

**GAME  
1**

**Sunday, September 12, 1999  
Arizona 25, Philadelphia 24  
Veterans Stadium • 64,113**



In their debut under new head coach Andy Reid, the Eagles jumped out to a 21 point 1st-quarter lead but eventually succumbed to the visiting Cardinals when Arizona kicker Chris Jacke booted a 31-yd. game-winning FG on the game's final play. After getting on the board first with a 24-yd TD run by Duce Staley, the Eagles tallied two more touchdowns after CB Al Harris and FS Brian Dawkins returned interceptions off Jake Plummer to the Arizona 6 and 11-yd. lines, respectively. Harris' theft set up a TD toss from Doug Pederson to Staley. Dawkins' INT subsequently led to a TD on a screen pass to tight end Luther Broughton that gave Philadelphia its 21-0 lead with 0:16 remaining in the 1st qtr. With that tally the Eagles had scored three TDs in a single quarter for the first time since 12/30/95 (when they logged four in the second stanza of a Wild Card play-off victory over Detroit) ... Late in the 2nd qtr, Eagles' LB James Darling returned the third INT of the half off Plummer to the AZ 8 and set up a Norm Johnson FG that gave Philadelphia a 24-6 lead at intermission. The 3rd qtr, however, belonged to the Cardinals who held the ball for 13:02 and, by early in the final stanza, had added a TD and a field goal to cut the Eagles lead to 24-15. With under six minutes to play in the game, Philadelphia twice came up empty when presented with an opportunity to seal the game. First, with the Cards facing a 3rd-n-10 from their own 20, a Plummer pass to Rob Moore was off the mark. A roughing the passer penalty on Harris, however, gave new life to the Cards who quickly capitalized as a 47-yd Plummer-to-Moore bomb set up a 20-yd TD hookup by the same duo. Then, just after the 2:00 minute warning, Philadelphia faced a 3rd-n-4 from near midfield. But when Pederson's pass deep down the left sideline bounced off the hands of WR Brian Finneran, S Kwamie Lassiter INTd the ball and returned it to the Eagles' 43 to set up Jacke's 31-yd FG. Jacke's kick gave the Cardinals their first lead of the day - and a 25-24 victory.

**NOTES:** The 24 points by the Eagles topped their single game high of '98 when they topped 20 points just once, scoring 21 vs. KC on 9/27/98 ... The three INTs by Philadelphia's defense were the most since they recorded 3 vs. the Steelers on 11/23/97 ... Eagles' RB Duce Staley, who logged one TD run and one TD catch, recorded the 2nd 100-yd rushing game of his career in the 1st qtr ... Five Eagles made the first starts of their NFL career - QB Doug Pederson, MLB Jeremiah Trotter, and three rookies - TE Jed Weaver, LG Doug Brzezinski, and RT John Welbourn. Welbourn, however, suffered a ruptured patellar tendon in his left knee during the first half that effectively ended his season ... Eagles TE Luther Broughton, who scored the Eagles' third TD, was acquired in a trade with Carolina just one week prior to opening day ... Arizona RDE Simeon Rice forced two fumbles and registered two sacks.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Arizona	0	6	6	13	25
Philadelphia	21	3	0	0	24

**Phila** - Staley, 24 run (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - Staley, 3 pass from Pederson (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - Broughton, 15 pass from Pederson (N.Johnson)  
**Arz** - Jacke, 31 FG  
**Arz** - Jacke, 25 FG  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 25 FG  
**Arz** - Bates, 1 run (2-pt. attempt failed)  
**Arz** - Jacke, 32 FG  
**Arz** - R.Moore, 20 pass from Plummer (Jacke)  
**Arz** - Jacke, 31 FG

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PHILA</b>	<b>ARIZONA</b>
First Downs	13	23
Net Yards Gained	205	344
Rushes/Yards	26/138	36/78
Net Yards Passing	67	266
Att/Comp/INT	26/12/2	48/25/3
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/24	1/8
Punts/Average	7/42.6	5/34.4
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/1
Penalties/Yards	7/54	8/40
Time of Possession	25:09	34:51

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 21-111-1TD, D.Pederson 2-21, K.Turner 3-6 ... CARDINALS - A.Murrell 24-53, J.Plummer 6-25, M.Bates 4-6-1TD, D.Boston 1-1, J.Makovicka 1-(-7).  
**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - L.Broughton 3-29-1TD, C.Johnson 3-24, D.Staley 3-19-1TD, D.Jells 2-9, B.Finneran 1-10 ... CARDINALS - F.Sanders 5-50, T.Hardy 5-49, A.Murrell 5-47, D.Boston 4-21, R.Moore 3-77-1TD, M.Pittman 2-26, J.Makovicka 1-4.  
**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson 26-12-91-2-2TDs ... CARDINALS - J.Plummer 48-25-274-3-1TD.  
**INTS:** EAGLES - J.Darling 1-33, A.Harris 1-33, B.Dawkins 1-23 ... CARDINALS - K.Lassiter 1-32, A.Williams 1-8.  
**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 1 ... CARDINALS - S.Rice 2, J.Drake 1, A.Wadsworth 1.

**Weather:** Partly cloudy, 75 degrees  
**Wind:** E 3 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:14

**GAME  
2**

**Sunday, September 19, 1999  
Tampa Bay 19, Philadelphia 5  
Veterans Stadium • 64,285**



The visiting Tampa Bay Buccaneers got nine sacks by their defense and two touchdown passes from QB Trent Dilfer en route to a 19-5 win over the Eagles. With the loss, Philadelphia saw its record fall to 0-2 ... While the Bucs managed just 220 yards of offense, the Eagles themselves could muster just 150 total yards. Running back Warrick Dunn (24-82 rushing) and fullback Mike Alstott (15-64) did the bulk of the damage offensively for Tampa Bay and were, in fact, responsible for setting up both of the Bucs' TDs .... Tampa Bay took the opening kickoff and used a well-balanced attack while engineering a 66-yd TD drive. After converting three 3rd-down plays, Dilfer capped the drive by beating an Eagles' blitz. WR Bert Emanuel hauled in the pass and broke a tackle on his way to a 19-yd TD and a 7-0 lead ... Philadelphia responded quickly, getting a FG from Norm Johnson that narrowed the Bucs' lead to 7-3. Then, on Tampa Bay's ensuing drive, an errant snap over the head of Dilfer was batted out of the end zone by the quarterback. The result was a safety that cut the visitors' lead to just 7-5... In the 2nd quarter, the Buccaneers tacked on two FGs by Martin Gramatica to increase their lead to 13-5. The first of those, a 51-yarder, was set up by a 35-yd pass interference penalty on Eagles' CB Al Harris. The second came after SS John Lynch INT'd a pass by Doug Pederson in Eagles territory. Philadelphia subsequently had a FG opportunity of its own just before the half. After an interception off Dilfer by CB Troy Vincent gave Philadelphia the ball near midfield, the Birds marched to the TB9 with no time-outs. Once there, and with the clock running, the Birds' FG team lined up - except for K Norm Johnson. Johnson's late arrival onto the field resulted in a hurried kick that went wide left ... After intermission, Pederson was replaced under center by rookie first-round pick Donovan McNabb. McNabb, however, would fare no better as the Bucs unleashed an array of blitzes on the young QB, sacking him six times and allowing him to complete just 4 of 11 passes. After Tampa Bay forced the Birds' offense to go 3-n-out on three straight series, an INT by FS Brian Dawkins gave the Birds the ball at the TB27. Two sacks ensued, however, and the Eagles wound up missing a 50-yd FG try. It would be their last scoring opportunity as the Bucs' defense would dominate the rest of the way, recording three more sacks. Tampa Bay's assault on Eagles passers was led by all-pro DT Warren Sapp, who logged a team-record 3.5 sacks, and by DEs Chidi Ahanotu and Marcus Jones, each of whom notched two sacks.

**NOTES:** After registering an NFL-low 17 takeaways in 1998, the Birds' defense raised it's '99 total to six after just two games. Following a 4-takeaway effort vs. Ariz. (3 INTs, 1FR), the Eagles logged another two (2 INTs) vs. Tampa Bay ... 14th-yr pro Jeff Dellenbach, signed by the Eagles just four days prior to the regular season, opened the game at RG. That move, coupled with the switch of Jermane Mayberry from RG to RT, compensated for the loss of John Welbourn, the rookie RT who suffered a season-ending knee injury in Game 1 vs. Arizona.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Tampa Bay	7	6	6	0	19
Philadelphia	5	0	0	0	5

**TB** - B.Emanuel, 19 pass from Dilfer (Gramatica)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 39 FG  
**Phila** - Safety, ball snapped out of end zone  
**TB** - Gramatica, 51 FG  
**TB** - Gramatica, 24 FG  
**TB** - Alstott, 17 pass from Dilfer (2-pt. att. failed)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>TB</u>
First Downs	9	16
Net Yards Gained	150	220
Rushes/Yards	20/84	44/156
Net Yards Passing	66	64
Att/Comp/INT	30/16/1	14/7/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	9/60	2/25
Punts/Average	9/41.1	5/41.4
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	3/45	6/55
Time of Possession	27:10	32:50

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 13-42, D.McNabb 5-38, D.Pederson 1-2, K.Turner 1-2 ... BUCCANEERS - W.Dunn 24-82, M.Alstott 15-64, T.Dilfer 4-10.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - K.Turner 6-32, C.Johnson 3-38, D.Douglas 3-15, D.Staley 2-22, L.Broughton 2-19 ... BUCCANEERS - M.Alstott 3-33-1TD, D.Moore 2-23, B.Emanuel 1-19-1TD, J.Green 1-14.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson 19-12-100-1-0TD, D.McNabb 11-4-26-0-0TD ... BUCCANEERS - T.Dilfer 14-7-89-2-2TDs.

**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-37, T.Vincent 1-26 ... BUCCANEERS - J.Lynch 1-4.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - H.Douglas 1, T.Vincent 1 ... BUCCANEERS - W.Sapp 3.5, C.Ahanotu 2, M.Jones 2, B.Culpepper 1.5.

**Weather:** Sunny, 69 degrees  
**Wind:** N 3 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 2:49

**GAME  
3**

**Sunday, September 26, 1999  
Buffalo 26, Philadelphia 0  
Ralph Wilson Stadium • 70,872**



After dropping consecutive home games to open the season, the Eagles took to the road but fared no better, falling this time to the Buffalo Bills, 26-0 ... Buffalo jumped out to a 9-0 lead after recording field goals on their first three offensive series. (In all, the Bills went on to log four FGs and one TD on their seven first-half possessions) ... Buffalo's offense began its first drive near midfield and used consecutive runs of 17 and 20 yards by RB Antowain Smith to set up a FG by Steve Christie. The Bills started their next series at the PE 48 but, after reaching the Birds' 11, settled for another FG and a 6-0 lead. After the ensuing kickoff, Buffalo's defense needed just one play to provide the Bills with yet another scoring opportunity. LB Gabe Northern's sack of Eagles QB Doug Pederson at the PE 9 resulted in a fumble that DE Phil Hansen returned to the 4. Philly's defense, however, stiffened once again deep in its own end and forced the Bills to settle for a FG to make it 9-0 ... Early in the 2nd qtr, the Eagles saw a scoring opportunity of their own slip through their hands when WR Torrance Small dropped a bomb from Pederson at the Bills' 15. Then, with 7:04 remaining in the 2nd qtr, the Eagles mounted their first sustained drive, marching 59 yards to the Bills' 20. Once there, however, Pederson again lost a fumble after a sack by DE Bruce Smith. DE Phil Hansen, the beneficiary once again, returned the fumble 19 yards to the PE 48. From there, Flutie needed only five plays to set up his 15-yd scoring strike to TE Jay Riemersma that put Buffalo on top 16-0 ... Philadelphia responded by quickly marching to the Bills' 32 before sputtering and seeing a 50-yd FG try by Norm Johnson sail wide. Buffalo subsequently took over at their own 41 and moved to the PE 18 before settling for a 36-yd FG as time expired ... In the 3rd qtr, Buffalo capped a 60-yd TD drive with a 4-yd run by Antowain Smith. Philadelphia's offense, meanwhile, went 3-n-out on its first three possessions of the 2nd half. Then, with just under 14 minutes remaining in the game, both clubs inserted their backup signal callers as Rob Johnson took over for Flutie and Donovan McNabb replaced Pederson for the Eagles. McNabb quickly engineered three first downs but he, too, was unable to get the Birds on the scoreboard.

**NOTES:** With an INT off Doug Flutie in the 2nd FS Brian Dawkins logged a theft in his third straight game something no Eagle had done since 1993 when CB Eric Allen and FS Rich Miano each accomplished the feat in games 2-4 ... Bills' all-pro WR Andre Reed hauled in the 900th reception of his career.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	9	10	7	0	26

**Buf** - Christie, 24 FG  
**Buf** - Christie, 29 FG  
**Buf** - Christie, 19 FG  
**Buf** - Riemersma, 15 pass from Flutie (Christie)  
**Buf** - Christie, 36 FG  
**Buf** - A.Smith, 4 run (Christie)

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PHILA</b>	<b>BUFFALO</b>
First Downs	11	25
Net Yards Gained	169	377
Rushes/Yards	12/22	40/191
Net Yards Passing	147	186
Att/Comp/INT	37/20/0	29/20/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/24	1/9
Punts/Average	9/49.2	4/34.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	2/0
Penalties/Yards	7/50	4/20
Time of Possession	22:38	37:22

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 1-10, D.Staley 10-6, D.Pederson 1-6 ... BILLS - A.Smith 16-64-1TD, J.Linton 15-57, D.Flutie 5-32, R.Johnson 1-25, K.Williams 1-13, E.Moulds 1-1, A.Van Pelt 1-(1).

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - C.Johnson 4-45, D.Staley 4-19, J.Bostic 4-2, L.Broughton 3-52, J.Weaver 2-22, T.Small 1-12, B.Finneran 1-11, D.Douglas 1-8 ... BILLS - J.Linton 4-31, A.Reed 3-41, E.Moulds 3-37, S.Gash 3-25, J.Riemersma 2-22-1TD, K.Williams 2-14, K.Loud 1-11, P.Price 1-9, S.Jackson 1-5.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson 26-14-137-0-0TD, D.McNabb 11-6-34-0-0TD ... BILLS - D.Flutie 26-18-175-1-1TD, R.Johnson 2-1-11-0-0TD, A.Van Pelt 1-1-9-0-0.

**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-0 ... BILLS - 0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - J.Trotter 1 ... BILLS - G.Northern 1, B.Smith 1.

**Weather:** Sunny, 74 degrees  
**Wind:** SE 5 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:02

**GAME  
4**

**Sunday, October 3, 1999  
NY Giants 16, Philadelphia 15  
Giants Stadium • 73,274**



The Eagles fell to 0-4 on the season with a turnover-filled 16-15 loss to the host New York Giants ... The Giants opened the scoring on their first possession when QB Kent Graham fired a 9-yd TD strike to WR Ike Hilliard. The Eagles got on the scoreboard later in the quarter with one of the most bizarre plays in team history. With Philadelphia deep in Giants territory, CB Jason Sehorn intercepted a pass by Eagles QB Doug Pederson at the goal line. When Sehorn attempted to lateral to Percy Ellsworth the ball bounced into the end zone and was recovered by Phillip Sparks for an Eagles safety. After Philadelphia was forced to punt on its ensuing possession, the Giants took over at their own 9-yd. line. Two plays later, CB Bobby Taylor picked off a Graham pass and returned it 18 yards for a score that put the Birds on top 9-7. It was the first TD by the Eagles since the first quarter of the season opener vs. Arizona (a span of 11 quarters) ... Just before halftime, Graham marched the Giants from their own 26 to the Birds' 5-yd line. The first career sack by Eagles LB Ike Reese, however, forced a fumble (recovered by NYG) and forced New York into settling for a 35-yd FG by Brad Daluiso to up their lead to 10-9 at intermission ... Early in the 3rd qtr, Graham marched his club deep into Philadelphia territory once again – surviving another fumble – and set up a Daluiso FG ... Eagles MLB Jeremiah Trotter then registered his first career INT which set up a 26-yd. FG by Norm Johnson and enabled the Eagles to pull within a point ... That INT resulted in Kerry Collins replacing Graham at QB by the Giants. Late in the 3rd stanza, Eagles DT Bill Johnson registered a sack/forced fumble of Collins. DT Mark Wheeler recovered the ball and the Birds, with Donovan McNabb at the helm, marched 44 yards on 9 plays to set up another Johnson FG to put them ahead, 15-13 ... Collins then rebounded to lead the Giants on an 11-play, 67-yard drive that resulted in a 23-yd. FG to give them the lead for good at 16-15. Two three-and-outs by the Eagles let NY run out the clock.

**NOTES:** In all, there were 8 turnovers in the game (5 by the Giants and 3 by Eagles). The Giants fumbled 6 times and lost two, while throwing 3 INTs ... with their 3 thefts, the Eagles raise their season total to nine, equaling their total from a year ago ... Taylor's TD was the first of his career and his first INT since 1996 ... Trotter registered his first career INT, while recording a career high in tackles (16) ... Giants DE Michael Strahan notched 3 sacks.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	9	0	3	3	15
NY Giants	7	3	3	3	16

**NYG** - Hilliard, 9 pass from Graham (Daluiso)  
**Phila** - Sparks tackled by C.Johnson for a safety  
**Phila** - Taylor, 18 interception return (N.Johnson)  
**NYG** - Daluiso, 35 FG  
**NYG** - Daluiso, 25 FG  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 26 FG  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 32 FG  
**NYG** - Daluiso, 23 FG

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PHILA</b>	<b>NYG</b>
First Downs	10	24
Net Yards Gained	174	361
Rushes/Yards	26/84	38/128
Net Yards Passing	90	233
Att/Comp/INT	22/9/2	41/21/3
Sacked/Yards Lost	5/23	2/24
Punts/Average	7/49.6	3/34.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	6/2
Penalties/Yards	6/35	5/51
Time of Possession	24:55	35:05

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 21-62, D.McNabb 1-13, J.Bostic 1-5, D.Pederson 2-3, C.Martin 1-1 ... GIANTS - G.Brown 27-87, K.Graham 3-23, C.Way 5-19, L.Johnson 1-1, K.Collins 2-(-2).

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - C.Johnson 3-38, T.Small 2-15, L.Broughton 1-32, D.Jells 1-13, J.Weaver 1-9, J.Bostic 1-6 ... GIANTS - A.Toomer 8-123, I.Hilliard 4-64-1TD, P.Mitchell 2-20, C.Way 2-14, T.Barber 2-6, J.Jurevicius 1-26, H.Cross 1-3, G.Brown 1-1.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson (starter) 15-6-75-2-0TD, D.McNabb 7-3-38-0-0TD ... GIANTS - K.Graham (starter) 29-15-171-3-1TD, K.Collins 12-6-86-0-0TD.

**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Taylor 1-18-1TD, T.Vincent 1-1, J.Trotter 1-0 ... GIANTS - P.Ellsworth 1-15, J.Sehorn 1-(-4).

**SACKS:** EAGLES - I.Reese 1, B.Johnson 1 ... GIANTS - M.Strahan 3, J.Armstead 2.

**Weather:** Partly Sunny, 70 degrees  
**Wind:** W 5 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:01

# GAME 5

**Sunday, October 10, 1999**  
**Philadelphia 13, Dallas 10**  
**Veterans Stadium • 66,669**



The Eagles broke into the win column with a 13-10 decision over division rival Dallas on a rain-soaked afternoon at Veterans Stadium. The victory, which lifted the Birds' record to 1-4, was the club's first under new head coach Andy Reid .... The game actually was a story of two halves. While Dallas dominated the first half - and, in fact, part of the 3rd qtr., the Eagles took control the rest of the way. Prior to intermission, the visitors, blessed with good field position, chalked up 191 yards of offense and dominated in terms of time of possession. Nonetheless, the Eagles' defense kept the home club in the game by twice registering key takeaways in their own end of the field -- in the 1st qtr., DE Greg Jefferson forced Cowboys' all-pro RB Emmitt Smith to fumble near the goal line; CB Troy Vincent later intercepted a pass by Troy Aikman in the end zone to squelch another Dallas drive. Philadelphia's offense, meanwhile, generated just one 1st down. In fact, the Birds' first half production included nearly as many yards in penalties (55) as it did yards of offense (60) .... The Cowboys got on the board midway through the 1st qtr when they took over at the Birds' 29 following a 12-yd punt return by Deion Sanders. Dallas, however, managed just a field goal and a 3-0 lead. Then, early in the 2nd stanza, the visitors began a drive at the PE48 following another punt. From there, Smith's 22-yd run set up his 9-yd TD reception from Aikman .... Smith would enter the locker room at halftime with 16-71 rushing numbers while Aikman would be 13 of 19 passing. After intermission, however, Philadelphia's defense put the clamps on Dallas, holding Smith to just 14-43 on the ground and Aikman to just 8 completions in 20 atts. In the 4th qtr, the Eagles' offense - led by Staley and resurgent QB Doug Pederson - came alive, scoring on three straight drives. After a 48-yd Norm Johnson FG got the Birds on the board, Dallas missed an opportunity to regain its 10-point lead when a 50-yd FG try by Richie Cunningham sailed wide. The Eagles then used a 36-yard pass from Pederson to WR Charles Johnson to set up an apparent TD on a 9-yard screen pass to Staley. The play was negated, however, by a holding penalty and the Birds settled for another FG by Johnson that cut the Cowboys' lead to 10-6 with 5:42 to play. Philadelphia then got the ball back at its own 38 with 3:13 left on the clock. From there, a 20-yd pass to WR Torrance Small and a 19-yd run by Staley (who ran for 100 yds in the 2nd half and 64 in the final qtr alone), set up the winning score. Pederson then capped the drive with a 28-yd TD strike to Johnson as the clock read 1:07 to play. The Eagles' defense then sealed the victory when DE Mike Mamula pressured Aikman into an errant throw that CB Bobby Taylor intercepted.

**NOTES:** The Cowboys lost their first game in 11 tries to a NFC East opponent since Chan Gailey took over as their head coach in 1998 ... The Birds' defense registered 3 more takeaways and held the Cowboys, who entered the contest averaging 33 points per game, to just 10 points. More importantly, Philadelphia's defense pitched a shutout after intermission ... The Eagles staged their first win after facing a double-digit deficit in the 4th quarter since December 14, 1996, when they erased a 13 pt. margin and downed the NY Jets, 21-20 ... Although Cowboys' RB Emmitt Smith managed the 65th 100-yd rushing game of his career, it marked just the 10th time that Dallas fell when the all-pro reached the century mark ... For the 2nd straight week, the Eagles' starting CB tandem, Vincent and Taylor, each logged an INT. Those thefts raised the Birds' season total to 11 and helped the club surpass its '98 output (9) after only five games.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Dallas	3	7	0	0	10
Philadelphia	0	0	0	13	13

**Dal** - Cunningham, 42 FG  
**Dal** - E.Smith, 9 pass from Aikman (Cunningham)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 48 FG  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 31 FG  
**Phila** - C.Johnson, 28 pass from Pederson (N.Johnson)

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	DAL
First Downs	12	19
Net Yards Gained	244	300
Rushes/Yards	27/105	32/130
Net Yards Passing	139	170
Att/Comp/INT	30/11/1	39/21/2
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/6	1/7
Punts/Average	8/45.0	6/37.7
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	7/82	6/65
Time of Possession	23:49	36:11

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 22-110, J.Bostic 1-4, D.Pederson 4-(-9) ... COWBOYS - E.Smith 30-114, R.Ismail 1-17, T.Aikman 1-(-1).

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 4-19, T.Small 3-48, C.Johnson 2-64-1TD, L.Broughton 1-11, J.Weaver 1-3 ... COWBOYS - R.Ismail 7-88, E.Smith 5-31-1TD, D.LaFleur 3-22, E.Mills 2-16, C.Warren 2-6, M.Irvin 1-8, J.Tucker 1-6.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson 29-11-145-1-1TD ... COWBOYS - T.Aikman 39-21-177-2-1TD.

**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Taylor 1-13, T.Vincent 1-0 ... COWBOYS - I.Reese 1-0

**SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Mamula 1 ... COWBOYS - G.Ellis 1, C.Hennings 1

**Weather:** Steady rain, 65 degrees  
**Wind:** S 18 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:17

# GAME 6

## Sunday, October 17, 1999 Philadelphia 20, Chicago 16 Soldier Field • 66,944



After Philadelphia's offense helped the Eagles to a 20-6 lead at halftime, the defense held on as the Birds defeated the host Chicago Bears, 20-16. The win was the second in a row for the Eagles, their first ever in Chicago, and snapped a 0-17-1 regular season road mark that stretched back to Dec. 14, 1996 ... After a fumble by Eagles RB Duce Staley at his own 46 ended the Birds' first drive, Chicago capitalized by taking an early 3-0 lead on a 46-yd FG by former Eagle Chris Boniol. The Eagles, however, would score on their next 4 possessions. The first of those scores came after the Eagles took advantage of a roughing the passer penalty that negated an INT by S Tony Parrish. Eagles QB Doug Pederson quickly bounced back, tossing a 57-yd bomb to WR Dietrich Jells for a TD. The play was Philadelphia's longest of the season. Minutes later the Eagles put together a 69-yd drive that reached the CB9 and ended with a Norm Johnson FG that gave the Birds a 10-3 lead. The Bears, who started rookie QB Cade McNown in place of the injured Shane Matthews, responded with a 40-yd FG by Boniol to climb to within four points. Pederson, however, completed 5 of 7 passes on the Eagles' next series and capped a 70-yd march with a short TD strike to TE Luther Broughton. Just four plays later, Eagles CB Troy Vincent snared his 4th INT of the season and returned it 35 yards to the Bears' 5, setting up a FG that put the Birds up 20-6 at the half ... In all, the Eagles had put together first half scoring drives of 68, 69, and 70 yards and rolled up more yards of offense (228) than they had in all but one of their first five full games thus far in '99. Much of the credit for the Eagles' 1st half success went to Pederson, who finished the half 22-16-207-0-2TDs passing. Both clubs, however, squandered scoring opportunities in the final minutes of the 1st half. After the Bears had moved into Eagles' territory, DT Brandon Whiting forced McNown into an INT by rookie S Damon Moore. The Birds subsequently moved to the CB26 before DT Jim Flanigan sacked Pederson and forced a fumble that LB Warrick Holdman returned to Eagles' 25. Three plays later, however, Boniol pushed a 32-yd FG try wide right as the half ended ... In the 3rd qtr, the Eagles marched to Chicago's 33 and 29 on their first two series, only to be forced to punt both times. In between, however, McNown lofted a pass to WR Marcus Robinson who out-leaped FS Brian Dawkins for the ball and outran everyone for an 80-yd TD that cut the Eagles' lead to 20-13. The Bears' defense then forced the Eagles to go 3-plays-and out on their next five offensive series. In the meantime, the Bears got another FG from Boniol to cut their deficit to 20-16. McNown later used a 44-yd bomb to Robinson to move his club to the PE37. Four plays later, however, with the Bears facing 4th-n-4 at the PE 31, McNown's slant pass to Robinson was broken up by CB Al Harris with just under 3:30 left to play. Then, after each team was forced to go 3-n-out, the Eagles took over at their own 45 with 2:15 left. With the Eagles facing 3rd-n-7 from their own 48, Staley burst off right tackle for 16 yards and a 1st down that sealed the win.

**NOTES:** The Eagles' first ever win in Chicago came on their 15th try and ended an 0-14 streak dating back to 1939 ... The win also was Philadelphia's first road triumph since 12/16/96 when they topped the Jets; it also gave the Eagles their first back-to-back wins since Nov. '97 when they defeated Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in consecutive weeks ... Staley logged his 3rd 100-yd rushing game of the year and his 2nd in as many weeks ... Pederson completed 13 of his first 15 passes and finished the first half 22-16-207-2TDs passing. In so doing he surpassed his previous personal bests for yards, completions, and longest play (the latter with the 57-yd TD bomb to Jells).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	13	0	0	20
Chicago	3	3	7	3	16

**Chi** - Boniol, 46 FG  
**Phila** - Jells, 57 pass from Pederson (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 28 FG  
**Chi** - Boniol, 40 FG  
**Phila** - Broughton, 3 pass from Pederson (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 27 FG  
**Chi** - Robinson, 80 pass from McNown (Boniol)  
**Chi** - Boniol 41-yd FG

TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	CHI
First Downs	19	17
Net Yards Gained	316	352
Rushes/Yards	26/99	29/113
Net Yards Passing	217	239
Att/Comp/Had INT	39/22/0	33/17/2
Sacked/Yards	1/11	4/16
Punts/Avg.	7/31.7	6/39.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	1/0
Penalties/Yards	6/53	9/85
Time of Possession	28:24	31:36

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 23-101, D.Pederson 2-(-2), C.Martin 1-0 ... BEARS - C.Enis 24-86, C.McNown 4-23, G.Milburn 1-4.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 6-50, D.Staley 4-37, C.Johnson 4-30, D.Jells 2-69-1TD, L.Broughton 2-18-1TD, C.Martin 2-1, N.Brown 1-12, J.Weaver 1-11 ... BEARS - B.Engram 6-59, M.Robinson 4-136-1TD, E.Bennett 3-22, R.Wetnight 2-19, A.Mayes 1-16, J.Allred 1-3.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson 38-22-228-0-2TD, T.Small 1-0-0-0-0TD ... BEARS - C.McNown 33-17-255-2-1TD.

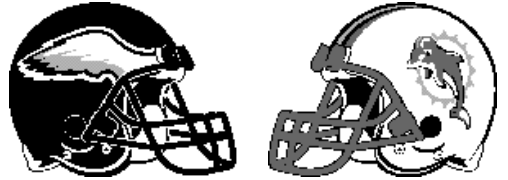
**INTs:** EAGLES - T.Vincent 1-35, D.Moore 1-28 ... BEARS - 0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - G.Jefferson 1, S.Martin 1, H.Thomas 1, J.Trotter 1 ... BEARS - J.Flanigan 1.

**Weather:** Cloudy, 51 degrees  
**Wind:** NW 14 mph  
**Playing surface:** Grass  
**Time:** 3:04

**GAME  
7**

**Sunday, October 24, 1999  
Miami 16, Philadelphia 13  
Pro Player Stadium • 73,975**



The Eagles, who trailed the host Dolphins throughout the game, saw a chance to send the contest into overtime slip through their hands when Norm Johnson's 42-yard FG sailed wide with under a minute to play. For Philadelphia, however, the story was one of numerous missed opportunities as the Eagles' offense reached the Miami 24, 21, 7, and 24-yd lines but came away with just two field goals. The end result was a 16-13 defeat at the hands of the Dolphins. The loss snapped the Eagles' two-game winning streak and dropped their overall record to 2-5 ... With young Damon Huard at quarterback in place of the injured Dan Marino, who sat out due to an ailing neck/shoulder, Miami scored on its first two possessions to take a 10-0 lead in the 1st qtr. The Dolphins capped their opening drive with the first of Olindo Mare's three field goals. Miami then used a 26-yd pass to TE Troy Drayton to set up an 18-yd TD run around left end by rookie RB J.J. Johnson ... When the 2nd qtr. opened the Eagles marched to the Miami 24 before Jason Taylor's sack of Doug Pederson resulted in a 10-yd loss and set up a 53-yd FG try by David Akers. Normally the Eagles' kickoff specialist, Akers boomed his first NFL field goal through the uprights to pull Philadelphia to within seven points at 10-3. Philadelphia's next offensive series included another key sack of Pederson; this one resulted in a fumble that Miami recovered on the Eagles' 27. The Dolphins, however, could only muster another FG by Mare that increased their lead to 13-3 ... Late in the 2nd stanza Pederson marched the Eagles to the Miami 21 with 0:45 remaining in the half. It was then, however, that Dolphins' DT Rich Owens deflected a Pederson pass that LB Derrick Rodgers subsequently intercepted, preserving Miami's 10-point lead ... In the 3rd quarter, Miami dominated in terms of time of possession, holding the ball for 13:30 and running 24 plays compared to just 1:30 and 3 plays by the Eagles. Interestingly, however, Philadelphia outscored Miami 7-0 in the quarter on the strength of a 67-yd interception return by FS Brian Dawkins. That play cut the Dolphins' lead to 13-10 with just under four minutes remaining in the 3rd quarter. Undaunted, Miami came right back, using the legs of rookie RB Cecil Collins to march 32 yards to a 54-yd FG by Mare to open the final stanza .... Trailing by six, Allen Rossum's 39-yd punt return sparked the Eagles' sputtering offense. Starting from their own 44, the Birds quickly marched to the Miami 7. Once there, however, a penalty and a sack forced Philadelphia to settle for a field goal that cut Miami's lead to 16-13 with just over six minutes to play. Then, with the Dolphins seemingly running out the clock, Eagles' LB William Thomas forced Collins to fumble and Dawkins recovered the loose ball at the Birds' 42. Five plays and 34 yards later, the Eagles faced a 3rd-n-2 situation at the Miami 24. From there, WR Charles Johnson got behind Miami CB Terrell Buckley but a pass from Pederson into the end zone was overthrown. The Birds were forced to settle for a game-tying field goal try with 0:59 left on the clock. But when Norm Johnson's kick sailed right, Philadelphia's comeback had fallen short ....

**NOTES:** The 67-yd TD return by Dawkins was the second TD of his career (the first came on a 64-yd INT return vs. the Giants in 1997) ... the 53-yd FG by Akers, the Eagles' kickoff specialist, equaled the third longest FG in club history ... while the Dolphins were playing without Marino, the Eagles were forced to line up without two of their top defenders, DE Hugh Douglas, who was placed on injured reserve days earlier, and CB Troy Vincent, who sat out with a strained groin.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	7	3	13
Miami	10	3	0	3	16

**Mia** - Mare, 37 FG  
**Mia** - J.J. Johnson, 18 run (Mare)  
**Phila** - Akers, 53 FG  
**Mia** - Mare, 37 FG  
**Phila** - Dawkins, 67 INT return (N.Johnson)  
**Mia** - Mare, 54 FG  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 44 FG

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
First Downs	11	15
Net Yards Gained	182	283
Rushes/Yards	22/93	39/149
Net Yards Passing	89	134
Att/Comp/Had INT	25/13/1	21/15/1
Sacked/Yards	4/19	1/8
Punts/Avg.	5/47.8	4/43.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/1
Penalties/Yards	3/19	7/54
Time of Possession	23:55	36:05

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 19-73, D.Pederson 3-20 ... DOLPHINS - C.Collins 26-97, J.J.Johnson 5-35-1TD, D.Huard 6-12, S.Pritchett 2-5.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - C.Johnson 4-59, J.Weaver 4-27, D.Staley 2-1, T.Small 1-10, D.Jells 1-8, K.Turner 1-3 ... DOLPHINS - O.J.McDuffie 4-41, T.Drayton 4-38, T.Martin 3-26, O.Gadsden 1-17, H.Goodwin 1-14, C.Collins 1-6, S.Pritchett 1-0.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson 25-13-108-1-0TD ... DOLPHINS - D.Huard 21-15-142-1-0TD.

**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1-67-1TD ... DOLPHINS - D.Rodgers 1-5.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - G.Jefferson 1 ... DOLPHINS - L.Bromell 1.5, B.Marion 1, J.Taylor 1, T.Armstrong 0.5.

**Weather:** Sunny, 75 degrees  
**Wind:** NW 12 mph  
**Playing surface:** Grass  
**Time:** 2:44

**GAME  
8**

**Sunday, October 31, 1999  
NY Giants 23, Philadelphia 17 (ot)  
Veterans Stadium • 66,481**



After holding a 14-point advantage heading into the 4th quarter, the Eagles saw that lead evaporate as the visiting Giants rallied for a 23-17 victory in overtime. The loss, the second in a row for the Birds, dropped Philadelphia's record to 2-8 at the season's halfway point .... New York first cut into the Eagles' lead early in the 4th qtr. when LeShon Johnson capped a 16-play, 83-yd. drive with a 2-yd TD run. Minutes later the Eagles had an opportunity to reestablish their two touchdown lead when they reached the NY16. Once there, however, Philadelphia was forced to settle for a 33-yd FG try by Norm Johnson. That opportunity was thwarted, however, when New York's Christian Peter blocked Johnson's kick. It would be the first of two huge plays by Peter, who would be a key figure in the overtime period .... Although the Eagles' defense held the Giants to just 15 yards on the visitors' next two series, the Birds' offense handed the New Yorkers a fat scoring opportunity when RB Duce Staley lost a fumble at his own 5-yd line with just under three minutes to play. Two snaps later, Giants QB Kent Graham drilled a scoring strike to TE Pete Mitchell. Cary Blanchard's PAT kick then tied the game. The Eagles then marched 31 yards in the final minutes, reaching the Giants' 41 to set up a 59-yd FG try by the Birds' long-range kicker, David Akers. Akers' kick was off the mark, however, and the game moved into overtime. Once there, the Eagles quickly forced the Giants to punt and marched 27 yards to the Giants' 45. Then, on a 3rd-n-8 situation, a pass by Philadelphia QB Doug Pederson was batted into the air by Peter. All-pro DE Michael Strahan plucked the ball out of the air and raced, untouched, into the end zone to cap New York's stunning come-from-behind win .... Philadelphia originally opened its big lead in the 2nd qtr. with a 21-yd TD run by Staley (who finished the first half 15-83 on the ground), and an 84-yd TD pass from Pederson to WR Torrance Small.

**NOTES:** Since suffering a 26-0 shutout at the hands of Buffalo in week 3 that dropped their record to 0-3, the Birds' won two games and lost three with the losses being by one point at the Giants, three points at Miami (with a failed game-tying, 42-yd FG try in the final minute), and six points at home against the Giants in OT.... The 84-yd TD hookup between Pederson and Small marked the longest offensive play since Herschel Walker logged a 91-yd run at Atl. in '94 and the club's longest pass play since Walker and Randall Cunningham combined for a 94-yd pass play at the Giants that same year .... Eagles starting LCB Troy Vincent sat out his second straight game with a strained groin .... The Eagles' defense failed to log a takeaway, and in particular an interception, for the first time all season .... This loss marked the third time over the course of the first eight games that Philadelphia let a large halftime lead slip away. On opening day, the Eagles squandered a 24-6 lead and fell to the visiting Cardinals, 25-24. In game six at Chicago, a 20-6 advantage at intermission melted away but Philadelphia held on for a 20-26 win .... After gaining 83 yds and 1 TD on 15 carries in the first half, Staley was held to 14 yards on 11 second half carries.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
NY Giants	3	0	0	14	6	23
Philadelphia	3	14	0	0	0	17

**Phila** - N.Johnson, 28 FG  
**NYG** - Blanchard, 28 FG  
**Phila** - Staley, 21 run (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - Small, 84 pass from Pederson (N.Johnson)  
**NYG** - L.Johnson, 2 run (Blanchard)  
**NYG** - Mitchell, 7 pass from Graham (Blanchard)  
**NYG** - Strahan, 44 INT return

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>NYG</u>
First Downs	15	20
Net Yards Gained	360	299
Rushes/Yards	31/112	25/92
Net Yards Passing	248	207
Att/Comp/Had INT	30/19/2	41/26/0
Sacked/Yards	3/8	5/33
Punts/Avg.	5/42.0	8/42.3
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	3/15	5/40
Time of Possession	29:42	34:42

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 26-97-1TD, K.Turner 2-7, D.Pederson 2-6, J.Bostic 1-2 ... GIANTS - K.Graham 5-41, L.Johnson 14-31-1TD, C.Way 5-16, T.Barber 1-4.  
**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - C.Johnson 8-84, T.Small 4-119-1TD, D.Staley 3-32, L.Broughton 2-8, D.Jells 1-8, K.Turner 1-5 ... GIANTS - P.Mitchell 6-41-1TD, T.Barber 4-43, L.Johnson 4-35, I.Hilliard 3-33, H.Cross 3-31, C.Way 3-21, A.Toomer 1-25, J.Jurevicius 1-12, K.Graham 1-(-1).  
**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson (starter) 28-18-256-2-1TD, D.McNabb 2-1-0-0-0 ... GIANTS - K.Graham 41-26-240-0-1TD.  
**INTs:** EAGLES - 0 ... GIANTS - M.Strahan 1-44-1TD, J.Armstead 1-4.  
**SACKS:** EAGLES - G.Jefferson 1.5, I.Reese 1, S.Martin 1, W.Thomas 1, B.Dawkins 0.5 ... GIANTS - J.Armstead 1, S.Garnes 1, K.Hamilton 1.

**Weather:** Partly Cloudy, 63 degrees  
**Wind:** SSW 8 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:03



# GAME 9

**Sunday, November 7, 1999**  
**Carolina 33, Philadelphia 7**  
**Ericsson Stadium • 62,569**



The Eagles made their first ever trip to Carolina to play the Panthers and left with their third straight defeat, a 33-7 drubbing at the hands of the Panthers. The loss dropped the Eagles' overall record to 2-7 .... In a game that Carolina dominated, the host club reeled off 33 unanswered points before the Birds finally got on the board with less than three minutes to play in the game. While Carolina's offense gave Philadelphia fits, the Eagles' offense and special teams repeatedly shot themselves in the foot. In all, the Birds committed 5 turnovers (2 muffed catches on punts, 1 fumble by a back, 1 fumble when a quarterback was sacked, and 1 INT) .... The Panthers started fast, taking a 3-0 lead early in the opening stanza courtesy of a 38-yd field goal by John Kasay. The field goal was set up when officials ruled that Eagles' punt returner Allen Rossum had muffed a Panthers' kick. While it appeared that the Panthers' coverage unit had not given Rossum room to catch the ball, officials declined to call a penalty. Carolina then upped its lead to 10-0 early in the second stanza on a 4-yd TD pass from Steve Beuerlein to Mushin Muhammad. The TD pass capped an 80-yd drive highlighted by a 33-yd pass to Eric Metcalf and a 21-yd strike to TE Wesley Walls at the Eagles' 2. The Panthers then struck again on their next series, capping a 13-play, 60-yd drive with another Beuerlein-to-Muhammad scoring pass, this one a 12-yarder. [That drive was set up when Eagles' RB Jason Bostic lost a fumble at the Carolina 37; it was the Eagles' second foray into Panthers territory that netted zero points. Earlier, a 29-yd run across midfield by Duce Staley was followed by a penalty and a punt) .... Shortly after going up 17-0, the Panthers struck again. With 3:04 to play in the half and the Eagles set to embark on only their fourth offensive series, head coach Andy Reid inserted Donovan McNabb at quarterback, looking to get one series of work for the rookie. On McNabb's very first play, however, he received a rude greeting from Panthers DT Sean Gilbert. With the Birds at their own 17, Gilbert sacked the rookie and forced a fumble that LB Kevin Greene returned to the PE 6. Kasay then added the first of the two FGs he would boot in half's final two minutes, and Carolina took a commanding 23-0 edge into the locker room at halftime .... After intermission, Carolina put together another lengthy scoring drive that ended with Kasay's fourth FG of the day. Then, with Philadelphia trailing 26-0 and rookie QB Donovan McNabb having taken over for Pederson again at the start of the 3rd qtr, the Birds marched 61 yards to the CP11. Once there, however, McNabb's pass into the end zone to WR Torrance Small was intercepted by CB Doug Evans. Late in the 4t qtr, McNabb moved the Eagles 71 yards to the Carolina 14. From there RB Duce Staley ended Carolina's bid for a shutout with a 14-yd TD run.

**NOTES:** After ranking among the league leaders in INTs and total takeaways, the Birds' defense was held without a takeaway for the second straight week and this time were a minus-5 on the turnover chart. The opportunistic Panthers turned the Birds' 5 turnovers into two TDs and two FGs .... Carolina's offense out-gained the Birds by a margin of 114-67 in the 1st qtr. and 233-106 in the first half .... One of the few bright spots for Philadelphia was the running of Duce Staley, whose 17-140-1TD effort gave him the second highest rushing output of his young career .... After seeing their penalty total drop to three in each of their previous two outings, the Eagles committed a season-high 11 infractions that cost them 93 yards.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	0	7	7
Carolina	3	20	3	7	33

**Car** - Kasay, 38 FG  
**Car** - Muhammad, 4 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay)  
**Car** - Muhammad, 12 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay)  
**Car** - Kasay, 28 FG  
**Car** - Kasay, 33 FG  
**Car** - Kasay, 22 FG  
**Car** - Jeffers, 21 pass from Beuerlein (Kasay)  
**Phila** - Staley, 14 run (N.Johnson)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>CAR</u>
First Downs	17	24
Net Yards Gained	249	381
Rushes/Yards	23/168	38/111
Net Yards Passing	81	270
Att/Comp/Had INT	29/11/1	35/21/0
Sacked/Yards	3/15	2/11
Punts/Avg.	5/43.0	3/36.7
Fumbles/Lost	4/4	0/0
Penalties/Yards	11/93	7/74
Time of Possession	23:22	36:38

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 17-140-1TD, D.McNabb 3-21, J.Bostic 2-8, D.Pederson 1-[-1] ... PANTHERS - F.Lane 20-74, M.Bates 2-14, W.Floyd 4-8, C.Hetherington 2-7, S.Beuerlein 1-6, A.Johnson 7-4, S.Bono 2-[-2].

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 4-39, C.Johnson 3-32, D.Staley 2-11, J.Weaver 1-8, L.Broughton 1-6 ... PANTHERS - M.Muhammad 8-88-2TD, W.Walls 5-70, E.Metcalf 2-48, P.Jeffers 2-30-1TD, F.Lane 2-20, W.Floyd 1-14, A.Johnson 1-11).

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.Pederson (starter) 9-3-28-0-0TD, D.McNabb 20-8-68-1-0TD ... PANTHERS - S.Beuerlein (starter) 34-21-281-0-3TD, S.Bono 1-0-0-0-0

**INTs:** EAGLES - 0 ... PANTHERS - D.Evans 1-0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Mamula, W.Thomas, J.Trotter, B.Whiting, 0.5 each ... PANTHERS - K.Greene 2, S.Gilbert 1.

**Weather:** Sunny, 74 degrees  
**Wind:** N 10 mph  
**Playing surface:** Grass  
**Time:** 3:12

**GAME  
10**

**Sunday, November 14, 1999  
Philadelphia 35, Washington 28  
Veterans Stadium • 66,591**



In the first start of his NFL career, Eagles rookie quarterback Donovan McNabb used his athleticism, along with a 122-yd rushing effort from Duce Staley and six takeaways by the Philadelphia defense, to help the Birds earn a thrilling, 35-28, come-from-behind victory. For Philadelphia, it would mark the ninth victory in their last 10 outings vs. Washington at Veterans Stadium .... While McNabb's passing numbers (21-8-60-0-0TD) were hampered by five dropped passes, including one that would have resulted in a sure TD, the second overall pick in the 1999 draft ran for one 2-point conversion, threw for another, and contributed 49 rushing yards on 9 carries. Moreover, McNabb piloted an offense that played turnover-free football .... The Redskins jumped out to an early 14-3 lead with 89 and 80-yd TD drives on their first two possessions. Washington's first score came in lightening fast fashion, using just two plays - a 55-yd bomb to WR Michael Westbrook and a 32-yd strike to set up Stephen Davis' 2-yd TD run. Then, after the first of Norm Johnson's four FGs got the Eagles on the board, Washington QB Brad Johnson and WR Albert Connell combined for the visitors' second score as Connell turned a short crossing pattern into a 54-yd catch-n-run TD. Just as quickly, kick returner Allen Rossum pulled the Eagles back to within four, at 14-10, by taking the ensuing kickoff 89 yards for a score. Late in the opening quarter, however, Philadelphia committed its lone turnover of the day as starting WR Charles Johnson, who was seeing action as a punt returner for the first time all season, eschewed a fair catch and was hit immediately by Tito Paul. The resulting fumble gave the Redskins the ball at the PE 33. From there, Davis' 14 and 11-yd gallops set up his second TD run of the day, a 1-yd burst that again increased Washington's lead to 11 points at 21-10. Just before halftime, Philadelphia cut into that lead when CB Troy Vincent intercepted a Johnson pass that caromed off of Westbrook and raced to the 'Skins' 11. The Eagles were forced, however, to settle for a FG and a 21-13 halftime deficit when what surely would have been McNabb's first career TD pass was dropped .... After intermission, the Eagles' Rossum opened the second half with an 86-yd kickoff return to the WR 14. Although Philadelphia would squander the opportunity when Norm Johnson hooked a 32-yd FG try, the Birds were soon back in business. On Washington's ensuing possession, Mike Mamula's sack of Brad Johnson resulted in a fumble that the Eagles recovered at the WR 8. The resulting FG drew the home club within five points at 21-16. Late in the 3rd qtr, Philadelphia got its first offensive TD of the day, a 20-yd tackle-breaking, run by Staley down the right sideline. McNabb's QB draw on the subsequent 2-point conversion attempt put the Birds on top by 24-21. On the first play of Washington's ensuing drive and the final play of the 3rd qtr, Eagles' LB Mike Caldwell returned an INT off Johnson to the 'Skins' 29. The resulting FG increased Philadelphia's lead to six. Washington, however, needed just two Johnson-to-Westbrook passes- a 48-yd catch-n-run and a 43-yd TD bomb - to retake the lead at 28-27. Two possessions later, the Eagles seemed doomed when a McNabb pass was deflected and INT'd inside Eagles territory. Offsetting penalties, however, gave the Birds a replay of the down. With new life, the Eagles used 13 and 12-yd runs by Staley to set up an 11-yd TD jaunt by reserve RB Eric Bieniemy. McNabb's 2-point conversion pass then made it 35-28 with 3:17 to play and set the stage for a dramatic finish. Washington subsequently used 10 plays to move to the PE 28. From there, however, with the visitors facing a 4th-n-4 situation, a blitzing Caldwell sacked Johnson and sealed the Eagles' third win of the season ....

**NOTES:** In addition to logging an 89-yd TD return for a TD and another 86-yd runback, Rossum finished the day with 222 yards on 5 kickoff returns, the third-best single-game effort in team history. He was named NFC Special Teams player of the week ... CB Troy Vincent forced one fumble and set up a FG with his 5th INT of the year ... With 13 points on 4 FGs and one PAT kick, the Eagles' Norm Johnson moved ahead of Jan Stenerud and into a tie for 4th place on the NFL's all-time scoring list alongside Nick Lowery ... The Eagles six take-away effort vs. the Redskins was their best output since Sept. 22, 1996, when they forced six turnovers at Atlanta ... After entering the game with 3 INTs in 8 games, Redskins QB Brad Johnson was intercepted 3 times by the Eagles.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Washington	14	7	0	7	28
Philadelphia	10	3	11	11	35

**Wash** - S.Davis 2 run (Conway)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson 49 FG  
**Wash** - Connell 54 pass from B.Johnson (Conway)  
**Phila** - Rossum 89 kickoff return (N.Johnson)  
**Wash** - S.Davis 1 run (Conway)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson 29 FG  
**Phila** - N.Johnson 20 FG  
**Phila** - Staley 20 run (McNabb run)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson 30 FG  
**Wash** - Westbrook 43 pass from B.Johnson (Conway)  
**Phila** - Bieniemy 11 run (Weaver-McNabb pass)

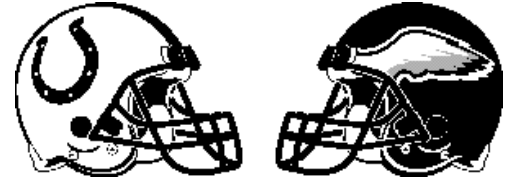
TEAM STATISTICS	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	16	22
Net Yards Gained	236	424
Rushes/Yards	42/198	27/130
Net Yards Passing	38	294
Att/Comp/INT	21/8/0	33/18/3
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/22	4/19
Punts/Average	4/36.5	2/46.5
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/3
Penalties/Yards	5/51	5/44
Time of Possession	33:46	26:14

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 28-122-1TD, D.McNabb 9-49, E.Bieniemy 5-27-1TD... REDSKINS - S.Davis 25-122-2TD, M.Westbrook 1-9, B.Johnson 1-(-1).  
**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 4-30, D.Staley 1-11, J.Weaver 1-11, K.Turner 1-6, L.Broughton 1-2... REDSKINS - A.CConnell 6-88-1TD, M.Westbrook 4-152-1TD, S.Alexander 3-23, B.Mitchell 2-9, M.Sellers 1-32, S.Davis 1-8, L.Centers 1-1.  
**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 21-8-60-0-0TD... REDSKINS - B.Johnson 33-18-313-3-2TD.  
**INTs:** EAGLES - T.Vincent 1-29, A.Harris 1-17, M.Caldwell 1-12...REDSKINS - 0.  
**SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Caldwell 1, M. Mamula 1, G. Jefferson 0.5, B. Whiting 0.5, TEAM 1 ... REDSKINS - K.Lang 1, C.Bailey 1, D.Wilkinson 1.

**Weather:** Mostly Cloudy, 63 degrees  
**Wind:** SW 10 mph  
**Playing surface:** AstroTurf  
**Time:** 3:21

**GAME  
11**

**Sunday, November 21, 1999  
Indianapolis 44, Philadelphia 17  
Veterans Stadium • 65,521**



The Indianapolis Colts visited Philadelphia for the first time since 1990 and, after unleashing their powerful offensive attack, left with a lopsided 44-17 victory and an 8-2 record. Conversely, the Eagles, who saw rookie QB Donovan McNabb make the second start of his career, sank to 3-8. The Colts were powered by the offensive trio of QB Peyton Manning, rookie RB Edgerrin James, and WR Terrence Wilkins. Manning completed 16 of 26 aerials for 235 yards and 3 TDs; James rushed for 152 yards and 2 TDs while also hauling in one scoring pass; and Wilkins contributed 111 receiving yards, including an 80-yd TD bomb. So devastating was the Colts' offensive attack that James was lifted from the game with four minutes left in the 3rd qtr. and Manning, who had taken 1,590 consecutive snaps since joining the Colts as a rookie in 1998, was rested with 12:03 left to play ... Indy scored on its first five offensive series to take a 27-0 lead just 18 minutes into the game and before the Eagles had even gained a first down. The Colts' early outburst was keyed by James, whose 1st qtr rushing output alone included 117 yards and 2 TDs, one of which was a 62-yd. jaunt. Indianapolis's opening drive had stalled at the Birds' 45 but was kept alive when Eagles' DT Steve Martin went offside on a Colts punt. The result was a 45-yd FG by MikeVanderjagt and a 3-0 Colts lead. Indianapolis' second drive also was kept alive by two penalties on Philadelphia CB Troy Vincent, including an interference call at the Birds' 2-yd. line that set up James' first score. Minutes later, with the Colts facing a 3rd-and-1 situation at their own 38, James burst off left tackle and raced 62 yards for a TD and a 17-0 lead at the end of one quarter ... On the first play of the 2nd stanza, McNabb was sacked by DL Larry Chester. The resulting fumble was recovered by DT Ellis Johnson at the Eagles' 7 and set up another Vanderjagt FG. Three plays later, a sack of McNabb by blitzing safety Jason Belser again produced a fumble. This time Indianapolis' Mark Thomas recovered the ball at the PE 10 and set the stage for a 5-yd TD bullet from Manning to Philadelphia native Marvin Harrison that increased the Colts' lead to 27-0. The Eagles' offense responded by gaining its initial first down of the day (with 5 minutes left in the half) and capped the drive with a FG by David Akers. Manning, however, led a two-minute drill that netted the Colts a FG of their own and a 30-3 lead at intermission ... When the 3rd quarter opened the Colts picked up where they had left off, scoring 14 points in the first 8:09. Indianapolis struck first with a brilliantly executed, 80-yd, play-action TD pass from Manning to Wilkins. Minutes later, when McNabb fumbled a snap, Indy took over at the Birds' 17 (the fumble was the 3rd by McNabb that Indianapolis recovered inside the Birds' 20). It then took the Colts just one play to pad their lead as Manning and James teamed up for a TD pass that extended the visitors' lead to 44-3 with over six minutes to play in the 3rd qtr ... Not until the final stanza did the Eagles' produce a touchdown. And even that one, a 6-yd. strike from McNabb to TE Chad Lewis, came after a 1-yd scoring run by Duce Staley had been nullified by a penalty. The Eagles did, however, get on the board again just minutes later when a pass by the Colts' Steve Walsh (who had come on in relief of Manning) was batted in the air and intercepted by Brandon Whiting. Whiting returned the ball 22 yards for a TD, the tally of the day for both teams.

**NOTES:** At halftime, the Eagles honored their 1948 and 1949 NFL championship teams. On hand were 22 surviving members of the team, including Hall of Famers RB Steve Van Buren, C/LB Chuck Bednarik, and WR Pete Pihos ... When TE Chad Lewis, a former Eagle whom the Birds had reacquired off waivers from the Rams earlier in the week, hauled down the first TD pass of McNabb's career, it was not a first for Lewis. In fact, the TD grab was the 5th of Lewis's career as an Eagle. (In 1997 Lewis had also hauled in the first career TD pass from then Eagles QB Bobby Hoying).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Indianapolis	17	13	14	0	44
Philadelphia	0	3	0	14	17

- Ind** - Vanderjagt, 45 FG
- Ind** - James, 1 run (Vanderjagt)
- Ind** - James, 62 run (Vanderjagt)
- Ind** - Vanderjagt, 29 FG
- Ind** - Harrison, 5 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt)
- Phila** - Akers, 48 FG
- Ind** - Vanderjagt, 34 FG
- Ind** - Wilkins, 80 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt)
- Ind** - James, 17 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt)
- Phila** - Lewis, 6 pass from McNabb (Akers)
- Phila** - Whiting, 22 interception return (Akers)

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PHILA</b>	<b>IND</b>
First Downs	13	22
Net Yards Gained	212	455
Rushes/Yards	20/94	36/200
Net Yards Passing	118	255
Att/Comp/INT	36/19/2	31/20/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/47	1/8
Punts/Average	7/39.6	4/46.5
Fumbles/Lost	5/3	2/2
Penalties/Yards	9/67	6/38
Time of Possession	26:13	33:47

- RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 16-78, D.McNabb 3-13, E.Bieniemy 1-3 ... COLTS - E.James 22-152-2TD, K.Elias 12-34, P.Manning 2-14.
- RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 6-59, L.Broughton 4-65, D.Staley 2-17, C.Lewis 2-16-1TD, N.Brown 2-9, C.Martin 2-(-2), E.Bieniemy 1-1 ... COLTS - M.Harrison 5-60-1TD, E.James 5-47-1TD, T.Wilkins 4-111-1TD, M.Pollard 2-25, K.Elias 2-8, I.Jones 1-8, P.Shields 1-4.
- PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 36-19-165-2-1TD ... COLTS - P.Manning 26-16-235-0-3TD, S.Walsh 5-4-28-1-0TD.
- INTS:** EAGLES - B.Whiting 1-22-1TD ... COLTS - T.Blevins 1-41, R.Thomas 1-0.
- SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Mamula 1 ... COLTS - J.Belser 1, C.Bennett 1, M.Thomas 1, L.Chester 1.

**Weather:** Sunny, 70 degrees  
**Wind:** NW 6 mph  
**Playing surface:** AstroTurf  
**Time:** 3:15

**GAME  
12**

**Sunday, November 28, 1999  
Washington 20, Philadelphia 17 (ot)  
FeDex Field • 74,741**



The visiting Eagles erased a 14-point halftime deficit with a pair of 91-yard TD drives on their last three possessions and took the Redskins into overtime at Washington's FedEx Field. Washington, however, needed just one offensive series in the extra stanza to earn a dramatic 20-17 victory. With the win, the Redskins lifted their record to 7-4 and dropped Philadelphia to 3-9 .... In overtime, Washington WR James Thrash returned the opening kickoff to the Eagles' 46. QB Brad Johnson then tossed a 20-yd. pass to WR Albert Connell and a pair of passes to backs Brian Mitchell and Larry Centers to move his club to the Birds' 2-yd. line. From there the Skins attempted a game-winning FG on 3rd down but saw the snap from Dan Turk fumbled by Johnson. Johnson recovered the bobble, however, and Washington retried the kick on 4th down with Brett Conway this time drilling a 27-yd. game-winning FG. Conway's kick actually enabled him to atone for a missed 28-ydr. at the end of regulation play .... The Redskins had taken a 3-0 lead on their first possession of the game, capping a 53-yd drive with a 43-yd FG by Conway. Washington then expanded its lead to 10-0 in the 2nd qtr. by converting one fourth down play and three third down situations en route to a TD pass from Johnson to FB Mike Sellers. The scoring pass actually ricocheted off Eagles DB Brian Dawkins and Redskins' TE Stephen Alexander before being hauled in by FB Mike Sellers .... The Eagles then countered with a FG that cut Washington's lead to 10-3 just minutes before half-time. The FG was set up by a fake punt from the Birds' 47 on which the ball was snapped to up-back Eric Bieniemy, who carried it 28 yards to the WR 25 .... At the start of the 3rd qtr, Washington used only five plays to march 71 yards and set up a 1-yd TD run by Stephen Davis. The key to the drive was a 38-yd. interference penalty on Eagles' CB Bobby Taylor that put the Skins at Philadelphia's 1-yd line. Philadelphia responded with a 23-yd run by QB Donovan McNabb that moved the Birds into Washington territory. A 47-yd FG try by David Akers was wide right, however, and the score remained 17-3 in favor of Washington .... But with 5:08 remaining in that stanza, McNabb and the Eagles began a 17-play, 91-yd TD drive covering 8:21 (all season-highs to that point). On the drive, McNabb converted four 3rd down plays and two 4th down plays before tossing a 3-yd TD pass to TE Luther Broughton that cut Washington's lead to 17-10 with 11:38 left to play. Two series later, McNabb used a 26-yd run to again jump start another 91-yd TD march. This drive was capped off by a 26-yd hookup with Broughton that knotted the score at 17-17 with 1:58 left on the clock. Washington's Brian Mitchell returned the ensuing kickoff to the Birds' 36. Four plays later, however, Conway missed a potential game-winning, 28-yd FG try on the final play of regulation, setting the stage for the dramatic overtime.

**NOTES:** Entering the game, Washington's Stephen Davis and the Eagles' Duce Staley ranked 1st and 3rd, respectively, in the NFC in rushing. Both, however, were held in check as Davis finished just 24-61-2.5 and Staley was 19-44-2.3 .... For the Eagles, rookie QB Donovan McNabb made the third start of his career and his third start in as many weeks. He led the Eagles in rushing with 71 yards on 8 carries and, by hooking up on a pair of TD passes with Luther Broughton, helped himself and the young tight end each post career firsts - McNabb logged his first multiple TD pass game and Broughton his first game with 2 TD grabs ... With 68 kickoff return yards, Allen Rossum became the first Eagle ever to register two 1,000-yd kickoff return yard seasons.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	0	14	0	17
Washington	3	7	7	0	3	20

**Wash** - Conway, 43 FG  
**Wash** - Sellers, 6 pass from B.Johnson (Conway)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 34 FG  
**Wash** - S.Davis, 1 run (Conway)  
**Phila** - Broughton, 3 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - Broughton, 26 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**Wash** - Conway, 27 FG

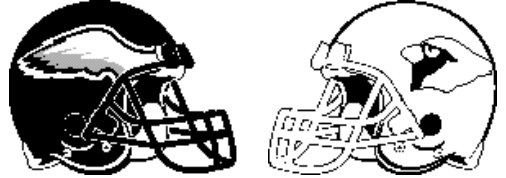
<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>WASH</u>
First Downs	16	23
Net Yards Gained	299	312
Rushes/Yards	28/143	32/94
Net Yards Passing	156	218
Att/Comp/INT	28/16/0	36/25/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/16	0/0
Punts/Average	4/38.8	3/35.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	5/59	3/24
Time of Possession	29:56	34:38

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 8-71, D.Staley 19-44, E.Bieniemy 1-28 ... REDSKINS - S.Davis 24-61-1TD, B.Mitchell 3-24, L.Centers 2-8, B.Johnson 3-1.  
**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 4-39, L.Broughton 3-38-2TDs, C.Martin 3-9, T.Small 2-35, N.Brown 2-15, E.Bieniemy 1-27, D.Douglas 1-9 ... REDSKINS - L.Centers 9-71, A.Connell 6-69, M.Westbrook 4-51, I.Fryar 2-11, B.Mitchell 1-9, M.Sellers 1-6-1TD, S.Alexander 1-4, S.Davis 1-(-3).  
**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 28-16-172-2-2TDs ... REDSKINS - B.Johnson 36-25-218-1-1TD.  
**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Taylor 1-0 ... REDSKINS - 0.  
**SACKS:** EAGLES - 0 ... REDSKINS - D.Stubblefield 1, D.Smith 0.5, A.Cook 0.5.

**Weather:** Sunny, 54 degrees  
**Wind:** NW 10 mph  
**Playing surface:** Grass  
**Time:** 3:02

**GAME  
13**

**Sunday, December 5, 1999  
Arizona 21, Philadelphia 17  
Sun Devil Stadium • 46,550**



A series of missed opportunities, in particular by the Eagles' defense, enabled the host Arizona Cardinals to stage a 4th quarter comeback and earn a 21-17 victory. In all, Cardinals' second-year QB Jake Plummer helped his club erase a 10-point deficit and logged his fourth 4th quarter comeback vs. the Eagles in as many tries. The result lifted Arizona's record to 6-6 and dropped the Eagles' mark to 3-10. (In the season opener, a game the Cards won on a last-second FG, Plummer helped rally his club from a 9-point deficit in the final stanza with a TD drive and a FG march). This time Plummer engineered a 16-play, 80-yd drive that cut the Cards' deficit to three points at 17-14 with 4:31 to play. The drive, capped by a 4-yd TD pass to rookie WR David Boston, was aided by an Eagles' defense that failed to make takeaways on two occasions -- first when Plummer somehow recovered his own fumble amidst three Eagles defenders, then when MLB Jeremiah Trotter dropped a sure interception when he was bumped by a teammate. After the Eagles went 3-n-punt on their ensuing series, Arizona took over on its own 31. Seven plays later, facing 3rd-n-10 at the PE 39, a scrambling Plummer threw to WR Frank Sanders who made a controversial diving catch at the Eagles' 1. While replays showed Sanders apparently juggling the ball as he slid out of bounds, officials declined to overturn the play. Plummer then nudged the ball over the goal line on a quarterback sneak that put his club on top 21-17 with 0:57 left on the clock. That drive, too, was marked by a missed opportunity. This time it was LB Ike Reese who, on the play prior to Sanders' 38-yd catch, couldn't hang onto a Plummer pass that would have given the ball back to the Eagles with 1:09 to go and a chance to simply kneel on the ball. In all Philadelphia dropped five sure INTs on the day .... Early in the second half, however, it was Philadelphia's offense that failed to fully capitalize on two takeaways the defense did create. After an INT off Plummer by CB Bobby Taylor set the Eagles up at the Cards' 15, DE Simeon Rice got the ball back for his club by sacking Eagles' QB Donovan McNabb (a former high school teammate) and causing a fumble. Minutes later, a Cards' fumble again set up Philadelphia's offense deep in Arizona territory. But, after reaching the 6, Philadelphia was forced to settle for a Norm Johnson FG and a 17-7 lead .... The Eagles had begun the day with an impressive drive on their first possession. Led by the rookie QB, McNabb, who was making his 4th NFL start in as many weeks, the Eagles marched to the Cards' 29 before disaster struck. It was there that a slant pass to WR Torrance Small caromed off him and CB Aeneas Williams and into the arms of FS Kwamie Lassiter, who raced 78 yards for a TD and a 7-0 Arizona lead. Midway through the 2nd qtr, the Eagles tied the game when McNabb beat a blitz with an 11-yd scoring pass to TE Chad Lewis. That drive was set up by a Eagles LBs William Thomas and Trotter, both of whom stopped a quarterback sneak by Plumer on a 4th-n-inches at the Arizona 31. Then, just before halftime, McNabb capped an 11-play, 75-yd drive with a 29-yd scoring strike to rookie WR Dameane Douglas that put the Birds on top 14-7 at intermission.

**NOTES:** Through three quarters, Philadelphia's defense held the Cards to just 79 yards and Plummer to just 8-18-53-1-OTDs passing. The Cards' two 4th quarter scoring drives, however, covered 80 and 69 yards. Conversely, the Eagles gained 210 yards in the first half and only 84 thereafter ... By surpassing the 1,000-yd. mark this year, Staley became the third Eagles running back to ever register back-to-back 1,000-yd. rushing seasons. Wilbert Montgomery (1978-79) and Ricky Watters (1995-97) were the others.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	14	3	0	17
Arizona	7	0	0	14	21

**Arz** - Lassiter, 78 INT return (Jacke)  
**Phila** - Lewis, 11 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - D.Douglas, 29 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - N.Johnson, 29 FG  
**Arz** - Boston, 4 pass from Plummer (Jacke)  
**Arz** - Plummer, 1 run (Jacke)

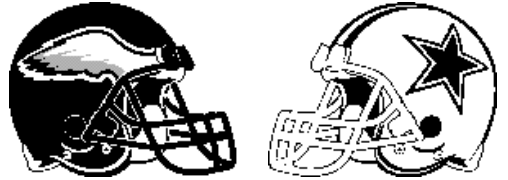
<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PHILA</b>	<b>ARZ</b>
First Downs	18	16
Net Yards Gained	294	227
Rushes/Yards	37/146	19/54
Net Yards Passing	148	173
Att/Comp/INT	31/19/1	38/20/1
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/9	1/6
Punts/Average	5/42.0	4/51.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties/Yards	9/64	1/5
Time of Possession	37:56	22:04

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 25-72, D.McNabb 9-67, E.Bieniemy 2-5, C.Martin 1-2 ...CARDINALS - A.Murrell 8-24, J.Plummer 7-22-1TD, M.Bates 4-8  
**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 5-42, N.Brown 4-29, D.Douglas 3-47-1TD, T.Small 3-24, C.Lewis 1-11-1TD, L.Broughton 1-5, C.Martin 1-5, D.McNabb 1-(-6) ... CARDINALS - F.Sanders 6-72, A.Murrell 5-39, D.Boston 3-28-1TD, M.Cody 2-19, J.McWilliams 2-16, T.Hardy 1-4, M.Bates 1-1  
**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 31-19-157-1-2TDs ... CARDINALS - J.Plummer 37-20-179-1-1TD, F.Sanders 1-0-0-0  
**INTs:** EAGLES - B.Taylor 1-28 ... CARDINALS - K.Lassiter 1-78-1TD  
**SACKS:** EAGLES - I.Reese 1 ... CARDINALS - S.Rice 1

**Weather:** Sunny, 69 degrees  
**Wind:** Light  
**Playing surface:** Grass  
**Time:** 3:06

**GAME  
14**

**Sunday, December 12, 1999  
Dallas 20, Philadelphia 10  
Texas Stadium • 64,086**



Under cloudy skies at Texas Stadium, the host Dallas Cowboys earned a 20-3 victory that put them at 7-6 and kept them in the hunt for the NFC East division crown. The loss, Philadelphia's seventh in their last eight tries at Dallas, dropped the Eagles to 3-11 .... Dallas took the opening kickoff and used a 38-yd pass interference penalty on Eagles' CB Troy Vincent to move to the Philadelphia 37. Three plays later, however, newly signed Cowboys kicker Eddie Murray bounced a 49-yd FG try off the right upright. The Eagles then marched to the Cowboys' 24-yd. line, courtesy of a 21-yd scramble by rookie QB Donovan McNabb, and got a 44-yd FG from Norm Johnson. Dallas responded with an 8-play, 60-yd TD drive that gave the home club a 7-3 lead. Dallas QB Troy Aikman connected with four different receivers on the drive, including a 25-yd strike to TE David LaFleur that set up a 4-yd TD sweep by Chris Warren, who had come after starter Emmitt Smith suffered a strained groin on the opening series .... Late in the opening quarter, a poor Dallas punt allowed Philadelphia to start a drive at the DC 36. On 1st down, however, a bullet from McNabb went through the hands of TE Chad Lewis and was intercepted by Dallas LB Darren Hambrick. For the Eagles, it would be their last venture into Cowboys' territory until the 4th quarter. In between, Dallas would dominate in terms of field position as the Eagles' struggling offense started it's next seven drives at their own 10, 17, 16, 18, 16, 20, and 11 ... Dallas then took advantage of 25-yd Eagles punt, taking over at the Birds' 39 and converting a 4th-n-1 play at the 30. The Cowboys then got a 30-yd FG from Murray that upped their lead to 10-3. Then, in the waning moments of the first half, Dallas started at its own 29 and used a solid two-minute drill to march to the Eagles' 17 where Murray booted another FG, this one a 34-ydr. that upped Dallas's lead to 13-3 .... Midway through the 3rd stanza, Dallas used a 26-yd pass to WR Raghb Ismail and a 16-yd toss to TE Eric Bjornsen to set up an 8-yd TD strike from Aikman to TE David LaFleur. The play gave Dallas a 20-3 lead. Two series later, when a fumbled snap by the Eagles gave Dallas the ball at the Philadelphia 23, the Cowboys were unable to capitalize as Murray was wide right on a 33-yd FG try just seconds into the 4th quarter. The fumble, however, was very costly for Philadelphia as McNabb suffered a sprained left knee that would sideline him for the remainder of the game. His absence brought on Doug Pederson who, on his first drive, led the Birds deep into Dallas territory before DT Leon Lett knifed through the line and forced a fumble by Pederson that the Cowboys recovered at their own 44. On his next series, however, Pederson did manage to engineer a 57-yd TD drive that he capped with a 25-yd scoring strike to rookie WR Na Brown. For Brown it marked the first TD grab of his young career. But the TD, which cut Dallas's lead to 20-10 with 6:41 to play, was a case of too little, too late for Philadelphia.

**NOTES:** In his first start at Texas Stadium, MLB Jeremiah Trotter, a Hooks, Tx., native, notched a career-high 21 tackles, including 12 solo stops ... RB Duce Staley's 72 rushing yards pushed him to 1,136 for the season and thereby set a new personal career best (He rushed for 1,065 in 1998).

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

- Phila** - N.Johnson, 44 FG
- Dal** - Warren 4 yd run (Murray)
- Dal** - Murray, 30 FG
- Dal** - Murray, 34 FG
- Dal** - LaFleur 8 pass from Aikman (Murray)
- Phila** - Brown 25 pass from Pederson (N. Johnson)

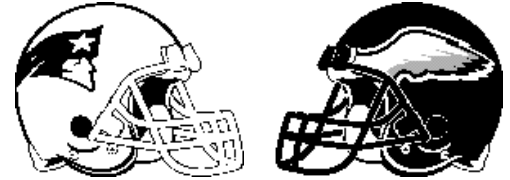
<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>DAL</u>
First Downs	14	22
Net Yards Gained	238	327
Rushes/Yards	24/95	31/112
Net Yards Passing	143	225
Att/Comp/INT	29/15/1	40/22/0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/14	1/17
Punts/Average	8/42.6	6/40
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	2/1
Penalties/Yards	6/68	9/55
Time of Possession	25:55	34:05

- RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 18-78, D.McNabb 3-24, E.Watson 1-6, D.Pederson 2-(-13) ... COWBOYS - C.Warren 25-92-1TD, R.Ismail 1-12, T.Aikman 4-6, E.Smith 1-2
- RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 4-54, N.Brown 3-37-1TD, D.Staley 3-11, D.Jells 2-29, C.Lewis 1-19, L.Broughton 1-4, C.Martin 1-3 ... COWBOYS - R.Ismail 4-52, C.Warren 4-46, D.LaFleur 4-44-1TD, J.Tucker 3-37, E.Bjornson 2-25, D.Sanders 2-14, R.Thomas 2-12, C.Brazzell 1-12.
- PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb (starter) 17-7-49-1-0TD, D.Pederson 12-8-108-0-1 TD ... COWBOYS - T.Aikman 40-22-242-0-1TD.
- INTs:** EAGLES - 0 ... COWBOYS - D.Hambrick 1-19.
- SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Mamula 1 ... COWBOYS - E.Ekuban 2, A.Spellman 1

**Weather:** Cloudy, 52 degrees  
**Wind:** N 15 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:11

**GAME  
15**

**Sunday, December 19, 1999  
Philadelphia 24, New England 9  
Veterans Stadium • 65,475**



Although the Patriots entered the game with a 7-6 record and a shot at a playoff berth, the Eagles' defense led the way in a 24-9 upset of visiting New England. Philadelphia's defense notched seven takeaways and six sacks. DE Mike Mamula led the way up front, logging three of the Eagles' sacks, while CB Troy Vincent recorded his sixth and seventh interceptions of the year. Philadelphia's offense, under the direction of third-string QB Koy Detmer, turned three of those takeaways into scores and a 17-6 halftime advantage that they would not relinquish ... Philadelphia took an early 3-0 lead on a Norm Johnson FG after the Patriots fumbled away the opening kickoff at their own 24. New England responded by driving deep into Eagles territory only to fumble once again, this time when RB Terry Allen was stripped of the ball by DT Hollis Thomas at the Birds' 5. One series later, Philadelphia's defense struck again as MLB Jeremiah Trotter intercepted a Drew Bledsoe pass in Eagles' territory and returned the ball to midfield. From there, the Eagles needed just one play as Detmer, starting his first game of the year in place of the injured Donovan McNabb (knee) and Doug Pederson (rib), lofted a TD bomb to WR Torrance Small that increased Philadelphia's lead to 10-0. New England cut into that lead early in the 2nd qtr, when, after marching inside the Eagles' 30 for the third straight time, they finally came away with points, getting a 23-yard Adam Vinatieri FG. Later in the quarter, New England moved inside the Birds' 10 for the second time, but came up with only another FG after Eagles' FS Brian Dawkins sacked Bledsoe for a 19-yd. loss. Although the Eagles fumbled away the ensuing kickoff, Philadelphia's defense quickly came up with its fourth takeaway of the half. This time CB Al Harris INT'd a Bledsoe pass at the Birds' 5 and returned it all the way to the Pats' 11. From there, Detmer and Small again needed just one play to increase the Birds' lead as they combined on an 11-yd TD pass that put Philadelphia on top 17-6 ... New England's first possession of the 2nd half netted a third Vinatieri FG. That stood as the only score of the stanza until WR Dietrich Jells ran a medium-range slant, hauled in a Detmer pass, and outran the defense for a 44-yd TD. Jells' score would be the final one of the day although New England would let a solid scoring chance literally slip through its fingers midway through the final quarter. It was then, on 4th-n-goal from the Eagles' 3, that Patriots' WR Terry Glenn dropped what would have been a TD strike from Bledsoe.

**NOTES:** The two INTs for Eagles CB Troy Vincent lifted his season total to a career-best 7 ... While the Eagles were without either of their top two QBs, New England was without its starting cornerbacks, Ty Law and Steve Israel, both of whom were sidelined by injuries. The Eagles lost a starting CB of their own in the 2nd qtr when Bobby Taylor left with a fractured jaw ... in a game that featured some wacky plays, the Eagles turned in two of the more exciting ones before halftime. First, Eagles' LB Mike Caldwell scooped up a blocked Eagles' punt and picked up 8 yards and a 1st down. Then, on the final play of the half, when the Pats' Vinatieri was short on a 56-yd FG try, Eagles' CB Allen Rossum fielded the ball 5 yards deep in the end zone and returned it 74 yards to the NE 26, bringing the crowd to its feet in the process ... For Detmer, the 3rd-year pro, it marked only the sixth start of his NFL career and his first since starting the final five games of 1998. His 3-TD-pass effort was the first by an Eagles' QB since 11/30/97 when Bobby Hoying fired 4 scoring strikes vs. the Bengals ... Mamula's three sack performance earned him NFC defensive player of the week honors.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
New England	0	6	3	0	9
Philadelphia	10	7	7	0	24

**Phila** - N.Johnson, 43 FG  
**Phila** - Small, 50 pass from Detmer (N.Johnson)  
**NE** - Vinatieri, 23 FG  
**NE** - Vinatieri, 43 FG  
**Phila** - Small, 11 pass from Detmer (N.Johnson)  
**NE** - Vinatieri, 46 FG  
**Phila** - D. Jells, 44 pass from Detmer (N.Johnson)

<u>TEAM STATISTICS</u>	<u>PHILA</u>	<u>NE</u>
First Downs	11	20
Net Yards Gained	295	350
Rushes/Yards	37/114	27/62
Net Yards Passing	181	288
Att/Comp/INT	19/10/1	49/23/4
Sacked/Yards Lost	0/0	6/43
Punts/Average	11/33.2	6/49.5
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	5/3
Penalties/Yards	7/85	3/15
Time of Possession	27:08	32:52

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 29-93, E.Bieniemy 3-12, E.Watson 3-11, K.Detmer 2-(-2)... PATRIOTS - T.Allen 14-31, L.Warren 9-22, D.Bledsoe 2-7, J.Ellison 1-2, C.Floyd 1-0.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 3-62-2TD, N.Brown 3-60, D.Jells 1-44-1TD, T.Smith, C.Lewis 1-4, C.Martin 1-(-3) ... PATRIOTS - T.Brown 5-105, J.Ellison 4-50, T.Glenn 4-27, L.Warren 3-31, B.Coates 2-42, T.Allen 2-14, S.Jefferson 1-41, R.Rutledge 1-12, V.Brisby 1-9.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - K.Detmer 29-10-181-2-3TD ... PATRIOTS - D.Bledsoe 49-23-331-4-0TD.

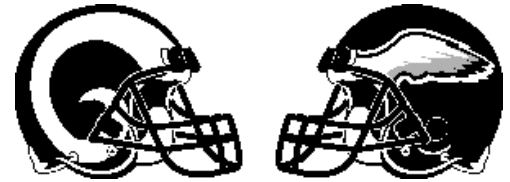
**INTs:** EAGLES - T.Vincent 2-0, A.Harris 1-84, J.Trotter 1-30...PATRIOTS - T.Bruschi 1-1, K.Serwanga 1-0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - M.Mamula 3, W.Thomas 1, B.Dawkins 1, T.Williams 1... PATRIOTS - 0.

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy, 40 degrees  
**Wind:** NE 14 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:23

**GAME  
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**Sunday, January 2, 2000  
Philadelphia 38, St. Louis 31  
Veterans Stadium • 60,700**



For the second straight season, the Eagles spoiled a homecoming for their former head coach Dick Vermeil as his NFC West champion Rams left Veterans Stadium with a 38-31 loss. For the second straight game, the Eagles forced 7 turnovers, including two interceptions that were returned for TDs. With the victory over the Rams, who had already clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs, Philadelphia finished their first regular under head coach Andy Reid with a 5-11 mark ... After St. Louis built a 14-3 lead early in the 2nd qtr., QB Donovan McNabb, who returned to the starting lineup after a one-game absence with a knee injury, rebounded with 63-yard TD connection with WR Torrance Small. Down 17-10 late in the 2nd qtr., Allen Rossum returned a punt 20 yards to set up the Eagles at the Rams 23-yd. line. Five plays later, McNabb fed RB Duce Staley a shovel pass that he took 3 yards for a TD that tied the game at the half ... To start the 2nd half, Eagles DE Mike Mamula snared a pass by Rams QB Kurt Warner with one hand and returned it 41 yards for his second career TD. The highlight-film interception was the first of Mamula's career and gave Philly a 24-17 lead. Warner roared right back on the very next drive, finding WR Torry Holt in the end zone for a 15-yd. TD strike. After Eagles LB Barry Gardner recovered a fumble by Rams RB Robert Holcombe, McNabb engineered a 6-play, 54-yd. drive that culminated in a 5-yd. scoring strike to TE Chad Lewis. For McNabb, the 3-TD game was the first of his career. For Lewis, it was his 7th TD on 20 career receptions. Holding a 31-24 lead, rookie S Rashard Cook came up with two big plays to preserve the win. First, he sacked Rams QB Joe Germaine and forced a forced fumble that was recovered by DE Mike Mamula. On the Rams next possession, FS Brian Dawkins deflected a Germaine pass that ended up in the hands of Cook, who posted his first career sack, forced fumble, and interception in less than two minutes of action. However, it was CB Al Harris who sealed the victory with 17-yard interception return for his first career TD to give the Birds a commanding 38-24 lead. Although a 63-yd. TD pass from Germaine to Holt tightened the game, Eagles WR Na Brown recovered the ensuing onside kick and the Eagles came away with the win.

**NOTES:** The Eagles 38-point outburst represented a season high and was the best output since scoring 44 pts. vs. the Bengals on Nov. 30, 1997 ... The Eagles became the first team to post 7-plus take-aways in two straight games since the Kansas City Chiefs did so in 1983 ... Playing in his 148th NFL game, Eagles FS Tim Hauck posted his first career interception as he picked off a Kurt Warner pass in the first quarter ... Eagles DE Tyrone Williams, who originally signed with the Rams as a rookie free agent in 1996, contributed with a career-high 2 sacks ... The Eagles improved their record to 8-3 in games played against their former head coach ... Mamula's sack of Kurt Warner gave him a career high 8.5.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
St. Louis	7	10	7	7	31
Philadelphia	3	14	7	14	38

**StL** - Faulk, 8 pass from Warner (Wilkins)  
**Phila** - Akers, 46 FG  
**StL** - Faulk, 1 run (Wilkins)  
**Phila** - Small, 63 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**StL** - Wilkins, 47 FG  
**Phila** - Staley, 3 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - Mamula, 41 INT return (N.Johnson)  
**StL** - Holt, 15 pass from Warner (Wilkins)  
**Phila** - Lewis, 5 pass from McNabb (N.Johnson)  
**Phila** - A.Harris, 17 INT return (N.Johnson)  
**StL** - Holt, 63 pass from Germaine (Wilkins)

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>PHILA</b>	<b>STL</b>
First Downs	13	20
Net Yards Gained	207	440
Rushes/Yards	23/51	26/201
Net Yards Passing	156	239
Att/Comp/INT	32/15/2	40/21/4
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/23	5/38
Punts/Average	7/46.6	4/46
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/3
Penalties/Yards	8/65	5/54
Time of Possession	26:59	33:01

**RUSHING:** EAGLES - D.Staley 18-44, D.McNabb 5-7 ... RAMS - R.Holcombe 15-86, M.Faulk 6-79-1TD, A.Hakim 1-31, J.Watson 3-3, J.Germane 1-2.

**RECEIVING:** EAGLES - T.Small 6-98-1TD, N.Brown 3-26, C.Lewis 2-26-1TD, D.Staley 2-14-1TD, C.Martin 1-9, L.Broughton 1-6 ... RAMS - T.Holt 5-122-2TDs, R.Proehl 5-61, M.Faulk 3-27-1TD, R.Holcombe 2-20, A.Hakim 2-16, J.Hodgins 2-11, E.Conwell 1-11, R.Williams 1-9.

**PASSING:** EAGLES - D.McNabb 32-15-179-2-3TD ... RAMS - K.Warner (starter) 24-12-141-2-2TD, J.Germane 16-9-136-2-1TD.

**INTs:** EAGLES - M.Mamula 1-41-1TD, R.Cook 1-29, A.Harris 1-17-1TD, T.Hauck 1-2 ... RAMS - M.Jones 1-19, D.McCleon 1-0.

**SACKS:** EAGLES - T.Williams 2, M.Mamula 1, R.Cook 1, Team 1 ... RAMS - K.Carter 1, M.Jones 1, D.Farr 0.5, C.Clemons 0.5

**Weather:** Partly sunny, 54 degrees  
**Wind:** W 5 mph  
**Playing surface:** Astro Turf  
**Time:** 3:24