

GAME 1

Sunday, September 6, 1998

Seattle 38, Philadelphia 0
Veterans Stadium • 66,418



The visiting Seattle Seahawks logged their first shutout in 12 years, handing Philadelphia a 38-0 defeat at Veterans Stadium. For the Eagles, it was the club's worst opening day loss since 1933 when they fell to the Giants, 56-0, in the franchise's first game ever. Seattle's offense, which amassed 406 total yards, was led by WR Joey Galloway (6-142-2TDs) and 41-year old QB Warren Moon (21-13-204-0-3TDs). The Seahawks also got a jolt from rookie RB Ahman Green (6-100-1TD). Conversely, Philadelphia's offense struggled for most of the day. Although RB Duce Staley and FB Kevin Turner led an Eagles' ground game that averaged 5.1 yards/carry en route to a 162-yard effort, the club's passing game never took wing, netting just 12 yards. Philadelphia QB Bobby Hoying was sacked nine times and finished the day just 23-9-60-1-0TDs. Turnovers also played a significant role in the outcome of the game - while Seattle committed no turnovers, Philadelphia gave the ball away three times, twice with costly results ... On the Eagles' second possession of the game, a Hoying pass to Irving Fryar was off the mark and intercepted by CB Shawn Springs who returned the ball, untouched, 42 yards for a TD and a 7-0 lead. On Philadelphia's ensuing offensive series, DE Michael Sinclair's sack of Hoying resulted in a fumble that DT Sam Adams recovered at the PE 25. From there, Moon needed only one play to loft a TD strike to Galloway. That score gave Seattle a 14-0 lead they would take into the locker room at halftime ... The Eagles, who opened the game without one of the league's top young cornerbacks (Bobby Taylor was sidelined by a fractured shoulder blade), lost their other top notch corner, Troy Vincent, to a quad injury in the 2nd quarter. With Vincent out, and with three first-year CBs seeing action for the Eagles (Al Harris and rookies Allen Rossum and Clarence Love), Moon went right to work on Seattle's first possession of the 3rd quarter. First the Seattle QB set up an 11-yd TD strike to RB Mack Strong with a 34-yd pass to Galloway. He then capped the visitors' next series with a 35-yd scoring pass to Galloway for a 28-0 lead. After the Seahawks added a field goal late in the 3rd quarter, they closed out the scoring early in the final stanza when Green's 64-yd scamper set up his own 6-yd TD jaunt.

NOTES: Philadelphia opened the game with five starters out of the lineup due to injuries - C Steve Everitt (foot), TE Jason Dunn (knee), RB Charlie Garner (ankle), DE Mike Mamula (IR/knee), RCB Bobby Taylor (shoulder) ... Seattle was without injured all-pro DT Cortez Kennedy ... Seahawks LB Darrin Smith, who left the Eagles in the spring to join Seattle as a free agent, led his club with 12 tackles (including 2 sacks) and a fumble recovery.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle	14	0	17	7	38

SEA - Springs, 42 INT return (Peterson)
 SEA - Galloway, 25 pass from Moon (Peterson)
 SEA - Strong, 11 pass from Moon (Peterson)
 SEA - Galloway, 35 pass from Moon (Peterson)
 SEA - Peterson, 42 FG
 SEA - Green, 6 run (Peterson)

	PHILA	SEATTLE
First Downs	14	18
Net Yards Gained	174	406
Rushes/Yards	32/162	34/188
Net Yards Passing	12	218
Att/Comp/INT	23/9/1	22/14/0
Times Sacked/Yards	9/48	0/0
Punts/Avg.	9/42.4	4/43.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	1/0
Penalties/Yards	2/12	6/50

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 20-95, K.Turner 8-54, B.Hoying 3-13, C.Walker 1-0 ... SEAHAWKS - A.Green 6-100-1TD, R.Watters 16-67, M.Strong 3-14, S.Broussard 5-4, W.Moon 1-3, R.Brown 1-2, J.Friesz 2-(-2)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Graham 3-30, K.Turner 3-6, F.Solomon 1-13, D.Staley 1-6, J.Johnson 1-5 ... SEAHAWKS - J.Galloway 6-142-2TDs, M.Strong 2-13-1TD, J.McKnight 1-28, B.Blades 1-14, M.Pritchard 1-11, C.Fauria 1-9, R.Watters 1-2, A.Green 1-(-1)

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying 23-9-60-1-0TD ... SEAHAWKS - W.Moon 21-13-204-0-3TDs, J.Friesz 1-1-14-0-0TD

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... SEAHAWKS - S.Springs 1

SACKS: EAGLES - 0 ... SEAHAWKS - M.Sinclair 2.5, D.Smith 2, P.Daniels 1.5, M.Collins 1, S.Adams 1, R.Parker 1

Weather: Sunny and hot, 81 degrees

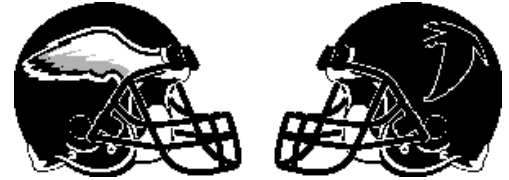
Playing surface: Astro Turf

Time: 2:44

GAME 2

Sunday, September 13, 1998

Atlanta 17, Philadelphia 12
Georgia Dome • 46,456



Philadelphia took to the road for the first time in 1998 but fell to the Atlanta Falcons, 17-12, at the Georgia Dome. The Eagles actually controlled the game for the first 30 minutes and took a 9-0 lead into the locker room at halftime. Indeed, the lead could have, and probably should have been greater – a fact that would come back to haunt the visitors, who surrendered 14 third quarter points and then fell short in their last-minute bid for a comeback win ... After taking the opening kickoff, the Eagles quickly grabbed a 6-0 lead when RB Duce Staley capped a 79-yd, 13-play drive with a 1-yd TD run. (Philadelphia's PAT try, however, was blocked by DT Travis Hall). The Birds' offense, which had struggled to move the ball through the air a week earlier vs. Seattle, generated six passing 1st downs on the opening drive vs. Atlanta In the 2nd qtr., a screen pass to Duce Staley and a 9-yd completion to Freddie Solomon gave the Eagles a 1st-n-goal at the Falcons' 1 with less than a minute to go before intermission. From there, Staley's TD plunge was negated by an illegal motion penalty. Then, after another infraction moved the Eagles back to the 11, Philadelphia had to settle for a Chris Boniol FG and a 9-0 lead ... The 2nd half opened with Boniol's kickoff sailing out of bounds and the Falcons taking over at their own 40. Shortly thereafter, Atlanta QB Chris Chandler got his club on the board with a scoring strike to TE Brian Kozlowski. One series later, Philadelphia seemingly halted the Falcons on a 3rd-n-19 play. However, a very questionable roughing the passer call against safety Matt Stevens (the second such penalty against the Eagles after they halted Atlanta on a 3rd-n-long play) gave Atlanta a first down in Philadelphia territory. The Falcons subsequently got a TD run from RB Jamal Anderson that put the hosts on top 14-9. But Philadelphia responded quickly as a bomb from Bobby Hoying to WR Jeff Graham (and a facemasking call on the tackler) helped set up a FG that cut Atlanta's lead to 14-12 ... The Falcons came right back, however, as kickoff returner Tim Dwight gave his club field position at their own 39. From there, Atlanta used two passes to WR Tony Martin and five runs by Jamal Anderson to set up another Morten Andersen FG. That kick put Atlanta up 17-12 with 7:31 left to play and, although Philadelphia would get the ball back twice more, the Eagles could not get beyond mid-field.

NOTES: The TD run by Staley in the 1st quarter was the first of his career and the first score of '98 for the Eagles, who were shut out the previous week by Seattle ... After surrendering 9 sacks to the Seahawks in game 1, Hoying was dumped just twice at Atlanta ... The Eagles again played without a number of key starters as C Steve Everitt (foot), TE Jason Dunn (knee), and RCB Bobby Taylor (shoulder) were idle for the second consecutive week, LCB Troy Vincent (thigh) sat out the contest as well ... When the Falcons' took the lead with their second TD of the 3rd qtr, FS Brian Dawkins was temporarily sidelined by a wrist injury; that meant that Philadelphia was without three of its four starters in the secondary (Taylor, Vincent, and Dawkins).

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	6	3	0	3	12
Atlanta	0	0	14	3	17

PHI - Staley, 1 run (PAT blocked)
 PHI - Boniol, 24 FG
 ATL - Kozlowski, 19 pass from Chandler (Andersen)
 ATL - Anderson, 1 run (Andersen)
 PHI - Boniol, 42 FG
 ATL - Andersen, 23 FG

	PHILA	ATLANTA
First Downs	19	17
Net Yards Gained	284	245
Rushes/Yards	25/63	25/78
Net Yards Passing	221	167
Att/Comp/INT	35/24/0	26/14/0
Times Sacked/Yards	2/11	3/29
Punts/Avg.	5/46.6	6/35.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	9/72	9/78

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 18-43-1TD, B.Hoying 4-18, C.Garner 1-2, C.Walker 1-1, K.Turner 1-(-1) ... FALCONS - J.Anderson 20-74-1TD, C.Chandler 3-6, E.Williams 2-(-2)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 9-73, I.Fryar 5-66, K.Turner 3-20, J.Graham 2-52, F.Solomon 2-13, C.Garner 2-(-1), J.Johnson 1-9 ... FALCONS - T.Martin 4-88, T.Mathis 3-24, O.J.Santiago 2-27, B.Kozlowski 1-19-1TD, B.Christian 1-16, J.Anderson 1-8, T.Kinchen 1-8, H.Green 1-6

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying 35-24-232-0-0TD ... FALCONS - C.Chandler 26-14-196-0-1TD

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... FALCONS - 0

SACKS: EAGLES - A.Wallace 1, H.Douglas 0.5, T.McTyer 0.5, B.Johnson 0.5, H.Thomas 0.5 ... FALCONS - J.Burrough 1, T.Hall 1

Weather: (Indoors) Outdoors - Clear, 84 degrees

Playing surface: Astro Turf

Time: 2:55

GAME 3

Sunday, September 20, 1998

Arizona 17, Philadelphia 3
Sun Devil Stadium • 36,717



In a game televised nationally by ESPN, the host Arizona Cardinals and visiting Philadelphia Eagles battled the 100 degree heat – and each other – to a 0-0 standoff entering the final quarter. As such, it marked the first time that two NFL teams went scoreless through three full quarters of play since the New York Giants' and Buffalo Bills' replacement teams clashed during the 1987 NFL players strike. And despite the fact that the Eagles broke the scoring drought first with a field goal by Chris Boniol early in the final stanza, the Cards responded by registering 17 unanswered points en route to a 17-3 victory After Arizona responded to the Eagles' FG with one of their own, a 47-ydr by Joe Nedney that tied the game at 3-3, the Cardinals' defense turned up the heat on the already steamy night, sending LB Ronald McKinnon on a blitz. McKinnon subsequently stripped the football from QB Rodney Peete, who had come on in relief when starter Bobby Hoying was injured in the 3rd qtr. DE Simeon Rice scooped up the loose ball and returned it to the PE 18. Moments later, QB Jake Plummer drilled a 7-yd scoring strike to TE Johnny McWilliams for a 10-3 Arizona lead with 7:19 to play. Then, when the Eagles' offense could move no further than the Cards' 40 on their ensuing series, Arizona took over on their own 14 following a punt. The Cards' then proceeded to put the game out of reach by marching 86 yards in nine plays. RB Adrian Murrell, who had set up the Cards' FG with a 28-yd scamper, capped this decisive drive with a 25-yd TD run. The TD run enabled Murrell to finish with a game-high 145 yards on 22 carries, including a 12-101 effort in the 4th qtr alone The Eagles, due in large part to the fine play of their defense, had enjoyed good field position in the first half. Of Philadelphia's first seven possessions, all began beyond their own 30. But while four of those drives reached Cardinals' territory (including one that ended with a failed 4th-n-1 run by Duce Staley at th AC27), the Eagles had no points to show for their efforts shortly after intermission, Hoying moved the Eagles deep into Cards' territory before he himself lost a fumble when upended by McKinnon following an 11-yd scramble to the AC8. In all, it marked the fifth time Philadelphia passed midfield only to come away with no points. In addition, Hoying suffered a strained lower back on the play and was subsequently replaced by Peete on the Birds' next offensive series. With Peete at the helm, Philadelphia mounted an 18-play drive that was capped by a 29-yd Chris Boniol field goal. The Eagles' lead would ultimately prove to be a short-lived one, however, as the Cardinals subsequently reeled off 17-straight points.

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

PHI - Boniol, 29 FG
 ARZ - Nedney, 47 FG
 ARZ - McWilliams, 7 pass from Plummer (Nedney)
 ARZ - Murrell, 25 run (Nedney)

	PHILA	ARIZONA
First Downs	20	16
Net Yards Gained	317	282
Rushes/Yards	27/91	26/153
Net Yards Passing	226	129
Att/Comp/INT	46/26/1	35/21/0
Times Sacked/Yards	5/40	3/8
Punts/Avg.	6/36.5	7/36.4
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	2/1
Penalties/Yards	6/72	3/14

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 17-67, B.Hoying 3-18, C.Garner 7-6 ... **CARDINALS** - A.Murrell 22-145-1TD, J.Plummer 2-5, M.Pittman 2-3

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying (starter) 23-13-121-1-0TD, R.Peete 23-13-145-0-0TD ... **CARDINALS** - J.Plummer 35-21-137-0-1TD

RECEIVING: EAGLES - R.Copeland 6-76, I.Fryar 5-63, D.Staley 5-24, F.Solomon 4-51, J.Graham 4-40, J.Dunn 1-7, K.Turner 1-5 ... **CARDINALS** - L.Centers 7-32, R.Moore 4-27, J.McWilliams 3-36-1TD, E.Metcalf 3-15, F.Sanders 2-14, C.Gedney 2-13

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... **CARDINALS** - K.Lassiter 1

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1, G.Jefferson 1, B.Whiting 1 ... **CARDINALS** - S.Rice 2, R.McKinnon 1, M.Smith 1, E.Swann 1

Weather: Clear, 99 degrees

Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:03

GAME 4

Sunday, September 27, 1998

Kansas City 24, Philadelphia 21
Veterans Stadium • 66,675



For the second week in a row, Philadelphia saw an early fourth-quarter lead vanish after surrendering 17 points. The result was a 24-21 defeat at the hands of the visiting Kansas City Chiefs, who made their first-ever trip to Philadelphia. A week earlier in Arizona the Eagles led 3-0 before falling 17-3. This time the Birds had built a 14-7 edge over KC before suddenly finding themselves down 24-14. Although the Eagles fought back, using the third touchdown of the day by RB Duce Staley to pull within three points with 1:01 to play, Philadelphia's subsequent onside kick attempt failed Perhaps the key point in the game came in the final minute of the 3rd qtr when, facing a 4th-and-inches situation at the KC46, Staley was halted on a run off right tackle. The visitors capitalized, cutting the Eagles' lead to 14-10 with a 21-yd FG by Pete Stoyanovich. It was KC's next possession, however, that proved to be the back-breaker. On that series, Rich Gannon lofted a 57-yd bomb to WR Joe Horn. That strike set up the 2nd of Donnell Bennett's 3 TD runs on the afternoon and provided the Chiefs with their first lead of the day, 17-14. Kansas City then added another Bennett TD run after former Eagle CB Mark McMillian intercepted a pass by Rodney Peete in Philadelphia territory The Chiefs had begun the game by taking the opening kickoff and marching deep into Eagles territory, only to miss a 40-yd FG. The Birds responded quickly. With Peete at QB in place of the injured Bobby Hoying (back), Philadelphia marched 70 yds to a TD and a 7-0 1st qtr. lead. Staley's 5-yd TD run up the middle capped the drive. Kansas City, in turn, responded with a TD of their own on their ensuing possession. Using a 33-yd pass interference penalty on CB Troy Vincent to move deep into Eagles territory, the Chiefs tied the score with a 1-yd TD plunge by Bennett. The score would remain knotted at 7-7 into the 3rd qtr. until Staley's 3-yd TD scamper put Philadelphia back on top and set the stage for the dramatic final stanza.

NOTES: With 5 receptions, WR Irving Fryar moved past Charlie Joiner and into eighth place on the NFL's all-time reception list with 751 ... Philadelphia's 21 points were the most by the Eagles thus far in '98. Philadelphia entered the game having scored just 15 points in three games ... Both clubs opened with backup QBs at the helm - Gannon replaced Elvis Grbac (shoulder) for KC, while Peete got the call in place of Hoying, who had suffered a strained lower back at Arz. ... C Steve Everitt made his first start of '98. Everitt had suffered a fractured foot while jogging before the start of training camp. Vincent, who had missed the last two games with a bruised thigh also returned to the lineup ... The 3-TD effort by Staley was the first by an Eagle since WR Irving Fryar scored three times at Jacksonville (10/12/97) ... A key matchup in the game saw LT Tra Thomas, the Eagles' rookie first round pick, square off against Chiefs' sack artist Derrick Thomas, who opened the season with six sacks vs. the Raiders. Derrick was kept at bay, however, as Tra held the all-pro without a tackle or sack.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	0	7	7	21
Kansas City	0	7	0	17	24

PHI - Staley, 5 run (Boniol)
 KC - Bennett, 1 run (Stoyanovich)
 PHI - Staley, 3 run (Boniol)
 KC - Stoyanovich, 21 FG
 KC - Bennett, 7 run (Stoyanovich)
 KC - Bennett, 5 run (Stoyanovich)
 PHI - Staley, 17 pass from Peete (Boniol)

	PHILA	KC
First Downs	24	24
Net Yards Gained	361	393
Rushes/Yards	27/111	33/131
Net Yards Passing	250	262
Att/Comp/INT	36/21/1	27/17/0
Times Sacked/Yards	3/10	0/0
Punts/Avg.	3/39.3	2/43.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	7/93	10/65

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 16-73-2TDs, C.Garner 9-29, K.Turner 1-7, R.Peete 1-2 ... CHIEFS - D.Bennett 19-87-3TDs, K.Anders 7-36, R.Gannon 5-8, T.Richardson 1-1, R.Shehee 1-(1)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Graham 5-79, I.Fryar 5-57, K.Turner 4-36, R.Copeland 2-25, D.Staley 2-23-1TD, K.Sinceno 1-28, F.Solomon 1-8, C.Garner 1-4 ... CHIEFS - K.Anders 5-63, K.Lockett 4-74, T.Gonzalez 3-31, J.Horn 2-68, D.Alexander 2-19, T.Popson 1-7

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete 36-21-260-1-1TD ... CHIEFS - R.Gannon 25-17-262-0-0TD

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... CHIEFS - M.McMillian 1

SACKS: EAGLES - 0 ... CHIEFS - T.Barndt 2, A.Davis 1

Weather: Sunny and hot, 85 degrees

Playing surface: Astro Turf

Time: 2:59

GAME 5

Sunday, October 4, 1998

Denver 41, Philadelphia 16
Mile High Stadium • 73,218



With Bubby Brister at quarterback in place of John Elway (strained back), Denver scored on its first four possessions en route to a 28-0 first quarter lead at Denver. The loss was the fifth of the season for the Eagles in as many outings. In all, it marked the eighth straight defeat for Philadelphia dating back to the 1997 campaign ... In the opening stanza, the Broncos registered 242 yards of total offense and 13 first downs compared to just 16 and 1, respectively, by the Eagles ... Denver took the opening kickoff and quickly marched 87 yds to a TD for a 7-0 lead. On the Broncos' first play from scrimmage, Brister fired a short pass that WR Ed McCaffrey turned into a 48-yd gain. That play set up Terrell Davis's 20-yd scoring run. Then, when the Eagles were forced to punt after just three plays on their first possession, Denver jumped on top 14-0 after Davis's 23-yd run set up a short scoring strike from Brister to WR Rod Smith ... After again forcing the Birds' offense to go 3 plays-and-out on their next series, Davis's 57-yd run around left end paved the way for Brister's 9-yd TD pass to TE Shannon Sharpe that put the Broncos up 21-0 with 4:13 left to play in the first stanza. Things then continued to snowball in the wrong direction for Philadelphia when Allen Rossum lost a fumble on the Birds' ensuing kickoff return. Denver subsequently took over at the PE23 and quickly marched to their fourth TD, a 1-yd Davis plunge up the middle, for a 28-0 lead with 1:11 left to play in the first stanza ... William Thomas halted Denver's 6th drive with the Eagles' first pass theft of the year. Although the Eagles were unable to score on their subsequent possession, they managed to pin the Broncos deep in their own end of the field and Thomas made another key play, blocking a punt by Tom Rouen. The ball rolled through the end zone and resulted in a safety that made the score Denver 28, Philadelphia 2. When the Eagles got the ball back following a punt/kickoff, a pass by Hoying went off the hands of FB Kevin Turner and was intercepted by Darrius Johnson, who returned the ball to the PE 12. Two plays later, Brister fired his third TD pass of the day, a 12-ydr to McCaffrey to up the Broncos' lead to 35-2 ... 156 rushing yds by Davis before intermission was his most-ever in a half ... On their second possession after intermission, Brister fired his fourth TD pass of the game, a 31-ydr to Rod Smith. That play extended Denver's lead to 41-2 (Broncos' punter Tom Rouen, on in relief of injured kicker Jason Elam, missed the subsequent extra point try). Philadelphia countered with two 3-yd TD runs by Charlie Garner in the final quarter. Garner's first score capped a 73-yd drive; his second came after LB Mike Caldwell intercepted a pass by Broncos' backup QB Brian Griese deep in Denver territory.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	2	0	14	16
Denver	28	7	6	0	41

DEN - Davis, 20 run (Elam)
 DEN - R.Smith, 8 pass from Brister (Elam)
 DEN - Sharpe, 9 pass from Brister (Elam)
 DEN - Davis, 1 run (Elam)
 PHI - W.Thomas blocked punt out of end zone for a safety
 DEN - McCaffrey, 12 pass from Brister (Elam)
 DEN - R.Smith, 31 pass from Brister (PAT failed)
 PHI - Garner, 3 run (Boniol)
 PHI - Garner, 3 run (Boniol)

	PHILA	DENVER
First Downs	12	22
Net Yards Gained	157	423
Rushes/Yards	19/57	39/231
Net Yards Passing	100	192
Att/Comp/INT	33/14/1	32/17/2
Times Sacked/Yards	6/32	2/13
Punts/Avg.	10/44.9	6/39.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	4/28	6/50

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Garner 10-50-2TDs, B.Hoying 1-6, C.Walker 1-3, K.Turner 1-2, D.Staley 6-(-4) ... BRONCOS - T.Davis 20-168-2TDs, D.Loville 8-25, V.Hebron 5-22, B.Brister 1-11, R.Smith 1-9, B.Griese 4-(-4)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Dunn 3-14, I.Fryar 2-19, J.Graham 2-15, D.Staley 2-6, K.Turner 2-4, C.Walker 1-33, C.Garner 1-21, F.Solomon 1-20 ... BRONCOS - R.Smith 7-95-2TDs, S.Sharpe 6-46-1TD, E.McCaffrey 2-60-1TD, H.Griffith 1-2, V.Hebron 1-2

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying (starter) 24-11-96-1-0TD, K.Detmer 9-3-36-0-0TD ... BRONCOS - B.Brister (starter) 29-16-203-1-4TDs, B.Griese 3-1-2-1-0TD

INTs: EAGLES - W.Thomas 1, M.Caldwell 1 ... BRONCOS - D.Johnson 1

SACKS: EAGLES - J.Darling 1, H.Douglas 1 ... BRONCOS - G.Cadrez 1, N.Smith 1, K.Traylor, 1, H.Hasselbach 1, M.Lodish 1, T.Pryce 1

Weather: Partly cloudy, 57 degrees, Wind: NW 15 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:11

GAME 6

Sunday, October 11, 1998

Philadelphia 17, Washington 12
Veterans Stadium • 66,183



In a battle between NFC foes sporting identical 0-5 records, the Eagles defeated the visiting Washington Redskins, 17-12. The win, the first for the Eagles after eight straight losses, marked Philadelphia's first victory since they defeated Cincinnati on 11/30/97 Although the Birds' offense was held to under 200 total yards (198), Philadelphia got just enough from QB Rodney Peete who ran for one touchdown and a throw for another. At the same time, the Eagles' defense registered 6 sacks and three takeaways, both season-highs to date. The first of those takeaways by the Philadelphia defense came on Washington's second possession. Eagles' DE Al Wallace sacked QB Trent Green, causing a fumble that Brandon Whiting returned 24 yards to the WR21. That play set up the Birds' first score as Peete who, after dropping back to pass, saw an opening and ran, untouched, 19 yards for a TD and a 7-0 lead. Washington responded quickly by marching from their own 27 to the Eagles' 5. Facing a 3rd-n-1 situation from there, RB Terry Allen surged to the one-foot line, only to be stripped of the ball by LB William Thomas. While the Redskins argued that Allen's progress had been stopped, the officials disagreed. When FS Brian Dawkins subsequently recovered the ball in the end zone, Philadelphia had turned back the visitors. After the Skins' Cary Blanchard missed a 47-yd FG try early in the second qtr, they got on the board midway through that same stanza following an interception off Peete by Leomont Evans in Eagles' territory. Evans' INT set up a 46-yd FG by Blanchard. Philadelphia quickly countered that score as Chris Boniol made good on a 44-yd FG attempt that put the Eagles on top, 10-3, at the half Late in the 3rd qtr, after Gus Frerotte had replaced Trent Green at QB for Washington, the Redskins narrowed their deficit to four with a 34-yd FG by Blanchard. Philadelphia answered quickly, however, mounting a 15-play, 75-yd drive to what would prove to be the game-winning TD. On that particular drive, the Eagles converted five 3rd down plays, including two 3rd-n-16 situations on which Peete drilled 19-yd strikes to Irving Fryar and Russell Copeland, respectively. Philadelphia capped the drive with a perfect play-action pass as Peete lofted a 3-yd TD aerial to wide open TE Kaseem Sinceno Washington later narrowed the gap to 17-12 on Brian Mitchell's 1-yd TD run with 3:46 remaining to play. But, after forcing the Eagles to punt on their ensuing series, the Redskins were halted on downs at their own 43. A sack by DE Hugh Douglas on the first play of that series, coupled with good coverage by the secondary, helped the Eagles shut the door on the Skins.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	7	3	0	7	17
Washington	0	3	3	6	12

PHI - Peete, 19 run (Boniol)
 WASH - Blanchard, 46 FG
 PHI - Boniol, 44 FG
 WASH - Blanchard, 34 FG
 PHI - Sinceno, 3 pass from Peete (Boniol)
 WASH - Mitchell, 1 run (run failed)

	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	14	17
Net Yards Gained	198	278
Rushes/Yards	32/115	25/128
Net Yards Passing	83	150
Att/Comp/INT	28/15/1	37/19/1
Times Sacked/Yards	4/38	6/38
Punts/Avg.	7/44.0	4/45.5
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/2
Penalties/Yards	5/55	6/32

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Garner 17-50, D.Staley 12-47, R.Peete 2-18-1TD, K.Turner 1-0 ... REDSKINS - T.Allen 20-87, G.Frerotte 1-20, T.Green 2-15, B.Mitchell 2-6-1TD

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete 28-15-121-1-1TD ... REDSKINS - T.Green (starter) 21-12-115-1-0TD, G.Frerotte 16-7-73-0-0TD

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Garner 4-19, R.Copeland 2-32, I.Fryar 2-29, J.Graham 2-17, K.Turner 2-6, J.Dunn 1-11, D.Staley 1-4, K.Sinceno 1-3-1TD ... REDSKINS - M.Westbrook 5-43, J.Asher 5-39, B.Mitchell 4-30, A.Connell 2-44, L.Shepherd 2-25, S.Davis 1-7

INTs: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1 ... REDSKINS - L.Evans 1

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Thomas 2, H.Douglas 1.5, A.Wallace 1.5, J.Darling 1 ... REDSKINS - M.Patton 1, D.Stubblefield 1, K.Lang 1, N.Kalu 1

Weather: Sunny, 69 degrees, Wind: N 16 mph
Playing surface: Astroturf
Time: 3:03

GAME 7

Sunday, October 18, 1998

San Diego 13, Philadelphia 10
Qualcomm Stadium • 56,967



Four costly turnovers, including three inside San Diego territory, and 10 penalties hurt the Eagles as they fell to 1-6 on the 1998 season with a 13-10 loss at the hands of the Chargers. The loss marred a great performance by the Eagles defense who allowed only 168 yards of total offense to the Chargers, including 28 net yards passing. Leading the way for the Birds on defense was DE Hugh Douglas, who sacked rookie QB Ryan Leaf 4.5 times to set a career high and tie a team record first set by DE Clyde Simmons at Dallas in 1991 ... The Chargers opened the scoring on the game's first series as they drove 64 yds. before K John Carney booted a 23-yd FG. After going 3-and-out in their first two offensive series and missing a 42-yd. FG on their third, the Eagles embarked on a 18-play, 62-yard drive that culminated in a 35-yard FG by Chris Boniol to tie the score at 3-3 in the 2nd qtr. The Eagles appeared to be in good scoring position later in that quarter after Allen Rossum returned a punt to the SD29. But as Rossum was making his way towards the end zone, P Darren Bennett stripped the ball loose from and him and the Chargers recovered ... San Diego took the lead in the third quarter as RB Natrone Means, who finished with 112 yards on 21 carries, rumbled 14 yards on a draw play for a touchdown. The Eagles bounced right back on their next possession as they drove down to the SD4 before Peete was blitzed by LB Junior Seau and forced into throwing an INT to former Eagle Charles Dimry in the end zone. Seau notched 10 tackles in the game and played a large part in stymying the Birds' rushing attack (24 carries for 51 yards) ... The Birds, however, got the ball back early in the 4th stanza and tied the game as Charlie Garner raced 12 yards for a score. Looking to take the lead, Philadelphia retained possession later in the qtr., but a Peete pass was deflected at the line of scrimmage, INTd by Charger DT Norman Hand and returned to the PE18. Four plays later, Carney gave San Diego the winning points with a 26-yd FG. The Eagles had once last chance to win or tie the game as Peete connected with Irving Fryar for 18 yds and Duce Staley for completions of 16 and 20 yards to get inside Chargers' territory. But Russell Copeland fumbled after a making a reception from Peete at the Chargers' 31-yd line. Seau recovered the loose ball and San Diego took over and promptly ran out the clock.

NOTES: Bill Musgrave, the Eagles offensive quality control coach, called the offensive plays for the first time this season ... FS Brian Dawkins and LDE Greg Jefferson were both deactivated due to ankle sprains ... LB Jeremiah Trotter, a third round pick of the Eagles in 1998, saw his first action of the season, playing on special teams ... The Eagles were 9-17 (52.9%) on third down conversions, including four first downs after facing 3rd-and-14 or longer ... Boniol's 35-yd FG in the 2nd qtr. was his 64th in a row from 35 yds and under ... Douglas' 4.5 sacks, which accounted for a combined loss of 43.5 yards, is the most by an NFC player since Atl's Chuck Smith notched 5 sacks at New Orleans on Oct. 12, 1997.

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

SD - Carney, 23 FG
 PHI - Boniol, 35 FG
 SD - Means, 14 run (Carney)
 PHI - Garner, 12 run (Boniol)
 SD - Carney, 26 FG

	PHILA	SD
First Downs	21	11
Net Yards Gained	261	168
Rushes/Yards	24/51	28/140
Net Yards Passing	210	28
Att/Comp/INT	39/22/2	19/9/0
Times Sacked/Yards	5/22	6/55
Punts/Avg.	5/41.2	8/47.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	1/1
Penalties/Yards	10/68	11/75

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 14-41, C.Garner 9-8-1TD, R.Peete 1-2 ... CHARGERS - N.Means 21-112-1TD, C.Jones 1-13, R.Leaf 5-10, T.Stephens 1-5

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete 39-22-232-2-0TD ... CHARGERS - R.Leaf 19-9-83-0-0TD

RECEIVING: EAGLES - R.Copeland 6-69, I.Fryar 4-44, J.Graham 3-42, D.Staley 3-35, C.Garner 3-18, F.Solomon 1-14, J.Dunn 1-6, K.Turner 1-4 ... CHARGERS - B.Still 3-28, N.Means 2-7, C.Jones 1-19, M.Ricks 1-11, F.Jones 1-10, W.Davis 1-8

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... CHARGERS - N.Hand 1, C.Dimry 1

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 4.5, W.Thomas 1, H.Thomas 0.5 ... CHARGERS - R.Johnson 2, N.Hand 1, J.Parella 1, J.Seau 0.5, C.Mims 0.5

Weather: Sunny, 73 degrees, Wind: WSW 9 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:12

GAME 8

Monday, November 2, 1998

Dallas 34, Philadelphia 0
Veterans Stadium • 67,002



Before a national television audience and a sold out Veterans Stadium, the visiting Dallas Cowboys handed the Eagles a 34-0 shutout. The loss dropped the Birds' record to 1-7 at the season's half way point while the Cowboys stayed atop the NFC East after raising their record to 5-3 The Cowboys' core of all-pros contributed heavily to Dallas' victory. CB/PR Deion Sanders returned a punt 69 yards for a TD and also intercepted a pass. QB Troy Aikman, who returned to action after missing five games with a broken collarbone, fired two scoring passes, including one to WR Michael Irvin. RB Emmitt Smith also rushed for 101 yards and 1 TD After opening the scoring with a 33-yd FG by Richie Cunningham on their first drive, the Cowboys increased their lead to 10-0 with a 10-yd TD pass from Aikman to Irvin. A fumble by Eagles RB Charlie Garner at the Birds' 11 set up that score. Then, late in the 2nd qtr, Sanders fielded a Tom Hutton punt and raced 69 yds to the end zone for a TD that put Dallas on top, 17-10, at intermission Although the Eagles actually outgained Dallas in the first half (117 total yds to 91), the Birds' offense sputtered for most of the evening. Philadelphia was forced to insert #2 QB Bobby Hoying early on after starter Rodney Peete suffered a lacerated index finger on his throwing hand during the Birds' first offensive series. But while the Cowboys' Aikman was 26-14-171-0-2TDs passing, Hoying could muster only a 39-13-124 effort with no TD passes and 2 interceptions. Altogether the Birds would commit three turnovers while the Cowboys committed none. In fact, the Eagles' deepest penetration into Dallas territory ended with safety Darren Woodson intercepting a Hoying pass at the Cowboys' 10-yd line In the 2nd half, Dallas scored on its first three possessions. Dallas went on top 27-0 when Aikman's 44-yd bomb to Billy Davis set up a 9-yd TD strike to TE David LaFleur. The Cowboys then added another Cunningham FG late in the 3rd qtr. and got a 15-yd TD run from Smith early in the final stanza to round out the scoring.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 50 degrees, Wind: NW 10 mph
Playing surface: Astroturf
Time: 3:19

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	10	7	10	7	34

DAL - Cunningham, 33 FG
 DAL - Irvin, 10 pass from Aikman (Cunningham)
 DAL - Sanders, 69 punt return (Cunningham)
 DAL - LaFleur, 9 pass from Aikman (Cunningham)
 DAL - Cunningham, 25 FG
 DAL - E.Smith, 15 run (Cunningham)

	PHILA	DALLAS
First Downs	15	20
Net Yards Gained	200	294
Rushes/Yards	18/96	36/121
Net Yards Passing	104	173
Att/Comp/INT	42/13/2	27/15/0
Times Sacked/Yards	3/20	2/8
Punts/Avg.	8/40.4	6/46.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	11/110	10/130

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 5-56, C.Garner 7-15, I.Fryar 1-12, R.Peete 1-8, B.Hoying 2-5, K.Turner 1-4, K.Hankton 1-(-4) ... COWBOYS - E.Smith 23-101-1TD, C.Warren 7-21, B.Davis 1-2, D.Johnston 1-0, E.Mills 1-0, T.Aikman 1-(-1), M.Quinn 2 (-2)

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete (starter) 3-0-0-0-0, B.Hoying 39-13-124-2-0TDs ... COWBOYS - T.Aikman (starter) 26-14-171-0-2TDs, M.Quinn 1-1-10-0-0

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 4-22, K.Turner 3-31, J.Dunn 2-29, D.Staley 2-26, F.Solomon 2-16 ... COWBOYS - M.Irvin 3-32-1TD, B.Davis 2-35, E.Mills 2-29, D.LaFleur 2-16-1TD, C.Warren 2-12, D.Sanders 1-11, E.Smith 1-11, J.Ogden 1-10, D.Johston 1-5

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... COWBOYS - D.Sanders 1, D.Woodson 1

SACKS: EAGLES - T.Vincent 1, H.Thomas 1 ... COWBOYS - D.Coakley 1, H.McCormack 1, M.Myers 1

GAME 9

Sunday, November 8, 1998

Philadelphia 10, Detroit 9
Veterans Stadium • 66,785



Thanks to a ground game led by RBs Charlie Garner and Duce Staley, Philadelphia got its second win of the season, a 10-9 decision over the visiting Lions. Garner provided a career-high 129 rushing yards and set up his 3-yd TD run with a 40-yd scamper. Staley contributed 89 rushing yards and 7 receptions. Altogether, the Eagles duo outperformed Detroit all-pro Barry Sanders, who rushed for a game-high 140 yards but was kept out of the end zone. In the end, however, the game was not decided until a 58-yd FG try by Lions' kicker Jason Hanson fell short with 25 seconds left to play. Detroit began its final drive at its own 21, trailing by one point with 3:23 left to play. The Lions moved to the Birds' 34 but committed four penalties on the drive, none more costly, however, than the false start called against Tony Ramirez. That penalty set up a 3rd-n-7 situation for the Lions from the PE39. When an incomplete pass from Charlie Batch to Herman Moore followed, Lions' head coach Bobby Ross was left with a key decision - try for the first down on 4th-n-7 or attempt a 58-yd FG. Ross opted for the latter alternative and sent in Hansen, who already had boomed FGs of 41, 48, and 35 yards in convincing fashion Philadelphia had opened the scoring, taking a 7-0 lead early in the 2nd qtr on Garner's 3-yd TD run. Detroit, however, came right back as Terry Fair returned the ensuing kickoff 61 yds to the Eagles' 28. But the Lions were forced to settle for a FG and the Eagles would hold a 7-3 lead at halftime Shortly after intermission, Hanson's 48-yd FG cut the Eagles' lead to 7-6. Detroit then closed the 3rd qtr with a 44-yd scamper by Sanders. That play set up a 35-yd boot by Hanson that gave the Lions their first lead of the day, 9-7, with 14:21 left to play. Philadelphia wasted little time, however, quickly recapturing the lead on their ensuing possession. In fact, the Eagles used the pass receiving and running of Staley to set up a 39-yd FG by Chris Boniol. That boot, which came just over four minutes into the final stanza, would prove to be the game-winner.

NOTES: Eagles DE Hugh Douglas notched 2.5 sacks to raise his season total to a career-best 11 Garner's 129 rushing yards gave him the fifth 100-yd game of his career The combined 33-218 rushing performance by Garner and Staley came against a Lions' defense that had entered the game ranked sixth in the NFC against the run. In all, the Birds' rushing output was the club's best since amassing 272 yds vs. Wash. on 10/8/95 Philadelphia WR Irving Fryar caught 2 passes and, in so doing, moved ahead of James Lofton and into 7th place on the NFL's all-time receptions list With his 140 rushing yards, Detroit's Sanders became the only NFL runner to gain 1,000 yards in 10 straight seasons Eagles' backup QB Koy Detmer took two snaps (both handoffs to Staley) late in the 2nd qtr when Hoying was briefly shaken up.

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

PHI - Garner, 3 run (Boniol)
 DET - Hanson, 41 FG
 DET - Hanson, 48 FG
 DET - Hanson, 35 FG
 PHI - Boniol, 39 FG

	PHILA	DETROIT
First Downs	16	9
Net Yards Gained	289	257
Rushes/Yards	36/216	22/146
Net Yards Passing	73	111
Att/Comp/INT	21/15/0	27/14/0
Times Sacked/Yards	4/24	5/35
Punts/Avg.	10/42.8	8/47.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	5/39	8/63

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Garner 16-129-1TD, D.Staley 17-89, I.Fryar 1-2, B.Hoying 2-(-4) ... LIONS - B.Sanders 20-140, C.Batch 2-6

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 7-32, J.Graham 3-27, I.Fryar 2-16, C.Garner 2-12, R.Copeland 1-10 ... LIONS - B.Sanders 3-32, H.Moore 3-23, D.Sloan 2-43, J.Morton 2-32, T.Vardell 2-7, C.Schlesinger 1-6, G.Crowell 1-3

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying (starter) 21-15-97-0-0, K.Detmer 0-0-0-0-0 ... LIONS - C.Batch 27-14-146-0-0

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... LIONS - 0

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 2.5, M.Caldwell 1, B.Dawkins 1, A.Wallace 0.5 ... LIONS - R.Porcher 2, D.Owens 1, K.Waldrup 1, R.Bailey 1

Weather: Cloudy, 50 degrees, Wind: W 9 mph
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Time: 3:00

GAME 10

Sunday, November 15, 1998

Washington 28, Philadelphia 3
Jack Kent Cooke Stadium • 67,704



The Redskins got three interceptions from their defense and three short TD runs from rookie RB Skip Hicks en route to a 28-3 victory over the visiting Eagles. With that, Philadelphia and Washington left Jack Kent Cooke Stadium with identical 2-8 records and a split of their season series Washington got on the board first, taking a 7-0 lead on a 1-yd TD plunge by RB Skip Hicks with 1:53 left to play in the 1st quarter. The Redskins' TD was set up just three plays earlier when Washington DE Kelvin Kinney tipped a screen pass by Bobby Hoying into the air. DT Dan Wilkinson came up with the interception and returned it to the Birds' 10-yard line. Midway through the 2nd stanza, Philadelphia garnered a similar scoring opportunity when DE Al Wallace sacked the Redskins' Trent Green and caused a fumble that Hollis Thomas recovered at the Washington 9. Although the Eagles were unable to punch it into the end zone, Chris Boniol's FG narrowed the Skins' lead to 7-3. Shortly before halftime, however, Washington's defense stopped the Eagles for the second time on a short-yardage, 4th down play inside Redskins territory - this time halting a quarterback sweep by Hoying at the WR34. Thus energized, the Skins' offense quickly converted the 4th down stop into points as Green marched his club 66 yards to a TD in 6 plays. Runs of 13 and 16 yards by Brian Mitchell, along with a 21-yd pass interference penalty on CB Bobby Taylor, set up Hicks' second 1-yd TD plunge. With that, the hosts held a 14-3 advantage heading into the locker room In the 3rd qtr, Green drilled a strike to wide open WR Albert Connell who finished off a 56-yd TD play that put the Skins on top 21-3. Then, with just over 10 minutes left to play in the game and the Eagles backed up against the goal line, a Hoying pass to WR Russell Copeland bounced off the receiver's hands and into the arms of CB Cris Dishman. The Redskins' defender brought the ball back to the Birds' 1 and two plays later Hicks got his 3rd rushing TD of the day, a tally that would make the final score 28-3.

NOTES: Both clubs were stopped on 4th down inside the opponent's territory on their first offensive series. In all, Washington's defense would halt the Eagles three times on 4th down plays inside Redskins' territory ... The sack/forced fumble by Wallace that set up the Birds' first score was a bit of déjà vu. In the October meeting between these two clubs, Wallace also set up the Birds' first score with a sack/forced fumble vs. Green ... Eagles' rookie return man Allen Rossum posted his longest KOR, a 52-ydr ... The Redskins' 3rd qtr TD pass from Green to Connell was the 12th third-qtr score of the year given up by the Birds. By comparison, Philadelphia's offense had registered just one third-qtr score to date and had, overall, been outscored 67-7 in the 3rd stanza ... For the Eagles, Al Harris started at LCB in place of Troy Vincent, who was inactive due to a concussion suffered the previous week vs. Detroit ... Washington was without a number of offensive starters, including RB Terry Allen.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	3	0	0	3
Washington	7	7	7	7	28

WASH - Hicks, 1 run (Blanchard)
 PHI - Boniol, 19 FG
 WASH - Hicks, 1 run (Blanchard)
 WASH - Connell, 56 pass from Green (Blanchard)
 WASH - Hicks, 5 run (Blanchard)

	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	9	16
Net Yards Gained	215	289
Rushes/Yards	29/105	35/151
Net Yards Passing	110	138
Att/Comp/INT	36/17/3	33/14/0
Times Sacked/Yards	5/20	4/31
Punts/Avg.	7/44.7	8/48.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	6/52	4/40

RUSHING: EAGLES - C.Garner 13-63, D.Staley 12-42, B.Hoying 3-5, J.Dunn 1-(-5) ... REDSKINS - S.Hicks 26-94-3TDs, B.Mitchell 5-54, S.Davis 1-4, T.Green 3-(-1).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Dunn 4-32, C.Garner 4-24, J.Graham 3-32, F.Solomon 2-14, K.Sinceno 1-11, R.Copeland 1-9, I.Fryar 1-4, D.Staley 1-4 ... REDSKINS - B.Mitchell 4-28, A.Connell 3-80-1TD, L.Shepherd 3-28, S.Alexander 2-21, M.Westbrook 2-12

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying (starter) 31-15-110-2-0TDs, K.Detmer 5-2-20-1-0TDs ... REDSKINS - T.Green 33-14-169-0-1TD

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... REDSKINS - C.Dishman 2, D.Wilkinson 1

SACKS: EAGLES - H.Douglas 1.5, A.Wallace 1, H.Thomas 1, B.Johnson 0.5 ... REDSKINS - K.Lang 2, K.Harvey 2, D.Wilkinson 1

Weather: Sunny and windy, 64 degrees, Wind: NW 25 mph

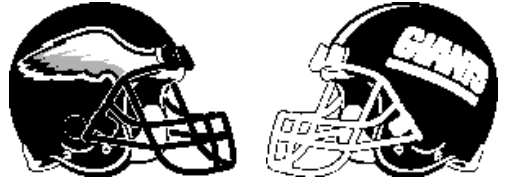
Playing surface: Grass

Time: 3:06

GAME 11

Sunday, November 22, 1998

NY Giants 20, Philadelphia 0
Giants Stadium • 65,763



With a 2-8 record and an offense ranked 30th in the league in scoring and total yards, the Eagles ventured north to the Meadowlands for their first meeting of the year against the defending NFC East champion New York Giants. For their part, the New Yorkers also entered the game with a struggling offense that ranked only 29th in the NFL. But when the contest was over, the Eagles headed back down I-95 on the wrong end of a 20-0 decision. And while the Giants had notched their first shutout since 1990, it marked the third time in 1998 alone that the Eagles had been held scoreless New York got on the board first, taking a 3-0 lead 10 minutes into the contest with a 40-yd FG by Brad Daluiso. Philadelphia, however, responded with a respectable drive of its own but came away empty when Chris Boniol's 44-yd FG try was off the mark. New York then had a chance to add to its lead just before intermission when Kent Graham's 59-yd bomb to rookie WR Joe Jurevicius moved the Giants to Philadelphia's 20-yd line. Eagles free safety Brian Dawkins ended the Giants' threat, however, intercepting a Graham pass that had been tipped by CB Bobby Taylor. As a result, New York headed into the locker room at halftime clinging to its 3-0 lead Midway through the third stanza, New York fielded an Eagles punt and, following an unnecessary roughness penalty on Philadelphia LB Mike Caldwell, took over on the Birds' 49-yd line. Five plays later, Graham turned a key 3rd-n-13 situation into a first down with a 14-yd strike to WR Amani Toomer. The Giants quickly capitalized, increasing their lead to 10-0 on Gary Brown's 4-yd TD run off right tackle. Moments later, New York upped its lead to 13-0 with a 49-yd FG by Daluiso The Eagles responded quickly, however, putting together their best march of the afternoon, a 69-yd drive that reached the NY 11. From there, Hoying rolled to his right and, under pressure from DE Michael Strahan, lofted a pass to WR Jeff Graham into double coverage. Giants' CB Phillip Sparks came down with the ball in the end zone and the Birds' best opportunity to get back into the game had been snuffed out. Sparks also halted the Birds' next drive, this time intercepting a Hoying pass at the Birds' 36-yd line. New York subsequently closed out the scoring when Graham's 25-yd strike to Toomer set up his 8-yd TD toss to RB Tiki Barber.

NOTES: With the loss, Philadelphia suffered three shutouts in a single season for the first time since 1942 The shutout also meant that the Birds' extended their string of quarters without a TD to 10-plus, having last reached the end zone on Charlie Garner's 3-yd run in the 2nd qtr of game 9 vs. Detroit.

Weather: Clear, 45 degrees, Wind: N 4 mph
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Time: 3:02

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

NYG - Daluiso, 40 FG
NYG - Brown, 4 run (Daluiso)
NYG - Daluiso, 49 FG
NYG - Barber, 8 pass from Graham (Daluiso)

	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	16	15
Net Yards Gained	214	261
Rushes/Yards	26/117	40/123
Net Yards Passing	97	138
Att/Comp/INT	28/14/2	21/10/1
Times Sacked/Yards	6/24	3/15
Punts/Avg.	7/42.9	6/38.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	11/93	9/55

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 14-52, C.Garner 7-29, B.Hoying 4-23, D.Jells 1-13 ... GIANTS - G.Brown 27-96-1TD, C.Way 6-15, K.Graham 5-6, I.Hilliard 1-4, T.Barber 1-2

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 4-49, J.Dunn 3-17, J.Graham 2-17, C.Garner 2-13, I.Fryar 2-9, D.Jells 1-16 ... GIANTS - J.Jurevicius 2-65, A.Toomer 2-39, G.Brown 2-0, C.Calloway 1-22, I.Hilliard 1-15, T.Barber 1-8-1TD, C.Way 1-4

PASSING: EAGLES - B.Hoying 28-14-121-2-0TD ... GIANTS - K.Graham 21-10-153-1-1TD

INTs: EAGLES - B.Dawkins 1 ... GIANTS - P.Sparks 2

SACKS: EAGLES - B.Johnson 1.5, A.Wallace 1, B.Whiting 0.5 ... GIANTS - J.Armstead 2, T.Wooten 2, C.Bratzke 1, M.Strahan 1

GAME 12

Sunday, November 29, 1998

Green Bay 24, Philadelphia 16
Lambeau Field • 59,862



With second-year QB Koy Detmer making his first pro start, the Eagles took a 2-9 record into Green Bay to face the defending NFC Champion Packers. Detmer got the nod when injuries sidelined veteran Eagle signal callers Bobby Hoying (shoulder) and Rodney Peete (lacerated index finger on his throwing hand). Indeed, the spunky youngster put on an admirable performance by going 39-22-185-0-2TDs as a passer and by putting the Birds in position to win. In fact, Detmer rallied the Eagles from a 10-point deficit to a 13-10 lead shortly after intermission and later brought Philadelphia to within one point of the Pack at 17-16 midway through the final stanza. When it was all over, however, three-time league MVP Brett Favre and the Packers' offense would prove to be nearly unstoppable. Green Bay rolled up 499 yards of offense and ultimately earned a 24-16 win over the suddenly feisty Eagles. Favre (321 passing yds.) got help from WR Bill Schroeder whose 5-128 receiving effort included four grabs of over 20 yards and four 3rd down conversions. RB Darick Holmes (26-163-6.3 rushing) also contributed mightily to GB's victory ... Philadelphia came into the game ranked 30th in the NFL in both total offense and scoring offense. In fact, the Birds entered Lambeau Field having been shut out in two of their previous four outings, a stretch that saw them score just one TD and log just one win. Against the Packers, however, Detmer and the Birds overcame a dreadfully slow start to score two TDs on lengthy drives ... So slow was the Eagles' start that the first 26 minutes of the game were played primarily in their end of the field where the Packers had plenty of scoring opportunities. After TE Mark Chmura dropped a TD pass on Green Bay's second series, Eagles CB Troy Vincent preserved a scoreless 1st qtr with an end zone interception off Favre on Green Bay's next possession ... Favre did get his club on the board early in the 2nd stanza when his 46-yd bomb to Schroeder set up a FG by Ryan Longwell. Favre again went to work on Green Bay's next series, leading his club 91 yards to a TD and a 10-0 lead with 3:54 to play in the half ... To that point, the Pack had logged 13 first downs while Philadelphia had managed none. On the Eagles' ensuing possession, however, Detmer led a 13-play, 78-yd TD march. It was on that drive that the Birds moved into Green Bay territory for the first time. Detmer capped the march with a 17-yd scoring strike to Jeff Graham. The TD cut the Birds' deficit to 14-6 (Vaughn Booker blocked Chris Boniol's PAT try) just 28 seconds before intermission ... Philadelphia then took the 2nd half kickoff and mounted an 11-play, 79-yd drive that ended with the second Detmer-to-Graham TD pass of the day ... Green Bay responded immediately with a 6-play drive capped by Favre's 33-yd laser to Antonio Freeman for a TD that put the Pack back on top, 17-13, midway through the 3rd stanza. Favre had the Packers on the move on their next two possessions as well although the first ended on downs at the PE 42 and the second was halted when Tim McTyer intercepted a Favre pass. Philadelphia subsequently turned that takeaway into points as a Boniol FG brought the Birds to within one at 17-16 with 8:41 left in the game. Green Bay again answered with a score of their own. Taking over on his own 27, Favre fired a 24-yd, 3rd down strike to Schroeder that helped set up William Henderson's 2-yd TD run. That TD put Green Bay on top 24-16 and ended the scoring for the day.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	0	6	7	3	16
Green Bay	0	10	7	7	24

GB - Longwell, 33 FG
 GB - Henderson, 1 pass from Favre (Longwell)
 PHI - Graham, 16 pass from Detmer (PAT blocked)
 PHI - Graham, 4 pass from Detmer (Longwell)
 GB - Freeman, 33 pass from Favre (Longwell)
 PHI - Boniol, 34 FG
 GB - Henderson, 2 run (Longwell)

	PHILA	GB
First Downs	15	26
Net Yards Gained	232	499
Rushes/Yards	19/65	39/178
Net Yards Passing	167	321
Att/Comp/INT	36/22/0	33/20/2
Times Sacked/Yards	2/18	0/0
Punts/Avg.	8/39.4	2/31.5
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	8/42	9/74

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 15-60, K.Detmer 1-6, K.Turner 1-2, C.Walker 1-1, D.Jells 1-(-4) ... PACKERS - D.Holmes 26-163, W.Henderson 3-8-1TD, D.Levens 6-6, B.Favre 4-1

RECEIVING: EAGLES - J.Graham 6-56-2TDs, D.Staley 5-61, K.Turner 4-36, J.Dunn 3-16, I.Fryar 3-11, F.Solomon 1-5 ... PACKERS - B.Schroeder 5-128, D.Holmes 5-53, A.Freeman 3-67-1TD, M.Chmura 3-24, T.Davis 1-39, D.Mayes 1-10, W.Henderson 1-1-1TD, C.Bradford 1-(-1)

PASSING: EAGLES - K.Detmer 36-22-185-0-2TDs ... PACKERS - B.Favre 33-20-321-2-2TDs

INTs: EAGLES - T.Vincent 1, T.McTyer 1 ... PACKERS - 0

SACKS: EAGLES - 0 ... PACKERS - R.White 1, K.McKenzie 1

Weather: Drizzle with light fog, 60 degrees, Wind:S 10 mph
Playing surface: Grass
Time: 3:09

GAME 13

Thursday, December 3, 1998

Philadelphia 17, St. Louis 14
Veterans Stadium • 66,155



In a game televised nationally by ESPN, quarterback Koy Detmer made just the second start of his young pro career and guided the Eagles to a 17-14 victory over the St. Louis Rams. The Eagles' victory spoiled the homecoming of Rams' head coach Dick Vermeil who, in his seven years as Philadelphia's head man (1976-82), had led the Birds to the 1980 NFC title and a berth in Super Bowl XV ... For the second straight week, Detmer tossed two TD passes to Eagles wide receivers, a group that - until a week earlier at Green Bay - had gone 10 games without finding the end zone. His 7-yd scoring strike to Freddie Solomon in the 1st qtr and his 61-yd hookup with Irving Fryar in the 3rd stanza helped stake Philadelphia to a 17-6 lead. St. Louis eventually cut into that lead when Tony Banks' 41-yd pass to J.T.Thomas set up a 1-yd scoring run by June Henley with 11:04 left to play. Thus inspired the Rams' offense mounted two more drives in search of a come-from-behind victory. The first of those marches came up empty, however, when Jeff Wilkins' 52-yd FG try was wide to the left. Then, with 1:52 remaining to play and the ball at their own 20, the Rams exerted one last-gasp effort. Banks quickly connected on 5 of 7 passes. But on his final completion, a 17-yd strike to Thomas that moved the Rams to the Birds' 35, Thomas was unable to get out of bounds and the final seconds ticked off the clock with the Eagles clinging to their 17-14 lead.

NOTES: The TD catch by WR Irving Fryar was the 76th of his career, tying him for 15th on the NFL's all-time list with Fred Biletnikoff and Harold Jackson ... that scoring grab also added to a league record Fryar owns outright - TD receptions by different passers to (17) ... for good measure, Fryar also posted the a longest rushing attempt of his career, a 32-yd effort on an end-around ... with an interception off Rams' QB Tony Banks, Eagles SS Michael Zordich extended his string of seasons with at least one pass theft to 11 ... Boniol's 50-yard field goal in the 1st qtr. was the longest by an Eagle since Roger Ruzek nailed a 50-ydr. vs. Denver on September 20, 1992 ... Eagles' RB Duce Staley led all rushers with 99 yards.

Weather: Partly cloudy, 61 degrees, Wind: SW 12 mph
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Time: 2:53

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	10	0	7	0	17
St. Louis	0	6	0	8	14

PHI - Solomon, 7 pass from Detmer (Boniol)
PHI - Boniol, 34 FG
STL - Wilkins, 46 FG
STL - Wilkins, 20 FG
PHI - Fryar, 61 pass from Detmer (Boniol)
STL - Henley, 1 run (Proehl-Banks pass)

	PHILA	ST. LOUIS
First Downs	16	17
Net Yards Gained	299	330
Rushes/Yards	30/130	26/82
Net Yards Passing	169	248
Att/Comp/INT	33/17/1	37/22/1
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	1/7
Punts/Avg.	5/42.4	5/46.4
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	4/22	6/42

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 28-99, I.Fryar 1-32, K.Detmer 1-(-1) ... RAMS - J.Henley 14-53-1TD, A.Lee 5-23, T.Banks 2-6, R.Holcombe 5-0

PASSING: EAGLES - K.Detmer 33-17-169-1-2TDs ... RAMS - T.Banks 37-22-255-1-0TDs

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 5-23, F.Solomon 4-21-1TD, I.Fryar 2-65-1TD, J.Graham 2-34, C.Fontenot 2-16, K.Turner 2-10 ... RAMS - A.Lee 5-71, J.T.Thomas 4-79, A.Hakim 3-45, J.Henley 3-24, R.Proehl 3-23, T.Armstrong 2-9, D.Harris 1-2, R.Williams 1-2

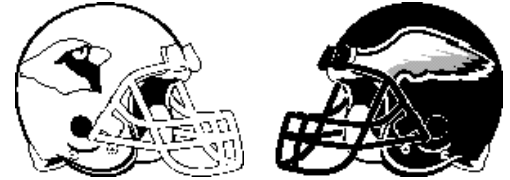
INTs: EAGLES - M.Zordich 1 ... RAMS - R.Agnew 1

SACKS: EAGLES - G.Jefferson 1 ... RAMS - 0

GAME 14

Sunday, December 13, 1998

Arizona 20, Philadelphia 17 (ot)
Veterans Stadium • 62,176



While the Eagles carried a 3-10 record into this contest vs. divisional rival Arizona, the Cardinals entered with a 6-7 record and a solid shot at a playoff berth. When it was over, the Cards left cold, rainy Veterans Stadium with a 20-17 overtime victory, their first season series sweep of the Eagles since 1984, and more importantly, with their post-season dreams still alive ... Both clubs came into the game with depleted defensive lines. The Eagles were without four of the top five linemen who entered their camp in August. The fifth, team sack leader Hugh Douglas, came into the game with a severely strained groin that would limit his playing time. Arizona opened without its strong pair of DTs, Eric Swann (knee) and Mark Smith (ankle). As such, both clubs sought to exploit the other's weakness by establishing a strong running game. In the end, the Cards were led by Adrian Murrell's 32-174 rushing effort while Duce Staley's 30-141-1TD output paced the Eagles ... Arizona took the opening kickoff and put together a 65-yard drive culminating in a 28-yd FG by Chris Jacke. The visitors then increased their lead to 10-0 on the final play of the 1st qtr when safety Tommy Bennett intercepted a pass by Koy Detmer and returned it 70 yards for a TD ... Undaunted, Detmer came right back and led Philadelphia on a 7-play, 71-yd scoring drive. Staley's 30-yd TD scamper capped the drive and cut the Eagles' deficit to 3. When Arizona responded with an impressive drive of its own, the Eagles slammed the door on their guests - FS Brian Dawkins forced a fumble by Murrell that the Eagles recovered on their own 7. Detmer then proceeded to calmly lead another scoring drive that would tie the game at 10-10 just before intermission. A 45-yd bomb to Jeff Graham moved the Eagles deep into Arizona territory but Philadelphia would have to settle for FG, however, when they were left with a 4th-n-goal at the Cardinals' 1-yd line ... Arizona opened the 2nd half with yet another impressive march. Once deep inside the Eagles' end of the field, however, RB Mario Bates was stuffed for a 6-yd loss on 4th-n-1 at the PE 11 ... Nonetheless, a scoreless 3rd qtr gave way to a furious final stanza. Philadelphia went on top for the first time with 12:49 to play. The Eagles' lead came courtesy of a 26-yd scoring strike from Detmer to WR Irving Fryar. That lead was short-lived, however, as the Cards evened the score on their ensuing possession, using 23 and 10-yd passes to TE Chris Gedney to set up Jake Plummer's 9-yd TD pass to WR Rob Moore ... In response, Detmer marched his club to the Cards' 15. But the effort was for naught as Chris Boniol's 33-yd FG try was wide to the right. It was then Plummer's turn to work his magic. Seven plays later, a 19-yd Plummer pass and a 23-yd Murrell run seemingly had the Cards in line for a last-minute, game-winning FG try. Chris Jacke's 34-yd boot was also off the mark and the game went into overtime ... In OT, Arizona won the coin toss and receptions of 30 and 16 yds by Moore helped give Jacke another shot. This time he drilled a 32-yd boot that gave Arizona the win.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Pts
Philadelphia	0	10	0	7	0	17
Arizona	10	0	0	7	3	20

ARZ - Jacke, 28 FG
 ARZ - Bennett, 70 INT return (Jacke)
 PHI - Staley, 30 run (Boniol)
 PHI - Boniol, 19 FG
 PHI - Fryar, 26 pass from Detmer (Boniol)
 ARZ - Moore, 9 pass from Plummer (Jacke)
 ARZ - Jacke, 32 FG

	PHILA	ARIZONA
First Downs	21	25
Net Yards Gained	367	424
Rushes/Yards	33/148	43/204
Net Yards Passing	219	220
Att/Comp/INT	28/16/1	26/18/1
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	2/14
Punts/Avg.	4/43.8	2/33.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/34	3/26

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 30-141-1TD, K.Turner 1-4, K.Detmer 2-3 ... **CARDINALS** - A.Murrell 32-174, L.Centers 7-19, J.Plummer 3-17, M.Bates 1-(-6)

PASSING: EAGLES - K.Detmer 28-16-219-1-1TD... **CARDINALS** - J.Plummer 26-18-234-1-1TD

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Fontenot 4-47, J.Graham 3-63, I.Fryar 3-54-1TD, K.Turner 2-29, D.Staley 2-10, A.Jordan 1-8, F.Solomon 1-8 ... **CARDINALS** - R.Moore 7-109-1TD, C.Gedney 3-35, L.Centers 3-34, F.Sanders 2-27, A.Murrell 2-15, E.Metcalf 1-14

INTs: EAGLES - T.Vincent 1 ... **CARDINALS** - T.Bennett 1

SACKS: EAGLES - G.Jefferson 1, W.Thomas 1 ... **CARDINALS** - 0

Weather: Overcast, light rain, 43 degrees, Wind: N 7 mph
Playing surface: AstroTurf
Time: 2:58

GAME 15

Sunday, December 20, 1998

Dallas 13, Philadelphia 9
Texas Stadium • 62,722



For the fourth consecutive week, the Eagles had an opportunity to win the game late in the fourth quarter. Trailing 13-9 with just over 3 minutes to go, Philadelphia faced a 4th-n-2 at the Cowboys 12-yd line. Under heavy pressure from a Dallas blitz, QB Koy Detmer completed a pass to Andrew Jordan but the Eagles' tight end was dropped short of the first down. Philadelphia's defense then proceeded to halt three straight Emmitt Smith runs and forced the Cowboys to punt the ball back to the Birds who would in turn have one last shot to pull out a victory. But two plays after Detmer's bomb to Freddie Solomon went off the fingertips of the diving receiver at the goal line, Dallas forced Philadelphia to turn the ball over on downs and needed just two QB kneel downs to run out the clock. The win enabled the Cowboys to up their record to 9-6 and clinch the NFC East Division title.... Philadelphia, with Detmer making his fourth straight start (and the fourth start of his career overall), had taken a quick 3-0 lead. The Eagles took the opening kickoff and marched to the DC 3-yd line, setting up a Chris Boniol field goal. Midway through the opening stanza, the Cowboys used a 41-yd Troy Aikman-to-Michael Irvin pass to set up a FG try of their own. But when Dallas lined up for the FG try, holder Eric Bjornson - after noticing the Birds had just 10 men on the field - executed a fake. Bjornson ran 6 yards off left tackle, untouched, into the end zone to give the hosts a 7-3 lead. Although Philadelphia would venture into Cowboys' territory three times in the 2nd stanza, they would mount just one serious scoring threat. That effort was for naught, however, as a 48-yd FG try fell short ... After intermission, Eagles DE Jon Harris tipped a Troy Aikman pass that resulted in an INT by safety Michael Zordich inside Dallas territory. The Birds subsequently settled for a 41-yd Boniol FG that cut the Cowboys' lead to 7-6 ... Midway through 3rd stanza, the Cowboys upped their lead to 10-6 with another Richie Cunningham FG. And when the Eagles' subsequent possession saw a Detmer pass go through the hands of Chris Fontenot for an INT by CB Kevin Smith, Dallas was perched on Philadelphia's doorstep once again. The Eagles' defense stiffened, however, forcing Dallas to settle for yet another FG that would increase the home club's lead to 13-6. Philadelphia responded in kind with a FG early in the final stanza, cutting the Cowboys' lead to just four points and setting up the dramatic finish.

NOTES: For the third straight week, the Eagles' offense did not allow a sack. As such, it marked the first time since the final three games of the 1971 campaign (at Det, vs. StL, at NYG) that Philadelphia's offense put together such a three-game string ... the Eagles entered the game without their top six defensive linemen (with Mike Mamula, Rhett Hall, Bill Johnson and Hollis Thomas already on IR, ends Hugh Douglas and Al Wallace were deactivated with groin and knee injuries, respectively). As a result the Birds often employed a 3-1-7 alignment with rookie LBs Ike Reese and Jeremiah Trotter lined up as ends, William Thomas as the lone LB, and 7 DBs in the secondary. From that set, young DT Steve Martin notched a sack and a forced fumble while blitzing DBs Allen Rossum and Tim McTyer frequently pressured Aikman.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Pts
Philadelphia	3	0	3	3	9
Dallas	7	0	6	0	13

PHI - Boniol, 21 FG
 DAL - Bjornson, 7 run (Cunningham)
 PHI - Boniol, 41 FG
 DAL - Cunningham, 42 FG
 DAL - Cunningham, 41 FG
 PHI - Boniol, 39 FG

	PHILA	DALLAS
First Downs	15	11
Net Yards Gained	356	248
Rushes/Yards	26/125	34/153
Net Yards Passing	231	95
Att/Comp/INT	43/24/1	23/10/1
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	3/25
Punts/Avg.	6/33.5	7/38.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	9/60	7/64

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 18-67, C.Walker 3-40, K.Turner 3-10, K.Detmer 2-8 ... COWBOYS - E.Smith 25-110, C.Warren 2-18, S.Williams 3-16, E.Bjornson 1-7-1TD, T.Aikman 3-2

RECEIVING: EAGLES - D.Staley 7-53, J.Graham 6-71, I.Fryar 5-61, K.Turner 3-18, C.Fontenot 2-27, A.Jordan 1-1 ... COWBOYS - M.Irvin 4-56, P.Jeffers 2-23, E.Smith 2-9, H.Clay 1-27, C.Warren 1-5

PASSING: EAGLES - K.Detmer 43-24-231-1-0TDs ... COWBOYS - T.Aikman 23-10-120-1-0TDs

INTs: EAGLES - M.Zordich 1 ... COWBOYS - K.Smith 1

SACKS: EAGLES - J.Harris 1, S.Martin 1, A.Rossum 1 ... COWBOYS - 0

Weather: Cloudy, misty, foggy, 48 degrees, Wind: NW 5 mph
Playing surface: Astroturf
Time: 3:12

GAME 16

Sunday, December 27, 1998

NY Giants 20, Philadelphia 10
Veterans Stadium • 66,596



The New York Giants traveled down the New Jersey Turnpike and into The Vet in hopes of gaining a Wild Card playoff berth. To do so they would need a victory over the Eagles as well as losses by the Buccaneers and Cardinals. By kickoff at 4:05 PM, however, the Giants had been mathematically eliminated when the Bucs defeated the Bengals in an early game ... Philadelphia and the New Yorkers both turned to their respective ground games with the Giants amassing 209 rushing yards and the Eagles 123. New York's offense was spearheaded by veteran RB Gary Brown. After rushing for 96 yards and 1TD vs. the Birds earlier in the season at NY, Brown this time posted 25-112 rushing numbers. In addition, NY got two TD catches by WR Chris Calloway en route to a 20-10 win over the Birds. The game proved to be head coach Ray Rhodes' final appearance at the Eagles' helm - Rhodes would be fired the following day with one year remaining on his original 5-year contract. Although Brown's Eagles' counterpart, RB Duce Staley, eclipsed the 1,000-yard plateau with his 97 yards and 1 TD, that effort would not be enough to halt the Eagles' record from dropping to 3-13. Eagles' owner Jeffrey Lurie pointed to that record the following day when announcing his decision regarding Rhodes ... After the visitors had taken a 3-0 lead on a FG by Brad Daluiso, Staley put the Birds on top just seconds into the 2nd quarter. Staley's 64-yd burst off right tackle resulted in a TD and a 7-3 Eagles lead. Staley's jaunt - his longest run of the year - also put the second-year pro over the 1,000-yd rushing mark for the season. The two clubs then traded field goals on their next two possessions and entered halftime with Philadelphia on top, 10-6. Late in the 3rd qtr, NY put together a 77-yd drive, capping the march with a 5-yd TD pass by Kent Graham. Graham's pass had been intended for WR Ike Hilliard but was tipped by Eagles CB Bobby Taylor into the arms of Calloway for a 13-10 lead. The Giants then closed out the scoring in the final stanza with an 18-yd Graham-to-Calloway strike that made the final score 20-10 ... For just the 14th time in history and the first since 12/5/65, the Birds finished a game without being assessed a penalty.

NOTES: Just days after wide receiver Irving Fryar had announced his plans to retire following the season finale, the Eagles honored the 15th year pro in a pregame ceremony. Fryar, who began his career in 1984 as the #1 overall pick in the draft by New England, had followed a three-year stint in Miami ('93-'95) with a similar stint in Philadelphia. Now, after twice being selected to the Pro Bowl as an Eagle, and after becoming one of the club's most popular figures, Fryar was closing out a marvelous career in which he truly blossomed after the age of 30 and only seemed to improve year after year. The pre-game ceremony included three of the greatest receivers in Eagles' history - Hall of Famer Tommy McDonald, Harold Carmichael, and Mike Quick. Surrounded by 50 friends and family members along with his Eagles teammates, Fryar was presented with a brand new Harley Davidson motorcycle, courtesy of the Eagles' organization. In addition, each of his four children received portraits of their father. "The Rev," as his teammates called him, concluded the ceremony by climbing onto his new chariot and taking a spin around the Veterans Stadium field, enjoying what would be his final day in the NFL.

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

NYG - Daluiso, 43 FG
 PHI - Staley, 64 run (Boniol)
 NYG - Daluiso, 33 FG
 PHI - Boniol, 19 FG
 NYG - Calloway, 5 pass from Graham (Daluiso)
 NYG - Calloway, 18 pass from Graham (Daluiso)

	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	12	22
Net Yards Gained	264	339
Rushes/Yards	24/123	43/209
Net Yards Passing	141	130
Att/Comp/INT	27/13/1	26/15/0
Times Sacked/Yards	2/10	2/3
Punts/Avg.	4/39.3	4/47.5
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	0/0	6/46

RUSHING: EAGLES - D.Staley 16-97-1TD, K.Turner 2-12, C.Walker 5-10, K.Detmer 1-4 ... GIANTS - G.Brown 25-112, C.Way 10-62, K.Graham 6-27, T.Barber 2-8

RECEIVING: EAGLES - K.Turner 4-27, I.Fryar 3-36, D.Jells 1-37, J.Graham 1-25, B.Miller 1-11, F.Solomon 1-10, D.Staley 1-3, C.Walker 1-2 ... GIANTS - C.Calloway 5-56-2TDs, T.Barber 3-21, G.Brown 3-15, A.Toomer 2-23, I.Hilliard 2-18

PASSING: EAGLES - K.Detmer 27-13-151-1-0TDs ... GIANTS - K.Graham 26-15-133-0-2TDs

INTs: EAGLES - 0 ... GIANTS - S.Garnes 1

SACKS: EAGLES - G.Jefferson 1, A.Wallace 1 ... GIANTS - M.Strahan 1, J.Armstead 1

Weather: Mostly Cloudy, 37 degrees, Wind: SE 6 mph
Playing surface: Astroturf
Time: 2:42