

# 1993 GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

**Sun, Sept. 5**  
**Philadelphia 23, Phoenix 17**  
**Lincoln Financial Field 59,831**

Philadelphia, behind the 29-18-192 passing of Randall Cunningham and 10-68-1TD rushing of rookie Vaughn Hebronn, won its third consecutive season opener with a 23-17 decision over the visiting Cardinals. Cunningham connected on quick slants, carried the ball on designed runs, and received great protection (0 sacks). The defense held the Cards to 231 yards, including just 48 yds and two first downs via the ground, and benefitted from the Birds' ball-control offense which held the ball nine minutes longer than Phoenix. Philly opened the scoring on its 2nd possession when RB Heath Sherman capped an 87-yd drive with a 1-yd TD. In the 2nd qtr., Eagles' RLB William Thomas intercepted a Steve Beuerlein pass and returned it to the Cards' 8, setting up a Cunningham TD. On their next possession, the Cards got a 24-yd Greg Davis FG to cut Philly's lead to 14-3 at the half. When the Cards stalled early in the 3rd qtr, snapper Kani Kaulahi fired the ball beyond punter Rich Camarillo, who recovered the ball and incurred a safety. Trailing 16-3, the Cards drove 68 yds to a TD, the final 27 coming on a pass from 2nd-half starter Chris Chandler (on in relief of Beuerlein) to RB Larry Centers. Hebron then sparked the Birds with a 33-yd run that set up his 5-yd TD scamper in the 4th qtr. Hebron, however, gave the Cards life with 4:00 left as CB Lorenzo Lynch ripped the ball from him and returned it for a 55-yd TD. While again attempting to run out the clock, the Eagles faced a 3rd-n-5 from their 29 but Cunningham ran around end for 6 yds, sealing the victory.

Philadelphia	7	7	2	7	-	23
Phoenix	0	3	7	7	-	17

Phil - Sherman, 1 run (Ruzek)  
 Phil - Cunningham, 9 run (Ruzek)  
 Phx - G.Davis, FG 24  
 Phil - Safety, Camarillo tackled by team  
 Phx - Centers, 27 pass from Chandler (G.Davis)  
 Phil - Hebronn, 5 run (Ruzek)  
 Phx - Lynch, 55 fumble return (G.Davis)

	EAGLES	PHOENIX
First Downs	22	14
Net Yards Gained	359	231
Rushes/Yards	35/167	19/48
Net Yards Passing	192	183
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	29/18/1	39/15/1
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	1/6
Punts/Avg.	5/35.0	7/41.4
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/1
Penalties/Yards	7/75	4/35

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Hebron 10-66-1TD, Cunningham 10-49-1TD, Sherman 12-29-1TD, Walker 6-23 ... **CARDINALS** - Moore 9-39, J.Bailey 2-6, Hearst 7-3, Camarillo 1-0

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Cunningham 29-18-192-1-0TD ... **CARDINALS** - Chandler 20-8-96-0-1TD, Beuerlein 19-7-93-1-0TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Barnett 7-76, Bavaro 3-40, Walker 3-15, Williams 2-11, Sydner 1-31, V.Bailey 1-13, Joseph 1-6 ... **CARDINALS** - Clark 5-59, Centers 3-49-1TD, J.Bailey 2-35, Hill 2-25, Proehl 2-16, Moore 1-5

**Sun, Sept. 12**  
**Philadelphia 20, Green Bay 17**  
**Lincoln Financial Field 59,061**

Philadelphia battled the Packers and former teammate Reggie White for 59:52 before K Roger Ruzek connected on a 30-yd FG to give the Birds their only lead of the game and a thrilling 20-17 come-from-behind win. In a contest marred by turnovers, the Eagles outgained the Pack 345 yards to 159. With the game on the line in the final minutes, the Birds' defense rose to the occasion, holding GB to just 5 yds on nine plays in their last three series. The Pack had opened the scoring late in the 1st qtr. when Brett Favre hit Sterling Sharpe with a 2-yd TD pass. Shortly afterward, GB converted a Randall Cunningham fumble (forced by White) into a 23-yd Chris Jacke FG. The Birds responded with a 75-yd TD drive capped by a 2-yd Cunningham-to-Mark Bavaro pass to close out the half. But GB looked to take control in the 2nd half when Corey Harris returned the opening kick 45 yds, setting up Favre's 15-yd TD pass to Jacke Harris. Trailing 17-7 after 3 qtrs, the Eagles then rallied for 13 points. First an Eric Allen interception off Favre set up a 27-yd Ruzek FG. Shortly thereafter, Cunningham eluded White and fired a 40-yd TD pass to rookie WR Victor Bailey that capped a 91-yd drive and tied the game with 4:14 to go. The Birds then held GB and used a 13-yd Vai Sikahema punt return to take over at the GB 45. A methodical ground game then drove the ball to the 13, setting up Ruzek's game winner. The win upped the Birds' record to 2-0 for the second straight year.

Philadelphia	0	7	0	13	-	20
Green Bay	7	3	7	0	-	17

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GB - Sharpe, 2 pass from Favre (Jacke)  
 GB - Jacke, FG 23  
 Phil - Bavaro, 2 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek)  
 GB - J.Harris, 15 pass from Favre (Jacke)  
 Phil - Ruzek, FG 27  
 Phil - Bailey, 40 pass from Cunningham (Ruzek)  
 Phil - Ruzek, FG 30

	EAGLES	GREEN BAY
First Downs	23	10
Net Yards Gained	352	159
Rushes/Yards	39/161	20/52
Net Yards Passing	191	107
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	29/23/1	24/12/2
Times Sacked/Yards	3/18	1/4
Punts/Avg.	1/51.0	4/42.5
Fumbles/Lost	6/3	1/0
Penalties/Yards	3/19	2/25

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Sherman 17-71, Walker 10-46, Hebron 9-32, Cunningham 3-12 ... **PACKERS** - Bennett 8-26, Stephens 9-22, Favre 2-4, Wilson 1-0

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Cunningham 29-23-209-1-2TD ... **PACKERS** - Favre 24-12-111-2-2TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Bavaro 5-56-1TD, Sherman 4-10, Bailey 3-56-1TD, Barnett 3-25, Walker 3-11, Joseph 2-27, Williams 2-12, Hebron 1-12 ... **PACKERS** - Sharpe 7-72-1TD, J.Harris 2-26-1TD, Bennett 2-2, West 1-11

**Sun, Sept. 19**  
**Philadelphia 31, Redskins 31**  
**Lincoln Financial Stadium 65,435**

The Eagles used a classic two-minute drill led by QB Randall Cunningham and a career-high 8-181-3TD receiving day by Calvin Williams to pull out a dramatic 34-31 comeback win over the visiting Redskins. In a game of big plays, including 3 TDs in an 80-second span of the 2nd qtr. and TDs on back-to-back plays from scrimmage twice, the Birds managed a season-high 440 yards of offense including 345 through the air. Philly opened the scoring in the 1st qtr. when new kicker Matt Bahr (replacing injured Roger Ruzek) made a 27-yd FG. The 'Skins answered in the 2nd qtr. when QB Cary Conklin hit Tim McGee with an 11-yd TD pass. Washington then converted a Heath Sherman fumble into a 34-yd TD pass from Conklin to Ricky Sanders for a 14-3 lead. On the Birds' next play, Williams turned a 5-yd stant pass into an 80-yd TD and the longest reception of his career. After Eagles' returner Jeff Sydner fumbled the 2nd half kick, Washington took a 21-10 lead when Conklin hit TE Ron Middleton on a 1-yd pass on 4th down. The 'Skins appeared to be in control until CB Eric Allen picked off a Conklin pass and went 29 yds for a TD at the close of the 3rd qtr. Although the 'Skins added a 38-yd Chip Lohmiller FG.

the Eagles answered with an 80-yd TD drive (finished by Williams' diving catch of a 9-yd pass), tying the score at 24-24. Washington then delivered a big blow, when Reggie Brooks raced 85 yards for a TD, the 2nd longest run vs. Philadelphia in franchise history. On the Birds' next series, a 55-yd Cunningham-to-Herschel Walker pass set up a 42-yd FG that cut the deficit to 31-27. After the 'Skins' next drive stalled at the P47, the Birds took over on their 17 with 1:54 to go. Cunningham then led a long drive, connecting on 6 of 9 passes including the game-winning 10-yd to Williams who notched his career-best 3rd TD of the day with 0:04 left. The TD gave the Birds a 34-31 win and a 3-0 start for the 2nd straight year.

Philadelphia	3	7	7	17	-	34
Washington	0	14	7	10	-	31

Phil - Bahr, FG 27  
 Wash - McGee, 11 pass from Conklin (Lohmiller)  
 Wash - Sanders, 34 pass from Conklin (Lohmiller)  
 Phil - Williams, 80 pass from Cunningham (Bahr)  
 Wash - Middleton, 1 pass from Conklin (Lohmiller)  
 Phil - Allen, 29 interception return (Bahr)  
 Wash - Lohmiller, FG 28  
 Phil - Williams, 9 pass from Cunningham (Bahr)  
 Wash - Brooks, 85 run (Lohmiller)  
 Phil - Bahr, FG 42  
 Phil - Williams, 10 pass from Cunningham (Bahr)

	EAGLES	WASHINGTON
First Downs	20	19
Net Yards Gained	440	377
Rushes/Yards	22/95	31/167
Net Yards Passing	345	210
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	39/25/2	36/17/2
Times Sacked/Yards	4/15	2/8
Punts/Avg.	5/42.4	6/49.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/0
Penalties/Yards	8/76	5/35

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Cunningham 5-49, Hebron 7-19, Walker 4-15, Sherman 6-12 ... **REDSKINS** - Brooks 22-154-1TD, Byner 1-7, Mitchell 6-7, Conklin 1-(-1), Roby 1-0

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Cunningham 39-25-360-2-3TDs ... **REDSKINS** - Conklin 36-17-218-2-3TDs

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Williams 8-181-3TDs, Walker 5-87, Barnett 4-26, Bailey 2-22, Joseph 2-12, Hebron 2-9, Bavaro 1-12, Sydner 1-11 ... **REDSKINS** - McGee 6-93-1TD, Monk 3-39, Sanders 2-42-1TD, Byner 2-22, Brooks 1-9, Howard 1-8, Mitchell 1-4, Middleton 1-1-1TD

**Game 4 Sun., Oct. 3**  
**Philadelphia 35, NY Jets 30**  
**Giants Stadium 72,593**

The Eagles earned a 35-30 win over the host New York Jets to remain undefeated at 4-0, but paid a heavy price. The 2nd qtr. was particularly devastating as the Birds lost WR Fred Barnett (torn knee ligament) and QB Randall Cunningham (fractured leg) for the season. On the bright side, reserve QB Bobby Brister was superb and the defense again rose to the occasion with timely big plays. This time CB Eric Allen picked off a 4th qtr. Boomer Esiason pass and returned it 94 yds through a maze of tacklers for the game-winning TD, tying the 2nd longest INT return in club history. It also was Allen's 2nd consecutive game with an INT return for a TD, and his 3rd INT in as many contests. The Jets had taken the opening kick and marched 78 yds to a TD, capping the drive with a 7-yd Boomer Esiason-to-James Thornton pass. Then on the Birds' third play, Jets' CB James Hasty stripped the ball from Barnett and returned it to the P14, setting up an Esiason-to-Johnny Mitchell TD. An INT by Ronnie Lott off Cunningham two series later set up a 12-yd TD pass from a Esiason to Mitchell for a 21-0 lead. But the Birds battled back with RB Herschel Walker's 8-yd TD run. Then, following Cunningham's injury, Brister took over in mid-series and finished the drive with a 10-yd TD pass to Mark Bavaro with 0:31 left in the half. In the 2nd half, NY got its 4th TD pass to a tight end and the 3rd Esiason-to-Mitchell scoring strike, this one of 65 yds. But Philly cut the lead to 7 on Brister's 11-yd TD toss to WR Calvin Williams. Then, after holding NY, the Birds drove 87 yds and tied the game with a 1-yd TD run by Vaughn Hebron. A Rich Milano INT off Esiason gave Philly the ball back deep in its own territory but NY got a safety when Marvin Washington caused Brister to ground the ball in the end zone. Following the ensuing free kick, NY looked to put the game away, driving to the P20 before Allen's highlight-film INT gave the Birds a 35-30 lead. The Jets got one last chance with 2:54 to play and the ball on the NY20. Esiason then hit Mitchell for 34 yds on 4th down. Moments later, however, on 4th down at the P28, Esiason scrambled but Byron Evans leveled him 4 yds short of a 1st down, giving Philly its 3rd straight comeback and a 4-0 record.

Philadelphia	0	14	7	14	-	35
NY Jets	14	7	7	2	-	30

NYJ - Thornton, 7 pass from Esiason (Blanchard)  
 NYJ - Mitchell, 14 pass from Esiason (Blanchard)  
 NYJ - Mitchell, 12 pass from Esiason (Blanchard)  
 Phil - Walker, 8 run (Bahr)  
 Phil - Bavaro, 10 pass from Brister (Bahr)  
 NYJ - Mitchell, 65 pass from Esiason (Blanchard)  
 Phil - Williams, 11 pass from Brister (Bahr)  
 Phil - Hebron, 1 run (Bahr)

NYJ - Safety, Brister sacked by Washington  
 Phil - Allen, 94 interception return (Bahr)

	EAGLES	NY JETS
First Downs	18	19
Net Yards Gained	301	412
Rushes/Yards	31/110	30/115
Net Yards Passing	191	297
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30/21/1	33/19/2
Times Sacked/Yards	1/8	0/0
Punts/Avg.	5/44.2	5/34.2
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties/Yards	8/62	5/20

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Sherman 12-35, Walker 6-29-1TD, Brister 4-19, Hebron 8-18-1TD, Joseph 1-9 ...  
**JETS** - J.Johnson 9-36, Thomas 7-33, Baxter 9-29, Esiason 5-22

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Cunningham 13-10-89-1-0TD, Brister 17-11-108-0-2TD ... **JETS** - Esiason 33-19-297-2-4TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Bailey 5-36, Bavaro 4-60-1TD, Barnett 3-43, M.Johnson 3-20, Williams 2-16-1TD, Joseph 2-8, Hebron 1-9, Walker 1-5 ... **JETS** - Mitchell 7-146-3TD, Burkett 4-103, J.Johnson 4-27, Baxter 2-10, Thornton 1-7-1TD, Moore 1-4

**Game 5 Sun., Oct. 10**  
**Philadelphia 6**  
**Giants Stadium 63,601**

Seven sacks by the visiting Bears and 4 Eagles turnovers led to Philadelphia's first loss. The 17-6 setback snapped the Birds' home winning streak at 11 games and marked their first defeat at the Vet since falling to Dallas on 12/15/91. Bubby Brister started at QB in place of Randall Cunningham, whose season ended a week earlier when he fractured his left leg vs. the Jets. Brister, however, threw two interceptions and fumbled twice. Two of those turnovers came deep in Eagles' territory on the Birds' first two series. The result was a 10-0 Bears lead. The first, an INT by DE Richard Dent set up a 37-yd FG by Kevin Butler. Brister's fumble on the ensuing possession then set up a 32-yd Jim Harbaugh-to-Curtis Conway TD pass. And on Chicago's very next series, an 11-play, 66-yd drive ended in a 1-yd Harbaugh TD run to make the score 17-0. That was all the Bears needed as the Eagles' lone score came with just 0:44 to play, when Brister followed up a 58-yd pass to Victor Bailey with a 7-yd TD toss to Calvin Williams. To make matters worse, Matt Bahr's PAT try was blocked, making the final score 17-6. Philadelphia outgained Chicago 276-281 but 85 of those yards came on the Birds' final drive when it was a case of too little, too late. On the bright side for the Eagles, RB Herschel Walker enjoyed his best rushing game of the season with a 15-89 effort.

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Philadelphia	0	0	0	6	-	6
Chicago	10	7	0	0	-	17

Chi - Butler, FG 37  
 Chi - Conway, 32 pass from Harbaugh (Butler)  
 Chi - Harbaugh, 1 run (Butler)  
 Phil - Williams, 7 pass from Brister (bkld.)

	EAGLES	CHICAGO
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	276	281
Rushes/Yards	23/110	41/102
Net Yards Passing	166	159
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	33/18/2	27/14/1
Times Sacked/Yards	7/43	1/8
Punts/Avg.	6/48.0	7/32.1
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	2/1
Penalties/Yards	6/50	4/20

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 15-89, Brister 5-14, Hebron 2-6, Joseph 1-1 ... **BEARS** - Heyward 13-42, Harbaugh 7-35-1TD, Anderson 20-24, Christian 1-1

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 33-18-209-2-1TD ... **BEARS** - Harbaugh 27-14-165-1-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Bailey 4-84, Williams 4-44-1TD, Walker 4-22, Bavaro 3-18, Johnson 1-17, Young 1-9, Lawrence 1-5 ... **BEARS** - Waddle 4-51, Conway 3-17-1TD, Davis 3-38, Gedney 2-22, Heyward 1-12, Anderson 1-0

**Game 6 Sun., Oct. 17**  
**Philadelphia 10**  
**Giants Stadium 76,050**

New York Giants backup RB Lewis Tillman ran roughshod over the visiting Eagles and the rash of injuries plaguing Birds starters continued. As a result, Philadelphia dropped its 2nd straight game, 21-10. The loss snapped the Birds' 5-game winning streak vs. NY and marked only the 2nd Giants win in the teams' last 11 meetings. The Eagles scored first when former Giant Matt Bahr hit a 48-yd FG, but NY answered with a 17-yd Phil Simms-to-Ed McCaffrey TD pass. The Giants struck again in the 1st qtr. with Tillman's 1-yd TD run. On the day, Tillman's 20-169-2TD rushing effort (including a 58-yd scamper) led a NY attack that pounded out 210 yds on the ground. Altogether, Tillman, who started in place of the injured Rodney Hampton, rumbled for the most rushing yds vs. Philly since Gerald Riggs' 29-221-1TD outing at Wash. on 9/17/89. Tillman also became the first Giant to rush for over 100 yds vs. the Birds since Joe Morris' 27-111-2TD effort on 11/9/86. Tillman would later cap NY's scoring with a 10-yd TD run. The Eagles' lone TD came on a 13-yd., 4th qtr scoring pass from QB Ken O'Brien to former Giant TE Mark Bavaro. O'Brien was forced into action when starter Bubby Brister suffered a sprained ankle early

in the 1st qtr. on a sack by LB Corey Miller. On the defensive side of the ball, Eagles' DT Keith Millard suffered a sprained knee on NY's first play. Both Brister and Millard were sidelined for the rest of the game. Once again, turnovers (3 of them) hurt the Birds. A Vaughn Hebron fumble inside NY territory killed one drive and led to a Giants TD while an INT by Miller off O'Brien in Eagles territory led to another. The loss dropped the Birds' record to 4-2, good for a 2nd place tie in the NFC East with Dallas, one game behind the Giants.

Philadelphia	0	3	0	7	-	10
NY Giants	0	14	0	7	-	21

Phil - Bahr, FG 47  
 NYG - McCaffrey, 17 pass from Simms (Treadwell)  
 NYG - Tillman, 1 run (Treadwell)  
 NYG - Tillman, 10 run (Treadwell)  
 Phil - Bavaro, 13 pass from O'Brien (Bahr)

	EAGLES	NY GIANTS
First Downs	19	18
Net Yards Gained	299	347
Rushes/Yards	25/90	31/210
Net Yards Passing	209	137
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	35/21/1	22/11/2
Times Sacked/Yards	3/16	1/11
Punts/Avg.	5/33.6	5/41.4
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/58	4/19

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 15-58, Hebron 4-16, Joseph 3-9, Sherman 3-6, O'Brien 1-1 ... **GIANTS** - Tillman 20-169-2TDs, Meggett 8-36, Rasheed 3-5

**PASSING: EAGLES** - O'Brien 32-19-210-1-1TD, Brister 3-2-15-0-0TD ... **GIANTS** - Simms 22-11-148-2-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Joseph 6-43, Bavaro 5-69-1TD, Bailey 4-63, Williams 3-26, Walker 2-15, Johnson 1-9 ... **GIANTS** - Meggett 4-18, Pierce 2-27, McCaffrey 2-23-1TD, Sherrard 1-51, Jackson 1-15, Cross 1-14

**Sun., Oct. 31**  
**Philadelphia 10**  
**Giants Stadium 61,912**

Dallas used Emmitt Smith's 237-rushing yards and a turnover-free attack to defeat the host Eagles, 23-10. On a rain-soaked day, Smith earned a place in the record books with his 30-237-1TD performance. Smith tied Jim Brown for the 6th best rushing day in NFL history as his 237 yds were the most in a game since Walter Payton's all-time best 275 on 11/20/77. Smith also tied Brown for the most rushing yds ever vs. the Eagles, 32 years after Brown's 34-237 effort on 11/19/61. Philadelphia opened the game with its

3rd starting QB of the year, Ken O'Brien, who was replacing the injured Randall Cunningham (fractured leg) and #2 QB Bubby Brister (sprained ankle). The Cowboys got a 1st qtr. FG and extended their lead to 10-0 when LB Dixon Edwards' sack of O'Brien resulted in a fumble and set up an 11-yd Kevin Williams reverse. The Eagles got on the board late in the half when O'Brien hit Herschel Walker with a 3-yd TD pass. Eddie Murray's 2nd FG upped Dallas' lead to 13-7 late in the 3rd qtr. On their ensuing series, the Eagles drove to the D15 before facing a 3rd-n-2. Philadelphia then used a play-action rollout that sprang James Joseph free in the flat with a clear path to the end zone but O'Brien's pass fell short, forcing the Eagles to settle for a Matt Bahr FG. Dallas answered with a FG for a 16-10 lead and on their next possession Smith blasted up the middle with a 62-yd TD scamper that sealed the game. Bright spots for Philly, however, included DT Andy Harmon's 2 sacks and the play of CBs Eric Allen and Ben Smith who held dangerous Cowboy WRs Michael Irvin and Alvin Harper in check. For Ben, it marked his first start at LCB since suffering a knee injury on 11/10/91. Offensively, Herschel Walker and Heath Sherman combined for a 29-136 rushing output, but it was not enough as the Eagles dropped their 3rd consecutive game and their 2nd straight to an NFC East foe.

Philadelphia	0	7	0	3	-	10
Dallas	3	7	3	10	-	23

- Dal - Murray, FG 35
- Dal - K. Williams, 11 run (Murray)
- Phl - Walker, 3 pass from O'Brien (Bahr)
- Dal - Murray, FG 23
- Phl - Bahr, FG 33
- Dal - Murray, FG 40
- Dal - E. Smith, 62 run (Murray)

	EAGLES	DALLAS
First Downs	16	19
Net Yards Gained	228	356
Rushes/Yards	30/139	39/271
Net Yards Passing	89	85
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	24/11/0	19/9/0
Times Sacked/Yards	2/18	2/11
Punts/Avg.	5/48.6	3/36.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	7/57	5/41

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Sherman 14-71, Walker 15-65, O'Brien 1-3 ... **COWBOYS** - E. Smith 30-237-1TD, Johnston 2-14, K. Williams 1-11-1TD, Alkman 6-9

**PASSING: EAGLES** - O'Brien 24-11-07-0-1TD ... **COWBOYS** - Alkman 19-9-96-0-0TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Lofton 4-57, Walker 3-14-1TD, Sherman 2-12, Bailey 1-16, C. Williams 1-8 ... **COWBOYS** - Harper 3-40, Irvin 3-36, Novacek 2-16, Price 1-4

**Game 8, Sun., Nov. 7**  
**Philadelphia 3**  
**at Dallas Stadium 41,634**

The Eagles dropped their fourth game in a row and their first ever in Sun Devil Stadium, falling to the Cardinals, 16-3. The Eagles opened the scoring on their initial drive with a 27-yd Matt Bahr FG. Phoenix answered with a 75-yd drive, aided by two Eagles' offside penalties on 3rd downs, and capped it with a 23-yd Greg Davis FG. The Cards got another FG on their 2nd drive, a drive also aided by a penalty - a 3rd down holding call that gave Phoenix a 1st down at the E8. Aeneas Williams' 41-yd return of an INT off Eagles' QB Ken O'Brien (starting his 2nd straight game in place of the injured Randall Cunningham and Bubby Brister) set up the game's only TD - a 10-yd Chris Chandler-to-Gary Clark pass. The Cards then closed out the scoring by adding a FG later in the 2nd qtr. Trailing 16-3 near the end of the half, the Eagles appeared to close the gap when rookie WR Victor Bailey caught a tipped Hail Mary pass from O'Brien. Although TV replays confirmed the catch, officials had already ruled the play an incomplete pass. Phoenix dominated the scoreless 2nd half in almost every way - time of possession (22:40-7:20), total yards (165-76), and rushing (136-11). Specifically, the Cards' ground game did in the Eagles. On the day, Phoenix rushed 46 times for 243 yds including 36-160 and 6-59 efforts, respectively, by rookie Ron Moore and Larry Centers. As such, Moore became the 3rd RB in as many weeks to run for at least 160 yds-or-more vs. the Eagles. Likewise, the Cards became the 3rd consecutive team to rush for over 200 yds. vs. Philly and the 3rd straight NFC East foe to upend the Eagles.

Philadelphia	3	0	0	-	3
Phoenix	3	13	0	0	16

- Phl - Bahr, FG 27
- Phx - G. Davis, FG 23
- Phx - G. Davis, FG 20
- Phx - Clark, 10 pass from Chandler (G. Davis)
- Phx - G. Davis, FG 29

	EAGLES	PHOENIX
First Downs	12	21
Net Yards Gained	201	359
Rushes/Yards	17/65	46/243
Net Yards Passing	136	116
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/14/1	20/10/0
Times Sacked/Yards	4/30	1/5
Punts/Avg.	4/46.3	2/31.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	10/60	2/20

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 8-39, Sherman 7-26 ... **CARDINALS** - Moore 36-160, Centers 6-59, Proehl 2-16, Blount 1-7, Chandler 1-1

**PASSING: EAGLES** - O'Brien 32-14-166-1-0TD ... **CARDINALS** - Chandler 20-10-121-0-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Bavaro 4-48, Walker 3-24, Lofton 2-35, Williams 2-9, Sherman 1-21, Bailey 1-20, Johnson 1-9 ... **CARDINALS** - Centers 4-48, Clark 3-24-1TD, Proehl 2-29, Rolle 1-22

**Game 9, Sun., Nov. 14**  
**Philadelphia 14**  
**at Dallas Stadium 64,213**

The host Eagles fell victim to the Don Shula-led Dolphins, 19-14. As a result, the Eagles suffered their 5th straight defeat and Shula earned a spot in the NFL record books as the all-time leader in coaching victories with 325, surpassing George Halas. Miami opened the scoring in the 1st qtr. on an 8-yd pass from Scott Mitchell to RB Terry Kirby. Early in the 2nd qtr., the Birds inserted RB Vaughn Hebronn whose outside speed set up a 9-yd TD pass from QB Ken O'Brien to Calvin Williams for a 7-6 lead. Two series later, Mitchell hit WR Mark Ingram with a 69-yd pass to the P2, setting up RB Mark Higgs' TD plunge and a 13-7 Dolphins' lead. Late in the half, however, Hebronn's 22-yd run set up O'Brien's 2nd TD strike of the day to Williams, this one an 8-yd, that put the Birds back on top. Early in the 3rd qtr., Mitchell left with a separated shoulder and was replaced by rookie Doug Pederson. A fumble by Hebronn (his 2nd of the day) at the P27 then set up a Pete Stoyanovich FG that gave Miami the lead for good, 16-14. O'Brien, who had his finest day as an Eagle (23-37-189-2TD passing), drove the Birds into Dolphin territory early in the 4th qtr. but Matt Bahr missed a 45-yd FG that would have put the Eagles in the lead. After another Miami FG, O'Brien took the Eagles to the M22 only to have veteran WR James Lofton drop a potential TD pass at the 6-yd line on 3rd down. On the ensuing 4th down play, O'Brien fumbled and Miami's Jeff Cross recovered the ball to seal the game. Some bright spots for the Eagles were the inspired return of SS Andre Waters (injured since Oct. '92) to the starting lineup as well as the run-stuffing ability of DT William Perry, who started at RDT just five days after being claimed on waivers from Chicago. The Birds' battered defense, which yielded over 200 rushing yards in each of the three previous weekends, held Miami to 120 rushing yds.

Philadelphia	0	14	0	0	-	14
Miami	6	7	3	3	-	19

- Mia - Kirby, 8 pass from Mitchell (NG)
- Phl - Williams, 11 pass from O'Brien (Bahr)
- Mia - Higgs, 1 run (Stoyanovich)
- Phl - Williams, 8 pass from O'Brien (Bahr)
- Mia - Stoyanovich, FG 46
- Mia - Stoyanovich, FG 45

	EAGLES	MIAMI
First Downs	19	19
Net Yards Gained	260	298
Rushes/Yards	26/103	38/120
Net Yards Passing	157	178
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	37/23/0	23/11/1
Times Sacked/Yards	4/32	1/6
Punts/Avg.	7/43.1	7/46.6
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	1/1
Penalties/Yards	4/28	4/35

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Hebronn 12-61, Walker 12-35, Sherman 3-7 ... **DOLPHINS** - Higgs 2-68-1TD, Mitchell 3-37, Byars 6-12, Kirby 5-7, Pederson 1-0, McDuffie 1-(4)

**PASSING: EAGLES** - O'Brien 37-23-189-0-2TD ... **DOLPHINS** - Mitchell 17-8-150-1-1TD  
 Pederson 6-3-34-0-0TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Williams 8-72-2TD, Walker 7-44, Hebronn 3-25, Bavaro 2-18, Lofton 2-18, Joseph 1-11 ... **DOLPHINS** - Fryar 3-32, Ingram 2-95, Kirby 2-19-1TD, Byars 1-12, McDuffie 1-11, Higgs 1-8, Jackson 1-7

**Game 10, Sun., Nov. 21**  
**Philadelphia 3**  
**at Dallas Stadium 62,928**

The Eagles dropped their 6th consecutive decision, this time to the visiting New York Giants, 7-3. The loss also gave the Birds a 4-game losing streak at home - their first such streak since the '82-83 club lost 7 straight at the Vet. The sluggish game saw both teams combine for only 215 yds of offense and 9 punts in a scoreless 1st half. The Eagles twice found themselves deep in NY territory in the 2nd qtr., reaching the 21 once and then starting a drive at the 25 courtesy of an INT by LB Britt Hager, but failed to score. The Giants also struggled in the first 30 minutes, missing 52 and 34-yd FG tries. At QB for the Eagles, an ineffective Ken O'Brien was replaced by Bubby Brister on the final series of the half. Brister, seeing his first action since being injured on Oct. 17, led the Birds to the game's first score in the 3rd qtr. An 11-play drive, highlighted by a 22-yd pass to TE Mark Bavaro, set up a Matt Bahr FG. But a 50-yd Phil Simms-to-Dave Meggett pass led NY to their only points of the day. On the first play of the 4th qtr., Simms hit WR Mark Jackson with a 28-yd TD pass to cap a 3-play, 80-yd drive vs. the previously stingy Eagles. But the Birds' defense, led by Hager and fellow LB William Thomas, continued to pressure Simms and kept Philly in the game. The Birds had numerous chances to take the lead in the last stanza. On 4th-and-1 with 2:27 left to play, however, Brister was tripped while handing off and a 3-yd loss spelled doom for the Eagles. But DE Clyde Simmons stripped the ball from NY's Rodney Hampton

on the ensuing play and DE Mike Flores recovered the fumble at the P35 to give Philly one last chance. The Birds, however, failed to produce a first down and NY earned its first sweep of the Eagles since 1987.

Philadelphia	0	0	3	0	3
NY Giants	0	0	0	7	7

Phil - Bahr, FG 35  
 NYG - Jackson, 26 pass from Simms (Treadwell)

	EAGLES	NY GIANTS
First Downs	13	14
Net Yards Gained	228	292
Rushes/Yards	29/129	33/127
Net Yards Passing	99	165
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/13/1	22/13/1
Times Sacked/Yards	4/31	2/22
Punts/Avg.	8/38.5	7/45.1
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/35	6/40

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 14-80, Hebron 11-31, O'Brien 2-13, Feagles 1-6, Brister 1(-1) ... **GIANTS** - Hampton 24-101, Meggett 5-26, Tillman 2-5, Simms 1-2, Jackson 1(-7)

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 20-9-94-0-0TD, O'Brien 12-4-36-1-0TD ... **GIANTS** - Simms 22-13-187-1-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Walker 5-20, Bailey 3-54, Williams 2-22, Bavaro 1-22, Joseph 1-9, Hebron 1-3 ... **GIANTS** - Jackson 5-61-1TD, Cross 3-41, Meggett 2-60, McCaffrey 2-18, Calloway 1-7

**Sun, Nov. 28**  
 Philadelphia 17 Washington 14  
 Stadium 46,663

The visiting Eagles halted their six-game losing skid in dramatic fashion by downing the Redskins, 17-14. After taking a 10-0 lead into the 4th qtr., the Birds gave up 14 points and set the stage for a fantastic finish. Bubby Brister's 2-yd TD pass to H-back James Joseph with 0:46 to play finished off a 12-play, 75-yard drive that gave the Birds only their 3rd victory in their last 13 games at RFK Stadium. The win also gave the Eagles their first season sweep of the Redskins since 1980. Philadelphia opened the scoring early on with a 22-yd Matt Bahr FG. In the 2nd qtr., with the 'Skins punting from their own end, upback Brian Mitchell attempted a pass to S Todd Bowles but reserve DB Otis Smith's first INT of the season set up Philly at the W27. Four plays later, RB Vaughn Hebron's 1-yd scamper put the Eagles up 10-0 and gave them their first double-digit lead since the opener. Meanwhile, the improving defense, bolstered by the waiver acquisition of DT William Perry

three weeks earlier, held the 'Skins scoreless until 3:40 into the 4th qtr. when scrambling QB Rich Gannon threw a 17-yd TD pass to WR Tim McGee. After an Eagles' punt, a Redskins comeback was in the making as Gannon hit McGee for 54 yds to the P19. Moments later, his 6-yd pass to WR Art Monk gave the 'Skins a 14-10 lead. But with 5:33 remaining, Brister began a game-winning march that included 3 passes to WR Calvin Williams and a 16-yd dash by Hebron to the W2. Two plays later, Joseph's first TD of the season gave the Eagles the win. Key performers in the win were RB Herschel Walker, who was 10-103 receiving & 9-45 rushing, and a defense that recorded 5 sacks, including 2 by DE Mike Flores. In addition to the INT by Otis Smith, Gannon was picked off by LB William Thomas at the P12 and again by SS Wes Hopkins with 0:06 to play.

Philadelphia	3	7	0	7	17
Washington	0	0	0	14	14

Phil - Bahr, FG 22  
 Phil - Hebron, 1 run (Bahr)  
 Wash - McGee, 17 pass from Gannon (Lohmiller)  
 Wash - Monk, 6 pass from Gannon (Lohmiller)  
 Phil - Joseph, 2 pass from Brister (Bahr)

	EAGLES	WASHINGTON
First Downs	19	19
Net Yards Gained	268	349
Rushes/Yards	29/104	21/97
Net Yards Passing	164	252
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	31/19/0	32/20/3
Times Sacked/Yards	1/6	5/27
Punts/Avg.	6/36.0	4/44.3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	2/10	10/69

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 9-45, Hebron 11-41-1TD, Sherman 5-12, Brister 4-6 ... **REDSKINS** - Brooks 11-43, Ervins 5-25, Gannon 4-25, Mitchell 1-4

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 31-19-170-0-1TD ... **REDSKINS** - Gannon 31-20-279-2-2TD, Mitchell 1-0-0-1-0TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Walker 10-103, Williams 4-32, Young 1-11, Bailey 1-9, Hebron 1-7, Bavaro 1-6, Joseph 1-2-1TD ... **REDSKINS** - McGee 5-96-1TD, Brooks 3-34, Wycheck 2-34, Middleton 2-33, Mitchell 2-23, Monk 2-15-1TD, Sanders 2-15, Byner 1-15, Howard 1-14

**Game 12 Mon., Dec. 6**  
 Philadelphia 23 Philadelphia 17  
 Texas Stadium 64,521

Missed opportunities by the Eagles enabled the host Cowboys to escape with a 23-17 victory in a nationally televised Monday night contest. In the 1st half,

Eagles' CB Eric Allen and MLB Britt Hager dropped INTs off QB Troy Aikman in Philly territory. Allen's miss was followed by an Aikman-to-Michael Irvin TD pass and Hager's by one of Eddie Murray's 3 FGs. Dallas was led by RB Emmitt Smith's 4th consecutive 100-yd rushing effort vs. the Birds (23-17) and by Aikman's 24-17-178-0-1TD passing. Dallas scored a TD and 3 FGs on its first four drives to take a 16-0 lead with 1:55 left until halftime. At that point, the Pokes had outgained Phila. 236-70. But QB Bubby Brister sparked the Eagles, with a 2-minute drill that set up a 25-yd Matt Bahr FG as time expired. One play prior to the FG, Brister hit WR Calvin Williams with a 17-yd pass on 4th-11 from the D39. In the 3rd qtr, the Eagles held Dallas to 18 yds on 4 series, the 2nd of which ended with a sack by DT Andy Harmon and DE Clyde Simmons. On that play, former Cowboy LB John Roper recovered Aikman's fumble on the D8. Two plays later, the first of Brister's 2 TD passes to TE Mark Bavaro cut the deficit to 6. The Eagles had a chance to add a 4th qtr. FG, but Bahr's 44-yd run was wide. On Dallas' next play, Smith raced 57 yds to the P16, setting up Daryl Johnston's 2-yd TD plunge. Undaunted, Brister led an 81-yd drive capped by a TD strike to Bavaro. Like the Eagles' 1st half FG march, this drive, was highlighted by a 4th down Brister-to-Williams pass (to the D8). On Dallas' ensuing drive, Smith fumbled at the D44 but got the ball back. Dallas then punted, pinning the Birds at the 11 with :55 to play. Two plays later, Bill Bates' INT sealed the Cowboys' season sweep of Philly. Nonetheless, bright spots were present as the Birds had their first 300-yd effort in the 8 games since QB Randall Cunningham was sidelined by injury. Brister, bolstered by fine protection (0 sacks) posted a 45-27-248-2TD effort. Defensively, the Eagles followed up their 5-sack effort at Wash. with 4 more, including 2.5 by Harmon.

Philadelphia	0	3	7	7	17
Dallas	7	9	0	7	23

Dal - Irvin, 11 pass from Aikman (Murray)  
 Dal - Murray, FG 23  
 Dal - Murray, FG 19  
 Dal - Murray, FG 47  
 Phil - Bahr, FG 25  
 Phil - Bavaro, 2 pass from Brister (Bahr)  
 Dal - Johnston, 2 run (Murray)  
 Phil - Bavaro, 8 pass from Brister (Bahr)

	EAGLES	DALLAS
First Downs	21	17
Net Yards Gained	307	347
Rushes/Yards	18/59	29/182
Net Yards Passing	248	165
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	45/27/1	24/17/0
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	4/13
Punts/Avg.	6/37.7	4/45.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/1
Penalties/Yards	5/30	7/53

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 8-34, Sherman 7-26,

Hebron 3(-1) ... **COWBOYS** - E.Smith 23-172, Coleman 3-7, Johnston 2-4-1TD, Aikman 1(-1)

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 45-27-248-1-2TD ... **COWBOYS** - Aikman 24-17-178-0-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Bavaro 7-53-2TD, Bailey 6-48, C.Williams 5-83, Young 4-44, Lofton 2-18, Sherman 2-17, Walker 1-5 ... **COWBOYS** - Irvin 6-90-1TD, E.Smith 4-26, Johnston 2-25, Coleman 2-11, K.Williams 2-9, Harper 1-17

**Sun, Dec. 12**  
 Philadelphia 7  
 Stadium 60,769

In a turnover-filled game, the defending and eventual AFC champion Bills overcame a 7-0 deficit by scoring all their points in the 4th qtr. en route to a 10-7 win. Philadelphia had a chance to tie on the game's final play but suffered their 8th loss in 9 games when Matt Bahr's 45-yd FG try was short. In fact, a cold, stiff wind played havoc with both Bahr (0-2 FGA) and Bills' K Steve Christie (1-4 FGA) all day. Eagles' KR Val Sihakema fumbled the opening kickoff, setting up the Bills at the P25. Christie's FG try, however, went wide. Later in the qtr., Eagles' FS Wes Hopkins returned a fumble by QB Jim Kelly 8 yds to the B35 but Bahr hit the right upright on a 21-yd FG try. On the ensuing drive, Buffalo reached the P6 before CB Eric Allen intercepted a Kelly pass in the end zone. In all, the game remained scoreless until 5:17 to go in the 3rd qtr. when Brister hit WR Calvin Williams with a 19-yd TD pass. After Christie missed another FG, the Birds took a 7-0 lead into the 4th qtr. Philadelphia had a chance to pad its lead, reaching the B35 only to have RB Heath Sherman fumble. Buffalo QB Frank Reich (replacing Kelly, who sprained an ankle) then tied the score with a 2-yd TD pass to TE Pete Metzelaars. That march was aided by two 4th down conversions and a 15-yd personal foul penalty. On the ensuing kickoff, Sihakema again fumbled and the Bills took over at the P22 with 3:32 to go. The miscue proved costly as Christie drilled a 34-yd, go-ahead FG. But the Birds fought back as Brister passed them to the B28 with :04 remaining only to have Bahr's game-tying FG try fall short. Despite the loss, bright spots were evident as RB Herschel Walker hauled in a career-best 11 receptions and eclipsed the 100-yd plateau in rec. yds for the 2nd time in 3 weeks. Brister, too, had career highs in completions & atts. (28 & 48) while throwing for 299 yds. On defense, MLB Byron Evans (broken arm) returned after a 5-week absence and RLB William Thomas turned in another strong effort with a team-high 8 tkls. (including a sack), 2 passes knocked down, and a fumble recovery.

Philadelphia	0	0	7	0	7
Buffalo	0	0	0	10	10

Phil - Williams, 19 pass from Brister (Bahr)  
 Buf - Metzelaars, 2 pass from Reich (Christie)  
 Buf - Christie, FG 34

	EAGLES	BUFFALO
First Downs	21	19
Net Yards Gained	368	335
Rushes/Yards	23/70	29/101
Net Yards Passing	298	234
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	48/28/0	37/23/2
Times Sacked/Yards	1/1	3/18
Punts/Avg.	5/30.0	3/36.7
Fumbles/Lost	4/4	2/2
Penalties/Yards	9/62	6/40

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Sherman 9-37, Walker 9-28, Hebron 5-5 ... **BILLS** - Davis 18-70, Thomas 10-31, Gardner 1-0

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 48-28-299-0-1TD ... **BILLS** - Kelly 27-17-210-2-0TD, Reich 10-6-42-0-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Walker 11-109, Bailey 7-95, Williams 3-40-1TD, Hebron 2-17, Lofton 2-7, Bavaro 1-19, Sherman 1-8, Young 1-4 ... **BILLS** - Brooks 10-90, Metzelaars 5-59-1TD, Davis 3-5, Beebe 2-23, Thomas 2-15, Copeland 1-60

**Sun, Dec. 19**  
**Philadelphia 20, Colts 10**  
**Hoosier Dome 44,952**

The Eagles snapped a 2-game losing skid, upped their record to 6-8, and kept their slim playoff chances alive with a 20-10 victory over the Colts at the Hoosier Dome in a game televised nationally by ESPN. Philly's defense notched 4 sacks vs. QB Jeff George, recovered 3 fumbles (2 of which came in Colts' territory and led to scores), and allowed just 31 rushing yards, their fewest surrendered since 12/8/91 when they gave up just 21 at Houston. QB Bubby Brister led the way with a solid 39-21-217-1-1TD passing effort and WR Calvin Williams was 6-105-1TD for his 2nd 100-yd receiving day of the year. RB Herschel Walker contributed a very big effort with 108 yds of offense (18-79 rushing, 6-29 receiving) and a tackle on special teams. On the other side of the ball, LB William Thomas, DT William Perry, DT Keith Millard, and DT Andy Harmon each recorded a sack. On Perry's sack, a fumble by George was recovered by Thomas at the 114. One play later, Brister's strike to Williams put the Birds up 17-3 early in the 3rd qtr. Philadelphia had taken a 10-0 lead in the 1st qtr. on a Roger Ruzek FG and a 1-yd run by RB Heath Sherman, the Birds' first TD in the opening stanza since game 1. Late in the 4th qtr., a Colts' INT set up Indy at the E49 and George soon fired a 24-yd TD pass to Reggie Langhorne, trimming the Eagles' lead to 20-10. But when the ensuing onside kick try by the Colts failed, Walker & Sherman

churned out 3 first downs to run out the clock.

Philadelphia	10	0	7	3	-	20
Indianapolis	3	0	0	7	-	10

Phil - Ruzek, FG 21  
 Phil - Sherman, 1 run (Ruzek)  
 Indy - Biasucci, FG 39  
 Phil - Williams, 14 pass from Brister (Ruzek)  
 Phil - Ruzek, FG 25  
 Indy - Langhorne, 24 pass from George (Biasucci)

	EAGLES	INDIANAPOLIS
First Downs	23	16
Net Yards Gained	340	261
Rushes/Yards	39/151	12/31
Net Yards Passing	189	230
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	39/21/1	39/21/0
Times Sacked/Yards	3/28	4/22
Punts/Avg.	6/41.2	6/49.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/3
Penalties/Yards	6/45	5/34

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 18-79, Sherman 11-45-1TD, Joseph 8-24, Brister 2-3 ... **COLTS** - Potts 11-31, George 1-0

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 39-21-217-1-1TD ... **COLTS** - George 39-21-252-0-1TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Williams 6-105-1TD, Walker 6-29, Joseph 4-40, Bavaro 2-18, Johnson 1-12, Bailey 1-8, Sherman 1-7 ... **COLTS** - Langhorne 7-90-1TD, Hester 4-66, Cash 3-31, Dawkins 2-16, Arbuckle 2-12, Potts 1-15, Cox 1-12, Culver 1-10

**Sun, Dec. 26**  
**Philadelphia 37, New Orleans 26**  
**Veterans Stadium 50,085**

The Eagles kept alive their playoff chances as they overcame a 9-0 deficit to down the visiting Saints, 37-26, and improve their record to 7-8. QB Bubby Brister led the Birds with 3 TD passes and CB Eric Allen earned a place in NFL history with 2 INT returns for TDs. Morten Andersen gave N.O. a lead with three 1st qtr. FGs, including a 56-ydr, the longest ever vs. the Birds and longest ever at Veterans Stadium. Then, with 10:43 to go in the 2nd qtr, LB William Thomas sacked Saints' QB Mike Buck in the end zone and forced a fumble that resulted in a safety. On the Birds' ensuing possession, Brister fired a 49-yd TD pass to WR Michael Young. After Saints' RB Derek Brown fumbled at the N.O. 40, Brister hit RB Herschel Walker on an 11-yd swing pass to put the Eagles in front for good. After a 37-yd Andersen FG, the Birds answered with a 2-minute drill and a 46-yd FG. In the 3rd qtr., Steve Walsh, on in place of Buck, was INT'd by Allen, who went 33 yds down the sideline for a TD and a 24-12 lead. The

**Sun, Jan. 3**  
**San Francisco 34 (OT)**  
**MetLife Park 61,653**

Saints rebounded as Walsh's 52-yd catch-n-run to WR Floyd Turner set up a Brad Muster TD run. But the next Eagle possession, led by the passing of Brister and running of Walker and James Joseph, chewed up 82 yds and 9:22. A 6-yd TD toss from Brister to TE Mark Bavaro capped the Birds' longest march of the year in terms of plays & time of possession. Allen then struck again on the Saints' next possession, returning an INT off Walsh 25 yds for his 2nd TD of the day and a 37-19 lead. For Allen, the 2-INT, 2-TD performance enabled him to join the Oilers' Ken Houston (1971) and Chiefs' Jim Kearney (1972) as the only men in NFL history to return 4 INTs for TDs in a season. The Saints' Tyrone Hughes finished the scoring with an 83-yd punt return for a TD with 2:21 to play but it was too little, too late. The Eagles' 37 points were a season high and their 314 yds of offense made it 4 straight games over the 300-yd mark.

Philadelphia	0	18	6	13	-	37
New Orleans	9	3	7	7	-	26

NO - Andersen, FG 41  
 NO - Andersen, FG 56  
 NO - Andersen, FG 35  
 Phil - Safety, Buck sacked by Thomas  
 Phil - Young, 49 pass from Brister (blkd)  
 Phil - Walker, 11 pass from Brister (Ruzek)  
 NO - Andersen, FG 37  
 Phil - Ruzek, FG 46  
 Phil - Allen, 33 interception return (NG)  
 NO - Muster, 2 run (Andersen)  
 Phil - Bavaro, 6 pass from Brister (blkd)  
 Phil - Allen, 25 interception return (Ruzek)  
 NO - Hughes, 83 punt return (Andersen)

	EAGLES	NEW ORLEANS
First Downs	20	7
Net Yards Gained	314	158
Rushes/Yards	44/134	21/83
Net Yards Passing	180	75
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	30/20/0	18/8/2
Times Sacked/Yards	2/15	3/17
Punts/Avg.	5/36.4	3/37.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	3/20	5/33

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Walker 16-56, Joseph 13-46, Sherman 9-29, Hebron 2-3, Brister 3-0, Feagles 1-0 ... **SAINTS** - Brown 13-62, Muster 8-21-1TD

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 30-20-195-0-3TD ... **SAINTS** - Walsh 11-5-78-2-0TD, Buck 7-1-14-0-0TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Walker 4-32-1TD, Young 3-78-1TD, Joseph 3-24, Williams 3-21, Johnson 3-14, Bavaro 2-18-1TD, Bailey 1-5, Sherman 1-3 ... **SAINTS** - Muster 2-16, Turner 1-52, Martin 1-15, Early 1-7, Brown 1-2

Although their playoff hopes were doused three days earlier when Minnesota defeated Washington, the Eagles won their season finale, beating the play-off-bound 49ers, 37-34, in overtime of a Monday night game at San Francisco. Roger Ruzek's 28-yd FG with 0:00 left in the OT pushed the injury-plagued Birds to the .500 (8-8) mark for the season. The Eagles came out flying and put together their finest 1st half of the season. After Ruzek's 34-yd FG put the Birds up 3-0, LB William Thomas sacked SF's Steve Young and forced a fumble that MLB Byron Evans returned 30 yds for a TD and a 10-0 lead. SF's Mike Cofer cut into that lead with a FG, but the Eagles did not flinch as QB Bubby Brister hit WR Calvin Williams from 13 yds out to up their lead to 17-3. For Williams, it was his career-high 10th TD of the season. When the Birds regained possession, Brister made it 24-3 with an 8-yd strike to WR Michael Young. 49ers' WR Jerry Rice closed the half with a 3-yd TD pass from Steve Young. The 24-point 1st half was the Eagles' best of the year. But the Niners roared back in the 3rd stanza with scores by RB Ricky Watters and WR John Taylor to tie the game at 24-24. Evans then made his 2nd big play - an INT off of back-up QB Steve Bono. Two plays later, Brister's short pass to RB Herschel Walker resulted in a 21-yd TD that gave Philly the lead again. On the ensuing SF drive, Evans forced a fumble by TE Brent Jones that gave the Birds the ball at the SF40. Soon, another FG stretched the Eagles' lead to 10. But Bono's QB sneak with 4:41 remaining in the 4th qtr. narrowed the gap. Moments later, punter Jeff Feagles seemingly sealed the game by pinning SF at its own 3. Bono, however, marched SF 86 yds to Cofer's game-tying, 29-yd FG with 0:15 remaining. The Niners won the toss in OT and drove to the P14 where Cofer missed a 32-yd FG. After trading punts, the Eagles took over at their 22. Brister then lofted a 32-yd strike to WR James Lofton for a first down in SF territory with less than 4:00 to play in OT. (For Lofton, the play enabled him to become the first player in NFL history to top 14,000 receiving yds). After reaching the SF21, Ruzek's 38-yd attempt to win the game sailed wide left as time expired, but 49ers' S Merton Hanks was flagged for roughing the kicker. Ruzek then redeemed himself with the game-winning boot. Besides Evans and Brister, other heroes were DT Andy Harmon, who registered a career-high 3 sacks, and RB James Joseph, who had his finest day ever by going 6-109 receiving and 13-51 rushing.

Philadelphia	10	14	10	0	3	-	37
San Francisco	3	7	14	10	0	-	34

Phil - Ruzek, FG 34  
 Phil - Evans, 30 fumble return (Ruzek)  
 SF - Cofer, FG 30  
 Phil - C.Williams, 13 pass from Brister (Ruzek)  
 Phil - M.Young, 8 pass from Brister (Ruzek)  
 SF - Rice, 3 pass from S.Young (Cofer)  
 SF - Watters, 11 run (Cofer)  
 SF - Taylor, 38 pass from S.Young (Cofer)  
 Phil - Walker, 21 pass from Brister (Ruzek)  
 Phil - Ruzek, FG 32  
 SF - Bono, 1 run (Cofer)  
 SF - Cofer, FG 29  
 Phil - Ruzek, FG 28

**RUSHING: EAGLES** - Joseph 13-51, Walker 9-25, Brister 1-(-2) ... **49ERS** - Watters 11-54-1TD, Carter 4-17, Rathman 1-17, Logan 5-15, S.Young 2-12, Bono 3-11, Taylor 1-5

**PASSING: EAGLES** - Brister 43-26-350-1-3TD ... **49ERS** - S.Young 19-15-165-0-2TD, Bono 29-18-219-1-0TD

**RECEIVING: EAGLES** - Walker 7-75-1TD, Joseph 6-109, C.Williams 5-63-1TD, M.Young 4-40-1TD, Bavaro 2-25, Lofton 1-32, Bailey 1-6 ... **49ERS** - Jones 7-57, Rice 6-53-1TD, Singleton 5-92, Logan 5-60, Taylor 3-61-1TD, Carter 2-26, Watters 2-13, J.Williams 1-10, Rathman 1-9, Beach 1-3

	EAGLES	SAN FRANCISCO
First Downs	23	31
Net Yards Gained	381	477
Rushes/Yards	23/74	27/131
Net Yards Passing	307	346
Passes/Comp/Int.	43/26/1	48/33/1
Times Sacked/Yards	3/43	5/38
Punts/Avg.	4/41.0	2/47.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/2
Penalties/Yards	12/83	11/91

## HONORS RECEIVED BY EAGLES IN 1993

(in alphabetical order)

### CB Eric Allen

- \* NFC Defensive Player of the Year (United Press International)
- \* First Team All-NFC (Football News) (United Press International)
- \* Second Team All-NFL (Associated Press) (College and Pro Football Newsweekly)
- \* NFL Player of the Week (12/26/93) (Pro Football Writers Association)
- \* NFC Defensive Player of the Week (10/3/93 and 12/26/93)
- \* Pro Bowl starter
- \* Eagles' Defensive MVP
- \* All-Madden Team (CBS-TV analyst John Madden)

### WR Victor Bailey

- \* NFL All-Rookie Team (College and Pro Football Newsweekly)

### QB Randall Cunningham

- \* NFC Offensive Player of the Month (September)

### LB Seth Joyner

- \* First Team All-NFL (Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers of America)
- \* Selected to the Pro Bowl
- \* All-Madden Team (CBS-TV analyst John Madden)

### DT Leonard Renfro

- \* NFL All-Rookie Team (Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers of America)

### LG Mike Schad

- \* First Team All-NFL (Sports Illustrated)

### DB Otis Smith

- \* Eagles' Special Teams MVP

### RB Herschel Walker

- \* Eagles' Offensive MVP

### WR Calvin Williams

- \* NFC Offensive Player of the Week (9/19)

## THE EAGLES' STORY

**1933** — Frankford Yellowjackets' franchise in the NFL awarded to syndicate headed by Bert Bell and Lud Wray for \$2500. Club christened "Eagles" in honor of the symbol of the New Deal's National Recovery Act. Eagles and Chicago Bears play in Philadelphia's first Sunday game (Nov. 12) at Baker Bowl. Game ends in a 3-3 tie.

**1935** — General manager Bert Bell proposes an annual college draft to equalize talent in the league. Proposal is adopted on May 19 for the 1936 season.

**1936** — Eagles have first choice in the inaugural college draft and select University of Chicago back Jay Berwanger but fail to sign him. Bell becomes sole owner of the team with \$4,000 bid. Playing site for home games moves from Baker Bowl to Municipal Stadium.

**1939** — Davey O'Brien, Texas Christian's All-America quarterback, signs with the Eagles for a reported \$12,000 per year salary and percentage of the gate. O'Brien plays in every game and sets NFL passing yardage record with 1,324 yards. On October 22, the Eagles play in the first televised pro football game and fell to the host Brooklyn Dodgers, 23-14, at Brooklyn Ebbets Field. Allan "Skip" Walz broadcasts the game for NBC from Ebbett's field to the approximate 1,000 TV sets then in Brooklyn.

**1940** — Home playing site switches from Municipal Stadium to Shibe Park (later known as Connie Mack Stadium). Pittsburgh owner Art Rooney buys half interest in the Eagles after selling the Steelers franchise to Alexis Thompson of New York, a 30-year old heir to a six million fortune in steel stocks.

**1941** — Bell and Rooney swap franchises with Thompson, Rooney returning to Pittsburgh and Thompson taking over the Eagles. Bert Bell joins Rooney as a full-time partner in Pittsburgh. Thompson hires Earl (Greasy) Neale as head coach of the Eagles.

**1943** — Eagles merge with Pittsburgh Steelers to form the "Steagles" due to manpower shortage during World War II. Merger dissolved at end of season.

**1944** — First draft choice Steve Van Buren debuts as Eagles' halfback. Team finishes in second place with 7-1-2 record.

**1945** — Team again finishes in second place with 7-3 record and leads league in scoring with 272 points. Van Buren leads NFL with 838 rushing yards and 110 points.

**1946** — Team finishes second for third straight year with 6-5 record.

**1947** — Rookie end Pete Pihos, Van Buren, and Bosh Pritchard combine with an overpowering defense to lead Philadelphia into the NFL championship game for the first time but the Chicago Cardinals earn the NFL title with a 28-21 victory at icy Comiskey Park.

**1948** — Eagles win their first NFL championship, defeating the Chicago Cardinals, 7-0, in a blinding snowstorm at Shibe Park. Team finishes with overall record of 10-2-1.

**1949** — Thompson sells the team to 100 buyers, each of whom paid \$3,000 for one of the 100 shares. They were called the "Happy Hundred" or the "100 Brothers".