-59-1TD, S.Pritchett 7-29, D.McNabb 5-29, C.Martin 3-17... CARDINALS - M.Pittman 13-49, J.Plummer 2-11, M.Jenkins 1-(-4), T.Jones 1-(-2).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 5-52, D.Autry 5-31, S.Pritchett 4-47, L.Broughton 3-36, J.Thomason 2-12-1TD, B.Mitchell 2-6, N.Brown 1-18, T.Small 1-12, D.McNabb 1-2, C.Martin 1-1... CARDINALS - D.Boston 6-94, M.Pittman 6-29, T.Jones 3-38, F.Sanders 2-19, M.Jenkins 1-8, T.Hardy 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 34-25-217-1-1TD ... CARDINALS - J.Plummer 15-8-51-0-0TD (starter), D.Brown 13-11-140-1-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - M.Caldwell 1-26-1TD ... CARDINALS - R.Fredrickson 1-8.

SACKS: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 2, J.Trotter 2, C.Simon 1.5, M.Mamula 1, P.Grasmanis 1, B.Whiting 0.5 ... CARDINALS - S.Rice 3.

Weather: Cloudy, 39 degrees
Wind: W 10 mph (wind chill: 26 degrees)
Playing Surface: AstroTurf
Time: 3:15

**GAME
13**

**Sunday, November 26, 2000
Philadelphia 23, Washington 20
FedEx Field • 83,284**



For the second time this season, the Eagles and Redskins staged a classic smash-mouth NFC East war with first place in the division hanging in the balance. This time Philadelphia came away from hostile FedEx Field with the 23-20 win. Riding QB Donovan McNabb's 125-yd. rushing performance and a tough red-zone defense, the Eagles retained the top spot in the division ... The Redskins opening possession looked to have stalled at their 34 yd. line, but a defensive delay of game call brought the punt team off the field and gave QB Jeff George another shot. Two plays later, George hit a streaking WR James Thrash for a 36-yd. TD to give the Redskins the early 7-0 lead. Likewise, the Eagles first possession looked to have ended with a punt, but Thrash muffed P Sean Landeta's kick and LS Mike Bartrum scratched and clawed to recover the loose ball at the WR11. Two plays later, McNabb hit TE Jeff Thomason for a 3-yd. TD toss to tie the game midway through the 1st quarter. As the 2nd quarter began, the Eagles were in the midst of a 15-play, 71 yd. drive highlighted by a 26-yd. McNabb run down the sideline in which he hurdled a would-be tackler to set up David Akers 27-yd FG. On the ensuing Redskins possession, the Eagles looked to have gotten the ball back in great field position when CB Al Harris jumped in front of Jeff George's pass and raced 38 yds. to the WR5. However, LB Carlos Emmons jumped off-sides as he was coming on a blitz and nullified the play. The defense held and forced a punt. But the Eagles gave the ball right back to the Redskins as CB Champ Bailey intercepted McNabb. With their second chance, Washington took the 14-10 lead with George hitting TE Stephen Alexander on a 19-yd. TD pass late in the 2nd quarter. As the relatively quiet first half came to a close, the second would feature a gripping back-and-forth style of play that would come down to the final minute. Six minutes into the 3rd quarter, the momentum shifted over to the Eagles as George fumbled a snap and FS Brian Dawkins swooped on the loose ball at the WR21 where the offense took over. In one of the most exciting plays of the year, McNabb faked the handoff, exploded around the left side avoiding a diving DE Bruce Smith, juked FS Mark Carrier with a shoulder-fake and dragged S Matt Stevens into the end zone for a 21-yd. TD run and a 17-14 lead. The Redskins answered right away on their next possession as Eddie Murray tied the score with a 26-yd. FG. McNabb (5 of 6 for 37 yds.) responded with a 12-play, 57-yd. drive ending with a 33-yd. FG by Akers to give the Eagles the lead once again, 20-17. The potent Redskins offense took the next possession and drove down the field towards the end zone. However, the Eagles defense threw up a road-block that changed the composure of the entire game. A pass interference call in the end zone brought the ball down to the PE3. With the aid of another penalty, George and company had six cracks at the end zone from inside the PE3, only to be turned away each time. Murray came on to kick the 20-yd. FG to knot the game at 20. Facing a third-and-ten at the PE39 and the crowd in a frenzy, McNabb bolted out of the shotgun and sprinted 54 yds. to the WR7. Akers trotted out on to the field and calmly nailed the go-ahead 30-yd. FG with 3:00 remaining in the game to give the Eagles the 23-20 lead. As time wound down, the Redskins drove into FG range, but Murray's 44-yd. attempt drifted wide right and fell short.

NOTES: McNabb's 125 yds. rushing was the most by an NFL quarterback since the Bears' Bobby Douglass had 127 yds. (12/17/72). His total was the 6th best rushing effort by a QB since 1940.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	3	7	6	23
Washington	7	7	3	3	20

Wash - J.Thrash, 36 pass from J.George (Murray)
Phila - J.Thomason, 3 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 27 FG
Wash - S.Alexander, 19 pass from J.George (Murray)
Phila - D.McNabb, 21 run (Akers)
Wash - E.Murray, 26 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 33 FG
Wash - E.Murray, 20 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 30 FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	14	20
Net Yards Gained	289	326
Rushes/Yards	26/171	19/44
Net Yards Passing	118	282
Att/Comp/INT	31/19/1	43/25/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/19	1/6
Punts/Average	4/39	4/40.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/2
Penalties/Yards	11/98	6/46
Time of Possession	29:13	30:47

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 11-125-1TD, D.Autry 9-25, S.Pritchett 5-18, C.Martin 1-3 ... REDSKINS - S.Hicks 10-22, A.Murrell 7-14, J.George 2-8.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 6-53, C.Johnson 3-17, D.Autry 2-24, J.Thomason 2-7-1TD, T.Small 1-18, N.Brown 1-9, L.Broughton 1-6, T.Pinkston 1-6, C.Martin 1-0, S.Pritchett 1-(-3) ... REDSKINS - L.Centeres 7-33, J.Thrash 5-121-1TD, I.Fryar 4-50, S.Alexander 4-39-1TD, A.Murrell 3-13, S.Hicks 2-32.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 30-19-137-1-1TD, B.Mitchell 1-0-0-0-0 ... REDSKINS - J.George 43-25-288-0-2TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... REDSKINS - C.Bailey 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES - M.Mamula 1 ... REDSKINS - B.Smith 1, G.Jones 1, D.Stubblefield 1, M.Coleman 1.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 50 degrees

Wind: W 5 mph

Playing Surface: Grass

Time: 3:11

**GAME
14**

**Sunday, December 3, 2000
Tennessee 15, Philadelphia 13
Veterans Stadium • 65,639**



In a hard-hitting battle of first place teams in a tense, playoff-type atmosphere at frigid Veterans Stadium, Al Del Greco belted a 50-yd FG, his fifth of the afternoon, as time expired to hand the Eagles a 15-13 defeat and drop them a half-game behind the New York Giants in the NFC East. As both teams were stymied all day by stellar defensive play, Eagles QB Donovan McNabb led a dramatic, gut-wrenching TD drive in the final minutes to give Philadelphia the lead before Del Greco's heroics gave the defending AFC champions the win ... The Eagles defense set the tone on the Titans very first play from scrimmage as CB Bobby Taylor stripped TE Frank Wycheck of the ball and DE Brandon Whiting recovered at the Titans 30. Six plays later, David Akers nailed a 23-yd. FG for an early 3-0 lead and all the scoring in the 1st quarter. The Titans took the lead after consecutive 15-play drives ended with 26-yd. and 42-yd. FGs, respectively, by Del Greco. However, McNabb (5 of 6 for 63 yds.) drove the offense 63 yds. on 7 plays in 1:12 to set up a 40-yd. FG by Akers to tie the game 6-6 as both teams headed for warmth of the locker rooms at halftime. The Titans came out in the 3rd quarter and took their opening possession 76 yds. to the PE 4. The Eagles defense stood tall and denied Tennessee the end zone to force a 22-yd. FG by Del Greco. With 5:28 left to play in the game, the Titans added to their lead with a 44-yd. FG by Del Greco to bring the score to 12-6. Plagued by poor field position throughout the second half, the Eagles offense was hard pressed to get anything going. However, as they have proved during the course of the season, McNabb and the Eagles refused to quit when their backs were against the wall. This time he got help from the wide receivers as it was their turn to step to the forefront. Facing a 3rd-and-10 from the PE23, McNabb found a wide-open WR Todd Pinkston, who had slipped behind the coverage, for a 45-yd. gain. Two plays later, facing a crucial 3rd-and-3 at the TT25, McNabb hit WR Na Brown with a 5-yd. laser for the conversion. After an 18-yd. pass to WR Charles Johnson brought the ball to the TT2, McNabb scrambled around right tackle into the end zone for the TD. With Akers' PAT, the Eagles took a 13-12 lead with 3:15 remaining. With the frenzied crowd now at a fevered pitch, the Eagles defense forced a three-and-out to get the ball back. But the Eagles offense also went three-and-out and were forced to punt, thus giving the Titans one final shot. Tennessee's offense picked its way up the field with no time-outs remaining to set up Del Greco's game winner.

NOTES: The Eagles defense did not yield a TD for the fourth time this season (at GB, vs. Chi., at Pitt.) ... The Titans franchise recorded their first win over Philadelphia in seven overall attempts ... During Philadelphia's two scoring drives at the end of each half, McNabb was 9 of 13 passing for 138 yards combined ... With seven points, Akers surpassed the 100-point mark (106) for the season ... Titans QB Steve McNair suffered a twisted ankle and knee and left the game on Tennessee's first drive of the second half, but returned on the next possession.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Tennessee	0	6	3	6	15
Philadelphia	3	3	0	7	13

Phila - D.Akers, 23 FG
Tenn - A.Del Greco, 26 FG
Tenn - A.Del Greco, 42 FG
Phila - D.Akers, 40 FG
Tenn - A.Del Greco, 22 FG
Tenn - A.Del Greco, 44 FG
Phila - D.McNabb, 2 run (Akers)
Tenn - A.Del Greco, 50 FG

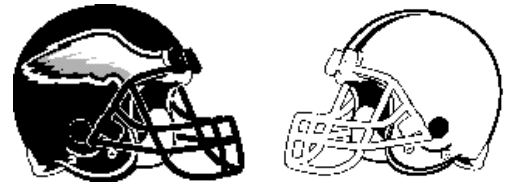
TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	TENN
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	262	331
Rushes/Yards	17/56	36/118
Net Yards Passing	206	213
Att/Comp/INT	31/18/0	39/24/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/33	2/11
Punts/Average	8/40.9	5/37.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	6/34	1/5
Time of Possession	21:18	38:42

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 7-39-1TD, D.Autry 6-14, B.Mitchell 1-3, S.Pritchett 3-0 ... TITANS - E.George 32-101, S.McNair 4-17.
RECEIVING: EAGLES - T.Small 5-55, C.Lewis 4-55, C.Johnson 4-41, D.Autry 2-30, T.Pinkston 1-45, C.Martin 1-8, N.Brown 1-5 ... TITANS - D.Mason 7-93, F.Wycheck 7-59, E.George 4-24, C.Sanders 3-22, L.Neal 2-4, Y.Thigpen 1-22.
PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 31-18-239-0-0TD ... TITANS - S.McNair 37-23-210-0-0TD.
INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... TITANS - 0.
SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1, P.Grasmanis 1 ... TITANS - K.Holmes 2, J.Kearse 1, G.Favors 1, J.Salave'a 1.

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 30 degrees
Wind: N 7 mph (Wind chill: 22 degrees)
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf
Time: 3:07

**GAME
15**

**Sunday, December 10, 2000
Philadelphia 35, Cleveland 24
Browns Stadium • 72,318**



A career day by QB Donovan McNabb led the Eagles into the playoffs for the first time since 1996 with a 35-24 win at a gray and cold Browns Stadium. McNabb scorched the Browns for 390 yards and four TDs through the air as Philadelphia held off a fiesty Browns team to secure their first 10-win season since that last trip to the playoffs ... On their first possession of the game, the Eagles found themselves pinned inside their own 2-yd. line after a perfectly placed punt by Chris Gardocki. However, McNabb (5 of 5 for 94 yds) and TE Chad Lewis (3 catches for 70 yds.) led the Eagles down the field to set up RB Darnell Autry's 3-yd. TD run. The Browns answered on the next drive as they shuffled former Eagle QB Doug Pederson, WR Kevin Johnson and WR Dennis Northcutt at the quarterback position to keep the Eagles defense on their heels. Pederson eventually found WR David Patten for a 9-yd. TD pass. Brian Mitchell fumbled away the ensuing kickoff to give the Browns the ball at the PE 37. Seven plays later, RB Travis Prentice plunged in from the 1-yd. line for the TD to give the Browns a 14-7 lead. McNabb brought the Eagles right back with a 42-yd. completion to WR Todd Pinkston and a 24-yd. TD strike to WR Torrance Small to knot the score once again. The Eagles then took the 21-14 lead on their last possession of the half as the offense drove 80 yds. in 9 plays with McNabb hitting Small for the 8-yd. TD. Philadelphia picked up right where they left off as the 2nd half began with McNabb leading the offense to the end zone. This time it was WR Charles Johnson's turn to get in on the scoring as McNabb found him on an 11-yd. TD toss to increase the Eagles lead to 28-14. The Eagles defense brought two consecutive Cleveland drives to a halt with interceptions when FS Brian Dawkins picked off K.Johnson's pass and CB Troy Vincent came down at the PE2 with Pederson's deep pass attempt. It was the second INT that the Eagles offense turned into their final points of the afternoon as McNabb orchestrated yet another 98-yd. scoring drive culminating in his fourth TD pass of the game, a beautiful 38 ydr. to a streaking C.Johnson. The score gave Philadelphia their largest lead at 35-14 heading into the 4th quarter. The Browns added a 29-yd. FG by Phil Dawson and another 1-yd. TD run by Prentice to cut into the lead 35-24. But CB Bobby Taylor put an end to the Browns comeback bid on their final drive as he stepped in front of Pederson's pass at the PE3 to insure the win and lock up a post season berth.

NOTES: TE Chad Lewis had a career-high 100 receiving yds. on 5 receptions. It was the first time that an Eagles TE eclipsed the 100-yd. mark in a regular season game since Keith Jackson (12-126-3TDs) did it at Wash. (9/17) in 1989 ... CB Troy Vincent hauled in his 20th INT as an Eagle ... Along with career highs in passing yds. (390) and TD passes (4), McNabb, with 307 completions on the season, eclipsed Randall Cunningham's club record of 301 ... QB Doug Pederson threw for a career-high 309 yds. against his former team.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	14	14	0	35
Cleveland	0	14	0	10	24

Phila - D.Autry, 3 run (Akers)
Cle - D.Patten, 9 pass from D.Pederson (Dawson)
Cle - T.Prentice, 1 run (Dawson)
Phila - T.Small 24 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - T.Small, 8 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - C.Johnson, 11 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Phila - C.Johnson, 38 pass from McNabb (Akers)
Cle - P.Dawson, 29 FG
Cle - T.Prentice, 1 run (Dawson)

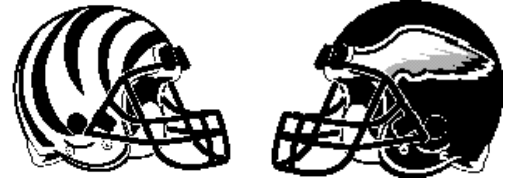
TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	CLE
First Downs	23	25
Net Yards Gained	391	418
Rushes/Yards	15/41	30/101
Net Yards Passing	350	317
Att/Comp/INT	36/23/0	43/30/3
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/40	3/15
Punts/Average	4/38.5	3/38.7
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	6/1
Penalties/Yards	4/21	6/55
Time of Possession	25:43	34:17

RUSHING: EAGLES – D.Autry 10-28-1TD, D.McNabb 3-12, S.Pritchett 2-1 ... BROWNS – T.Prentice 17-46-2TD, D.Northcutt 7-37, J.White 3-15, D.Pederson 3-3.
RECEIVING: EAGLES – T.Small 7-92-2TD, C.Lewis 5-100, C.Johnson 5-93-2TD, T.Pinkston 2-56, C.Martin 2-30, S.Pritchett 1-11, J.Thomason 1-8 ... BROWNS – D.Patten 7-103-1TD, K.Johnson 6-76, D.Northcutt 5-44, T.Prentice 4-29, A.Shea 3-33, M.Campbell 3-17, T.Saleh 1-22, B.Brown 1-8.
PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 36-23-390-0-4TD ... BROWNS – D.Pederson 40-29-309-2-1TD, K.Johnson 3-1-23-1-0.
INTs: EAGLES – B.Dawkins 1-32, B.Taylor 1-1, T.Vincent 1-0 ... BROWNS – 0.
SACKS: EAGLES – H.Douglas 1, C.Simon 1, J.Trotter 1 ... BROWNS – M.Spriggs 2, J.Miller 1, D.McCutcheon 1, K.McKenzie 1.

Weather: Cloudy, 33 degrees
Wind: S 6-12 mph (Wind chill: 19 degrees)
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 2:57

**GAME
16**

**Sunday, December 24, 2000
Philadelphia 16, Cincinnati 7
Veterans Stadium • 64,902**



Controlling the clock and applying a smothering defense, the Eagles grinded out a 16-7 Christmas Eve win over the visiting Cincinnati Bengals to wrap up the regular season with an 11-5 record to secure the honor of hosting a NFC Wild Card game. Philadelphia's offense held the ball for 37:10 with a solid mix of both the run and pass while the defense did not allow any points until late in the final quarter ... After the defense forced Cincinnati to a three-and-out on their first drive, the Eagles offense embarked on an 18 play, 61 yd. drive that ended with a 32-yd. FG by David Akers. The drive saw newly acquired RB Chris Warren (5 carries for 21 yds.) pounding the ball both up the middle and off the tackles, fighting for every possible yard, and a TD pass from Donovan McNabb to WR Torrance Small nullified by an offensive interference penalty. The Eagles defense got the ball back on the Bengals' ensuing possession when CB Troy Vincent pried the ball loose from WR Danny Farmer on a reception and CB Bobby Taylor recovered the fumble at the CB39. McNabb wasted no time getting the ball into the end zone as he executed a picturesque play-fake to freeze the secondary and found WR Charles Johnson streaking down the sideline for a 39-yd. TD strike and a 10-0 1st quarter lead. Both team's defenses buckled down and denied each other points for nearly the rest of the half. But Akers hit a 45-yd. FG with just over a minute to play to give the Eagles a 13-0 lead going into the locker room. The second half saw more of the same defensive play as the Eagles fought to preserve their first shutout of the season. Following a Warren fumble at the PE18, the Bengals had their best chance to get on the board. However, the defense denied Cincinnati the end zone and watched as Neal Rackers' 31-yd. FG attempt banged off the left upright as the 3rd quarter ended scoreless. The final stanza began with DT Hollis Thomas recovering his own forced fumble on his sack of QB Scott Mitchell. McNabb led the offense 69 yds. down to the CB3, but Warren, refusing to go down, was stripped of the ball and the Bengals recovered. Sensing a shift in momentum, Cincinnati's offense looked to seize it. But LB Carlos Emmons made sure that they wouldn't as he came down with an INT off of Taylor's deflection. The Bengals finally cut into the Eagles lead with under four minutes to play in the game when Mitchell found WR Peter Warrick for a 17-yd. TD pass. FS Brian Dawkins corralled Cincinnati's onside kick attempt and the Eagles offense drove to set up a 33-yd. FG by Akers to lock up the victory.

NOTES: The Eagles finished the season 11-5 for the first time since 1992 ... TE Chad Lewis, who signed a four-year contract one day earlier, celebrated with a career-high 9 receptions (66 yds.) ... WR Charles Johnson tied a career high with his 7th TD reception ... The Eagles offensive line (LT Tra Thomas, LG John Welbourn, C Bubba Miller, RG Jermaine Mayberry and RT Jon Runyan) started together as a unit through all 16 games for the first time in club history since the league went to a 16-game schedule ... In finishing the season with 121 points, K David Akers broke the Eagles all-time single season record set by K Paul McFadden (116).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Cincinnati	0	0	0	7	7
Philadelphia	10	3	0	3	16

Phila - D.Akers, 32 FG
Phila - C.Johnson, 39 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - D.Akers, 45 FG
Cin - P.Warrick, 17 pass from S.Mitchell (Rackers)
Phila - D.Akers, 33 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>CIN</u>
First Downs	22	15
Net Yards Gained	321	271
Rushes/Yards	35/138	26/102
Net Yards Passing	183	169
Att/Comp/INT	40/23/1	34/18/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/14	2/15
Punts/Average	3/43.3	5/37.4
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties/Yards	4/34	6/39
Time of Possession	37:10	22:50

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Warren 15-42, C.Martin 2-28, S.Pritchett 8-21, D.Autry 4-20, D.McNabb 4-20, B.Mitchell 1-7, C.Johnson 1-0 ... BENGALS - C.Dillon 16-39, B.Bennett 5-36, N.Williams 2-14, S.Mitchell 2-7, P.Warrick 1-6.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Lewis 9-66, C.Johnson 4-69-1TD, C.Martin 3-14, S.Pritchett 2-20, T.Small 2-18, N.Brown 1-7, D.McNabb 1-3, C.Warren 1-1 ... BENGALS - D.Farmer 5-54, P.Warrick 3-38-1TD, S.Bush 2-31, C.Yeast 2-16, R.Dugans 2-15, M.Battaglia 2-9, B.Bennett 1-19, C.Dillion 1-1.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 40-23-198-1-1TD ... BENGALS - S.Mitchell 34-18-183-1-1TD.

INTs: EAGLES - C.Emmons 1-0 ... BENGALS - C.Hall 1-12.

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Thomas 1, B.Whiting 1 ... BENGALS - A.Spearman 1, S.Foley 1.

Weather: Cloudy, 31 degrees
Wind: S 7 mph (Wind chill: 23 degrees)
Playing Surface: Artificial Turf
Time: 3:03

NFC WILD CARD GAME

Sunday, December 31, 2000
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3
Veterans Stadium • 65,813



In their first postseason game since 1996, the Eagles dominated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on both offense and defense and rang in the year 2001 with a 21-3 Wild Card Playoff victory on a blustery New Year's Eve in Veterans Stadium. QB Donovan McNabb, in his first playoff start, accounted for all three TDs (two passing and one rushing) and found ten different receivers while hitting on 73 percent of his passes behind the ferocious play of his offensive line. Meanwhile, the defense flew around the field refusing to give ground while holding Bucs star RB Warrick Dunn to 1 yd. rushing and denied the Bucs the end zone en route to the win ... Truly the twelfth man on this frigid last day of the millenium, the boisterous Eagles fans roared from the player introductions till the final snap to fuel an already electric atmosphere. Both teams played it pretty close to the vest throughout the 1st quarter with Eagles P Sean Landeta and Bucs P Mark Royals dueling for field position. Tampa Bay struck for the first, and what turned out to be, their only points of the game when Martin Gramatica booted a 29-yd FG early in the 2nd quarter. On the Bucs next possession, the Eagles defense threw up an absolute roadblock (6 plays, -7 yds.) to shift the momentum in what had been a sluggish 1st half. On 3rd-and-19 from the TB25, DE Hugh Douglas bolted around the right end and pummeled QB Shaun King to force the ball loose. DE Mike Mamula fell on the fumble to put the offense in business at the TB 15. Five plays later McNabb scored on a 5-yd. draw play to give the Eagles a 7-3 lead, one that they would not relinquish. Philadelphia's defense forced a quick 3-and-out to put the ball back in McNabb's hands with under two minutes to play in the half. The Eagles offense cruised 69 yds. in 8 plays on the strength of McNabb's arm (5 of 7 for 63 yds.) as the drive culminated with a 5-yd. TD pass to WR Na Brown in the back corner of the end zone for a 14-3 half time lead. RB Brian Mitchell, coming in for an injured Stanley Pritchett, became the go-to guy on the drive with 3 catches for 33 yds. Throughout the 1st half, the Eagles were slowly wearing down the Bucs on both sides of the ball. The offense took the opening possession of the 2nd half and traveled 59 yds. to set up David Akers for a 36-yd. FG. Though he pushed it wide right through a swirling wind, the Eagles had managed to chew up 7:45 of the 3rd quarter. And when the Eagles defense forced the Bucs to punt after just six plays, their only offensive snaps of the quarter, that brought an already tired Tampa Bay defense back on the field. This time the Eagles responded with a 9-play, 57-yd. scoring drive that featured the tough running of RB Chris Warren and a 2-yd. TD strike to TE Jeff Thomason from McNabb to open the lead up to 21-3 at the start of the 4th quarter. Tampa Bay tried to get back in the game, but the Eagles simply would not have it as they locked up a trip to the Divisional Playoffs for the first time since 1995.

NOTES: The Eagles have not surrendered a TD to the three NFC Central clubs (GB, TB and Chi) that they have played this season ... McNabb's 24 completions and two TD passes in a game tied QB Randall Cunningham for second place on the club's all time play-off list in those respective categories ... DE Hugh Douglas had 2 sacks, setting a new Eagles single-game postseason record ... Philadelphia had possession for a total of 12:18 of the 3rd quarter and held the Bucs to 50 yds. rushing on 19 attempts (2.6 avg.) ... Pritchett did not return to the game after he suffered a broken tibia.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	0	3
Philadelphia	0	14	0	7	21

TB - M.Gramatica, 29 FG
Phila - D.McNabb, 5 run (Akers)
Phila - N.Brown, 5 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)
Phila - J.Thomason, 2 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>TB</u>
First Downs	20	11
Net Yards Gained	277	199
Rushes/Yards	33/126	19/50
Net Yards Passing	151	149
Att/Comp/INT	33/24/1	31/17/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/10	4/22
Punts/Average	5/36.6	6/40.5
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	2/20	7/62
Time of Possession	34:53	25:06

RUSHING: EAGLES – C.Warren 22-85, D.McNabb 8-32-1TD, B.Mitchell 3-9 ... BUCCANEERS – M.Alstott 7-42, S.King 4-7, W.Dunn 8-1.

RECEIVING: EAGLES – C.Johnson 5-47, B.Mitchell 5-37, T.Small 3-30, C.Lewis 3-24, C.Martin 2-8, S.Pritchett 2-(-1), N.Brown 1-5-1TD, T.Pinkston 1-5, C.Warren 1-4, J.Thomason 1-2-1TD ... BUCCANEERS – K.Johnson 6-106, W.Dunn 5-28, M.Alstott 2-14, D.Moore 2-12, R.Anthony 1-6, P.Hape 1-5.

PASSING: EAGLES – D.McNabb 33-24-161-1-2TD ... BUCCANEERS – S.King 31-17-171-0-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES – 0 ... BUCCANEERS – D.Abraham 1-0.

SACKS: EAGLES – H.Douglas 2, M.Caldwell 1, H.Thomas 1 ... BUCCANEERS – S.White 1, A.Singleton 0.5, N.Webster 0.5

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 34 degrees

Wind: W 7 mph, gusting to 31 mph (Wind chill: 11 degrees)

Playing Surface: Artificial Turf

Time: 2:55

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF GAME

Sunday, January 7, 2000
NY Giants 20, Philadelphia 10
Giants Stadium • 78,765



On the doorstep of the NFC Championship, the Eagles magical season came to an end at Giants Stadium with a 20-10 defeat in the Divisional Playoff to their NFC East rivals to the north. The Giants, on the strength of Ron Dixon's opening kickoff return for a TD and CB Jason Sehorn's spectacular INT return for a TD, beat Philadelphia for the third consecutive time this season ... Playing in their first divisional playoff game since 1995, the Eagles got off to an inauspicious start when Dixon took the opening kickoff and raced 97 yds. for a TD. Faced with an uphill climb just 17 seconds into the game, the Eagles looked to have their first first down of the contest late in the opening quarter when McNabb hit WR Torrance Small. But in his fight to gain extra yardage, Small was stripped of the ball by FS Shaun Williams and CB Dave Thomas snatched the ball out of the air at the PE34. Philadelphia's defense tightened and forced a 37-yd. FG by Brad Daluiso as the Giants increased their lead to 10-0 at the beginning of the 2nd quarter. The Eagles defense turned New York away once again in Eagles territory on their next possession as DT Hollis Thomas recovered RB Ron Dayne's fumble at the PE28. The turnover parade between the two teams continued a few series later. Following a sack and forced fumble by DE Michael Strahan, DE Cedric Jones recovered the ball and put the Giants offense in business at the PE27. However three plays later, FS Damon Moore jarred the ball loose from RB Tiki Barber and recovered the fumble at the PE14. Yet, four plays later this time, Sehorn somehow rolled on the ground while defending a pass to Small, tipped the ball to himself for the INT, jumped up and darted 32-yds. for the TD. Trailing 17-0 with under two minutes to play in the half, the Eagles needed to put some points on the board before halftime. After RB Brian Mitchell returned the ensuing kickoff 34-yds. to the 50-yd. line, Philadelphia marched 40 yds. in 7 plays to set up a 28-yd. FG by David Akers. Midway through the 3rd quarter, the Eagles were handed a golden opportunity to get back in the game that their tenacious defense had kept so close. WR Amani Toomer fielded Sean Landeta's booming 53-yd. punt in Giants territory, but Moore punched the ball out and LS Mike Bartrum came up with the ball at the bottom of the pile to give the Eagles offense a shot at the NYG32. However, Akers pushed his 30-yd. FG wide right and the score remained 17-3 as the quarter came to an end. The Giants opened the final quarter with a 13-play, 88-yd. drive that ended with a 25-yd. FG by Brad Daluiso. With under three minutes left, Jason Bostic blocked Brad Maynard's punt and returned it to the NYG10. Three plays later, McNabb hit Small with a quick pass on the line of scrimmage and Small bolted into the end zone to cut the Giants lead in half, at 20-10. Akers' onside kick attempt was gobbled up by the Giants and QB Kerry Collins took a knee to wind down the rest of the game clock and bring an end to the Eagles season.

NOTES: The Eagles defense did not allow a touchdown in the 2000 postseason, surrendering only 3 FGs in two games ... RB Brian Mitchell had 172 total net yards (18 rushing, 27 receiving, 2 punt returns, 125 kickoff returns) ... DE Mike Mamula left the game with a sprained foot and did not return ... SS Damon Moore recorded 6 tackles, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery ... DB James Bostic's 4th quarter blocked punt was the first by an Eagle since William Thomas blocked one at Denver on 10/4/98.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	0	7	10
NY Giants	7	10	0	3	20

NYG - R.Dixon, 97 kickoff return (Daluiso)
NYG - B.Daluiso, 37 FG
NYG - J.Sehorn, 32 interception return (Daluiso)
Phila - D.Akers, 28 FG
NYG - B.Daluiso, 25 FG
Phila - T.Small, 10 pass from D.McNabb (Akers)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	11	15
Net Yards Gained	186	237
Rushes/Yards	14/46	43/112
Net Yards Passing	140	125
Att/Comp/INT	41/20/1	19/12/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	6/41	1/0
Punts/Average	8/41.8	7/31.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	3/3
Penalties/Yards	6/50	4/18
Time of Possession	23:51	36:09

RUSHING: EAGLES - B.Mitchell 3-18, D.McNabb 5-17, C.Warren 6-11 ... GIANTS - R.Dayne 17-53, T.Barber 15-35, K.Collins 8-17, A.Toomer 1-6. G.Comella 1-2, I.Hilliard 1-(-1).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Johnson 5-53, T.Small 4-39-1TD, C.Lewis 3-27, B.Mitchell 3-27, C.Warren 2-14, L.Broughton 1-13, N.Brown 1-4, C.Martin 1-4 ... GIANTS - I.Hilliard 3-35, T.Barber 3-13, P.Mitchell 2-47, A.Toomer 2-23, R.Dayne 1-4, G.Comella 1-3.

PASSING: EAGLES - D.McNabb 41-20-181-1-1TD ... GIANTS - K.Collins 19-12-125-0-0TD.

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... GIANTS - J.Sehorn 1-32-1TD.

SACKS: EAGLES - J.Trotter 1 ... GIANTS - M.Strahan 2, C.Griffin 1.5, R.Hale 1, J.Armstead 0.5, E.McDaniel 0 .5, K.Hamilton 0.5

Weather: Fair, 39 degrees
Wind: W 5 mph (Wind chill: 37 degrees)
Playing Surface: Natural Grass
Time: 3:15