

1988 EAGLES GAME-BY-GAME REVIEW

(Figures are actual attendance)

Game 1, Sun., Sept. 4 Eagles 41, Tampa Bay 14 Tampa Stadium 43,502

The Eagles jumped to a 21-0 first quarter lead en route to a resounding 41-14 victory over the Buccaneers. The first quarter outburst was the most points by the Birds in the opening stanza since scoring 24 vs. Atlanta in 1967 and the most in any quarter since tallying 24 in the 2nd quarter vs. Detroit in 1979. Philadelphia increased its lead to 34-0 at intermission before making wholesale substitutions early in the second half. The 41 points were the Birds' highest output of the year and their most since a 52-10 victory over the Cardinals in 1981. The Eagles scored on their first three possessions and then took advantage of good field position and turnovers to score on six of their first seven possessions overall. The Birds intercepted Bucs' QB Vinny Testaverde five times. Eagles' QB Randall Cunningham threw for two TDs and ran for another, and FS Terry Hoage ran 38 yards for a TD on a fake punt and intercepted two passes.

Philadelphia	.....	21	13	7	0	41
Tampa Bay	.....	0	0	14	0	14

Phil — Quick, 37 pass from Cunningham (Dorsey kick)
Phil — Toney, 2 run (Dorsey kick)
Phil — Keith Jackson, 8 pass from Cunningham (Dorsey kick)
Phil — Dorsey, FG 23
Phil — Dorsey, FG 26
Phil — Cunningham, 2 run (Dorsey kick)
T.B. — Hill, 42 pass from Testaverde (Igwebuikwe kick)
Phil — Hoage, 38 run (Dorsey kick)
T.B. — Carrier, 59 pass from Testaverde (Igwebuikwe kick)

	Eagles	Buccaneers
First Downs	18	19
Net Yards Gained	389	362
Rushes/Yards	42/141	15/43
Net Yards Passing	248	319
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	26/13/2	45/21/5
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	1/5
Punts/Avg.	5/44.4	4/32.8
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	8/60	6/57

Rushing

Eagles — Haddix 9-38, Hoage 1-38-1TD, Toney 7-23-1TD, Cunningham 5-21-1TD, Tautalatasi 11-16, Byars 9-5.

Buccaneers — Tate 6-30, Testaverde 3-9, Smith 2-3, Wilder 3-1, Criswell 1-0.

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 12-7-156-1-2TD, Cavanaugh 14-6-92-1-0TD.

Buccaneers — Testaverde 45-21-324-5-2TD.

Receiving

Eagles — Carter 4-85, Garrity 3-35, Quick 2-90-1TD, Keith Jackson 2-9-1TD, Byars 1-24, Toney 1-5.
Buccaneers — Hill 8-157-1TD, Hall 5-59, Smith 3-25, Wilder 2-5, Carrier 1-59-1TD, G. Taylor 1-13, Magee 1-6.

Game 2, Sun., Sept. 11 Cincinnati 28, Eagles 24 Veterans Stadium 66,459

The Bengals defeated the Eagles 28-24 in the Birds' regular season home opener, and, moreover, set the tone for the 1988 season, one in which Philadelphia seemed to always be "living on the edge." Boomer Estason's fourth TD pass of the day — this one to Tim McGee — came at the 9:58 mark of the final quarter and proved to be the game-winner as Cincinnati held off a valiant Eagles' march that sputtered at the Bengal 11 with 0:32 to play. Through four quarters it was punch-and-counter-punch as each team's score was answered in kind. Estason was 20-32-363 passing, including two TD tosses each to McGee and RB James Brooks. Eagles' QB Randall Cunningham ran for 85 yards and was 25-36-261 passing, including 10 completions, to rookie Keith Jackson (a team-high in 1988) for 76 yards and one TD, while FB Anthony Tony ran for 2 TDs.

Cincinnati	.....	7	7	0	14	28
Philadelphia	.....	14	0	3	7	24

Phil — Toney, 9 run (Dorsey kick)
Cin — McGee 78 pass from Estason (Breech kick)
Phil — Keith Jackson, 15 pass from Cunningham (Dorsey kick)
Cin — Brooks, 28 pass from Estason (Breech kick)
Phil — Dorsey, FG 34
Cin — Brooks, 15 pass from Estason (Breech kick)
Phil — Toney, 1 run (Dorsey kick)
Cin — McGee, 3 pass from Estason (Breech kick)

	Eagles	Bengals
First Downs	28	20
Net Yards Gained	415	431
Rushes/Yards	39/190	26/78
Net Yards Passing	225	353
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	37/25/1	32/20/1
Times Sacked/Yards	4/36	1/10
Punts/Avg.	5/30.8	4/33.5
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	4/2
Penalties/Yards	4/35	3/15

Rushing

Eagles — Cunningham 9-85, Byars 13-52, Toney 16-50-2TD, Tautalatasi 1-3.
Bengals — Brooks 9-42, Wilson 11-30, Woods 3-7, Jennings 1-1, Estason 2-(-2).

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 36-25-261-1-1TD, Byars 1-0-0-0TD.
Bengals — Estason 32-20-363-1-4TD.

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 10-76-1TD, Byars 5-50, Quick 4-67, Toney 3-29, Carter 2-20, Garrity 1-19.
Bengals — Holman 6-98, McGee 4-114-2TD, Brown 4-82, Brooks 3-52-2TD, Wilson 2-20, Kattus 1-(-3).

Game 3, Sun., Sept. 18 Washington 17, Eagles 10 RFK Stadium 53,920

In a scene that would become uncomfortably familiar to the Eagles over the first half of the season, the defending Super Bowl champion Redskins jumped to a 14-0 lead after their first two possessions. Philadelphia's defense then stiffened, holding the Skins to just a FG the rest of the way, but the offense literally booted away a number of scoring opportunities as the Eagles fell 17-10. With a first down inside the Washington 10 in the second quarter, Philadelphia settled for a FG to narrow the gap to 14-3, but followed with two unsuccessful FG tries on their next two possessions. The Eagles squandered yet another scoring opportunity in the third quarter, coming up empty after an interception by Terry Hoage gave them the ball at the Skins' 25. Then, with 1:42 left to play, trailing by 7 and with a chance to get the ball back in good field position, the Eagles were whittled for offside on a punt by Washington.

Philadelphia	.....	0	3	0	7	10
Washington	.....	14	0	3	0	17

Wash — Smith, 19 run (Lohmiller kick)
Wash — Morris, 22 run (Lohmiller kick)
Phil — Dorsey, 23 FG
Wash — Lohmiller, 34 FG
Phil — Quick, 55 pass from Cunningham (Dorsey kick)

	Eagles	Redskins
First Downs	13	16
Net Yards Gained	299	285
Rushes/Yards	20/90	39/150
Net Yards Passing	209	135
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	37/16/0	23/12/2
Times Sacked/Yards	6/45	1/7
Punts/Avg.	6/46.3	6/40.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	9/70	2/15

Rushing

Eagles — Cunningham 6-40, Byars 7-29, Teitschik 1-13, Toney 6-8.

Redskins — Smith 31-107-1TD, Morris 2-29-1TD, Bryant 4-15, Williams 2-(-1).

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 35-15-236-0-1TD, Teitschik 2-1-18-0-0TD.

Redskins — Williams 23-12-142-2-0TD.

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 5-47, Quick 4-105-1TD, Byars 4-60, Tautalatasi 1-21, Konecny 1-18, Carter 1-3.
Redskins — Sanders 4-61, Monk 2-34, Clark 2-22, Bryant 2-15, Jones 2-10.

Game 4, Sun., Sept. 25 Minnesota 23, Eagles 21 Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome 56,012

For the second straight week, the Eagles stumbled out of the gate and were later undone by their own placekicking woes. The Vikings took the opening kickoff, marched to a TD, and then registered a FG on their next possession after blocking an Eagles' punt. The Birds' fought back to take a 14-10 halftime lead on a 1-yard TD run by Keith Byars and a Randall Cunningham to Mike Quick TD pass. A TD run by the Vikings' backup QB Wade Wilson gave them a 17-14 lead that withstood a missed 22-yard FG by new Eagles' kicker Dale Dawson and held up until 1:43 left to play. It was then that the Birds seemingly put the game away. Following Andre Waters' block of a Vikings' punt, Cunningham hit Keith Jackson with a 13-yard TD pass. Viking QB Tommy Kramer, however, led a march that set up Chuck Nelson's game-winning 32 yard FG with 0:15 remaining. The key play on the drive was a 10-yard completion to Alan Rice on 4th-and-5 at the Eagles' 37.

Philadelphia	.....	0	14	0	7	21
Minnesota	.....	10	0	7	6	23

Minn — Anderson, 7 run (Nelson kick)
Minn — Nelson, 21 FG
Phil — Byars, 1 run (Dawson kick)
Phil — Quick, 22 pass from Cunningham (Dawson kick)
Minn — Wilson, 3 run (Nelson kick)
Minn — Nelson, 27 FG
Phil — Keith Jackson, 13 pass from Cunningham (Dawson kick)
Minn — Nelson, 32 FG

	Eagles	Vikings
First Downs	12	21
Net Yards Gained	205	392
Rushes/Yards	24/70	40/105
Net Yards Passing	135	287
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	24/13/1	37/19/1
Times Sacked/Yards	8/52	5/34
Punts/Avg.	10/41.9	7/32.1
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/2
Penalties/Yards	8/55	4/25

Rushing

Eagles — Toney 8-31, Byars 12-21-1TD, Cunningham 4-18.

Vikings — Rice 25-56, Anderson 8-32-1TD, Fenney 3-11, Wilson 1-3-1TD, Kramer 3-3.

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 23-13-187-1-2TD, Byars 1-0-0-0TD.

Vikings — Kramer 34-17-299-1-0TD, Wilson 3-2-22-0-0TD.

GAME 4 (continued)

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 4-50-1TD, Quick 3-87-1TD, Toney 3-33, Byars 2-14, Carter 1-3.
Vikings — Carter 6-113, Rice 4-74, Jordan 4-62, Lewis 3-30, Fenney 1-23, Anderson 1-19.

Game 5, Sun., Oct. 2 Eagles 32, Houston 23 Veterans Stadium 64,692

Once again, the Eagles sputtered at the start and fell behind 16-0 early in the first quarter. This time, however, they would regroup in time to rally to a 20-16 halftime lead and rip off 32 unanswered points en route to a stunning 32-23 victory. Houston surged early by blocking two Eagles' punts (the first of which was recovered for a TD, the second of which went through the end zone for a safety) and with a 54-yard TD drive. Philadelphia struck back, however, as QB Randall Cunningham threw TD passes to Cris Carter and Gregg Garrity and ran 33 yards for a TD. Luis Zendejas, the Birds' third kicker of the young season got off to a great start making all three of his attempts. Overall, the Eagles racked up 455 total yards in offense while holding Houston — with injured QB Warren Moon sidelined — to just 194. Despite the win, all was not good as the Birds lost WR Mike Quick to a fractured leg for eight weeks.

Houston 16 0 0 7 23
Philadelphia 0 20 9 3 32

Hou — Dishman, 10 return of blocked punt (T. Zendejas kick)

Hou — Safety, Fairs blocked punt out of endzone
Hou — Carlson, 1 run (T. Zendejas kick)

Phil — L. Zendejas, 22 FG

Phil — Carter, 38 pass from Cunningham (L. Zendejas kick)

Phil — Garrity, 16 pass from Cunningham (L. Zendejas kick)

Phil — L. Zendejas, 39 FG

Phil — Cunningham, 33 run (L. Zendejas kick)

Phil — Safety, Simmons tackled QB Carlson in endzone

Phil — L. Zendejas, 41 FG

Hou — Rozier, 2 run (T. Zendejas kick)

	Eagles	Oilers
First Downs	26	14
Net Yards Gained	455	202
Rushes/Yards	35/190	18/55
Net Yards Passing	265	147
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	38/24/0	28/10/1
Times Sacked/Yards	3/24	2/11
Punts/Avg.	5/21.6	4/32.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	3/2
Penalties/Yards	19/147	12/66

Rushing

Eagles — Byars 18-82, Cunningham 3-59-1TD, Toney 11-41, Haddix 2-8, Tautalatasi 1-0.

Oilers — Rozier 8-20-1TD, Carlson 5-16-1TD, Givins 1-10, Pinkett 3-7, Highsmith 1-2.

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 38-24-289-0-2TD,
Oilers — Carlson 28-10-158-1-0TD.

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 8-76, Byars 4-32, Toney 3-35, Garrity 3-31-1TD, Carter 2-58-1TD, Quick 2-35, Tautalatasi 2-22.

Oilers — Hill 2-49, Givins 2-44, Duncan 2-24, Drewrey 2-21, Rozier 1-18, Pinkett 1-2.

Game 6, Mon., Oct. 10 Eagles 24, NY Giants 13 Veterans Stadium 63,736

The Eagles and QB Randall Cunningham made the club's first appearance on Monday Night Football since 1981 a most memorable one as they defeated the Giants 24-13. Cunningham's brilliance was marked by a 31-41-369-3TD passing effort, including season highs for completions, yards, and TDs (tie). Moreover, Cunningham delivered a play that made highlight films from coast to coast — one that, perhaps more than any other, signified the marvelous athletic ability he brings to the quarterback position. On that play, he rolled right, was submarined by LB Carl Banks, but miraculously righted himself and, with still another LB bearing down on him, fired a 4-yard TD strike to TE Jimmie Giles. Eagles Keith Byars and Keith Jackson each caught 9 passes and Cris Carter's 5-162 receiving effort included an 80-yard TD that led the win.

New York 3 0 3 7 13
Philadelphia 0 14 3 7 24

NYG — Allegre, 47 FG

Phil — Giles, 4 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Byars, 5 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Zendejas, 37 FG

NYG — Allegre, 22 FG

NYG — Mowatt, 38 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)

Phil — Carter, 80 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

	Eagles	Giants
First Downs	23	23
Net Yards Gained	452	436
Rushes/Yards	26/109	24/100
Net Yards Passing	343	336
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41/31/0	45/23/1
Times Sacked/Yards	4/26	3/21
Punts/Avg.	7/36.3	5/46.6
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	7/57	3/25

Rushing

Eagles — Toney 15-85, Byars 7-13, Cunningham 2-8, Haddix 1-2, Carter 1-1.

Giants — Morris 19-88, Carthon 3-11, Adams 1-2, Simms 1-(-1).

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 41-31-369-0-3TD,
Giants — Simms 39-19-324-1-1TD, Hostetler 6-4-33-0-0TD.

GAME 6 (continued)

Receiving

Eagles — Byars 9-77-1TD, Keith Jackson 9-62, Carter 5-162-1TD, Toney 4-21, Garrity 3-43, Giles 1-4-1TD.

Giants — Bavaro 9-148, Manuel 7-98, Anderson 2-22, Mowatt 1-38-1TD, Rouson 1-15, McConkey 1-14, Baker 1-12, Adams 1-10.

Game 7, Sun., Oct. 16 Cleveland 19, Eagles 3 Cleveland Stadium 78,787

The Eagles suffered a letdown following their thrilling victory over the Giants on Monday Night Football and dropped a 19-3 decision at Cleveland. Despite being outgained 198-101 in the first half, the Eagles managed a 3-3 tie at intermission. In the second half, however, the Browns would register four of their nine sacks against the Birds and hold Philadelphia to just 18 net yards of offense. Offensively, Cleveland got untracked as Don Strock, the Browns' fourth starting QB in just seven weeks (Bernie Kosar, Gary Danielson, and Mike Pagel all were injured) tossed two TD passes and led his club to a FG. Overall, Philadelphia's offense was held to season-lows in points, first downs, passing first downs, and total yards, while giving up their highest number of sacks of 1988.

Philadelphia 0 3 0 0 3
Cleveland 3 0 6 10 19

Clev. — Bahr, 24 FG

Phil — Zendejas, 39 FG

Clev — Slaughter, 15 pass from Strock (kick blocked by Simmons)

Clev — Bahr, 37 FG

Clev — Langhorne, 18 pass from Strock (Bahr kick)

	Eagles	Browns
First Downs	12	17
Net Yards Gained	119	361
Rushes/Yards	19/71	44/182
Net Yards Passing	48	179
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	27/15/2	18/11/1
Times Sacked/Yards	9/66	2/10
Punts/Avg.	8/41.5	4/36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	8/65	9/70

Rushing

Eagles — Toney 11-37, Cunningham 3-22, Byars 5-12

Browns — Mack 16-100, Byner 17-74, Manoa 7-9, Langhorne 1-6, Strock 3-(-7).

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 27-15-114-2-0TD.

Browns — Strock 18-11-189-1-2TD.

Receiving

Eagles — Byars 7-50, Keith Jackson 4-23, Carter 2-30, Toney 1-7, Tautalatasi 1-4.

Browns — Slaughter 4-50-1TD, Brennan 3-79, Langhorne 2-39-1TD, Tennell 1-15, Newsome 1-6.

Game 8, Sun., Oct. 23 Eagles 24, Dallas 23 Veterans Stadium 65,809

While this 24-23 victory would finish in storybook fashion for the Eagles, it began like a nightmare as the Cowboys surged to a 20-0 lead by scoring on their first four possessions. The Birds did not get on the board until scoring a TD late in the second quarter and were outgained 263-108 before intermission. The two teams traded FGs in the third quarter, setting the stage for a heroic effort by the Birds' offense in the final stanza. Randall Cunningham first marched the Eagles 99 yards to a TD, accounting for 88 yards himself by either running or passing. Then, after Dallas squandered a chance to set up a FG, Cunningham drove the Birds 85 yards to a TD on 16 plays in 2:07. He capped the drive with a 2-yard TD pass to FB Anthony Toney with 4 seconds left to play. En route to the score, Cunningham twice kept the drive alive on fourth down with completions to Jimmie Giles and Gregg Garrity.

Dallas 17 3 3 0 23
Philadelphia 0 7 3 14 24

Dal — Alexander, 13 pass from Pelluer (Ruzek kick)

Dal — Newsome, 1 run (Ruzek kick)

Dal — Ruzek, 26 FG

Dal — Ruzek, 34 FG

Phil — Byars, 11 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Zendejas, 39 FG

Dal — Ruzek, 30 FG

Phil — Toney, 7 run (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Toney, 2 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

	Eagles	Cowboys
First Downs	23	25
Net Yards Gained	339	437
Rushes/Yards	15/65	31/105
Net Yards Passing	274	332
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	53/26/1	46/32/1
Times Sacked/Yards	5/24	2/10
Punts/Avg.	6/50.2	4/38.3
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	7/72	16/138

Rushing

Eagles — Cunningham 5-34, Toney 5-13-1TD, Byars 4-9, Tautalatasi 1-9

Cowboys — Walker 25-85, Pelluer 5-19, Newsome 1-1-1TD

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 53-26-298-1-2TD

Cowboys — Pelluer 46-32-342-1-1TD

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 6-90, Garrity 5-66, Byars 5-50-1TD, Toney 5-37-1TD, Johnson 2-32, Carter 1-12, Giles 1-10, Tautalatasi 1-1

Cowboys — Alexander 8-112-1TD, Martin 8-97, Newsome 5-37, Walker 4-42, Cosbie 3-31, Chandler 3-9, Gay 1-14

Game 9, Sun., Oct. 30
Atlanta 27, Eagles 24
Veterans Stadium 60,091

One week after staging a thrilling, last second victory over Dallas, the Eagles stumbled against the 1-7 Falcons and fell 27-24. This time, an Eagles' comeback effort would be outdone by the Falcons' big-play ability. Philadelphia's 10-7 lead vanished early in the third quarter when Lew Barnes returned a punt 68 yards to the Eagles' 17. From there, Chris Miller fired a TD pass to Floyd Dixon on first down. Minutes later, Eagles' QB Randall Cunningham was hit and fumbled while trying to pass. DE Mike Gann scooped up the ball and went 36 yards for a TD. The Eagles retook the lead however, 24-20, on two fourth quarter TD passes from Cunningham to Cris Carter. But with just under 6:00 left to play, Miller threw a strike to Michael Haynes who outraced Eagles' defenders for a 49-yard TD and an Atlanta victory. The loss overshadowed a day in which the Eagles saluted LB Bill Bergey and FL Tommy McDonald, who were inducted into the team's Honor Roll.

Atlanta	.....	0	7	13	7	27
Philadelphia	.....	3	7	0	14	24

Phil — Zendejas, 28 FG
 Atl — Haynes, 19 pass from Miller (Davis kick)
 Phil — Byars, 1 run (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Dixon, 17 pass from Miller (kick blocked by White)
 Atl — Gann, 36 fumble return (Davis kick)
 Phil — Carter, 4 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)
 Phil — Carter, 50 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)
 Atl — Haynes, 49 pass from Miller (Davis kick)

	Eagles	Falcons
First Downs	25	11
Net Yards Gained	424	294
Rushes/Yards	31/155	27/92
Net Yards Passing	269	202
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	49/21/2	23/10/0
Times Sacked/Yards	3/20	4/33
Punts/Avg.	7/42.1	11/39.5
Fumbles/Lost	4/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	3/30	7/57

Rushing
 Eagles — Toney 17-78, Cunningham 6-54, Byars 8-23-1TD
 Falcons — Settle 15-51, Lang 10-32, Miller 2-9

Passing
 Eagles — Cunningham 48-21-289-2-2TD, Teltschik 1-0-0-0-0TD
 Falcons — Miller 23-10-235-0-3TD

Receiving
 Eagles — Byars 5-34, Carter 4-85-2TD, Johnson 4-84, Keith Jackson 3-56, Toney 3-16, Garrity 2-14
 Falcons — Dixon 3-76-1TD, Haynes 2-68-2TD, Wilkins 2-47, Lang 2-28, Settle 1-16

Game 10, Sun., Nov. 6
Eagles 30, LA Rams 24
Veterans Stadium 65,624

In the final game of a three-game homestand, Philadelphia broke open a game that was tied 10-10 at halftime and surged to a 27-10 lead by early in the fourth quarter. The Eagles would then stave off a Rams' comeback and hand Los Angeles its first road loss of 1988, 30-24. Randall Cunningham's three TD passes, including two to TE Keith Jackson, paved the way for the Birds offensively, while the defense intercepted Jim Everett four times. The fourth and most crucial interception came after Everett had marched his club to the Eagles' 18. There, following a sack by DE Reggie White, the Rams faced a 3rd-20 situation with 0:24 left to play. DT Jerome Brown pressured Everett into a weak throw that was picked off by S William Fritzzell. The win capped a weekend in which the Eagles held a 40th reunion for their 1948 and 1949 NFL Championship teams.

Los Angeles	.....	3	7	0	14	24
Philadelphia	.....	0	10	10	10	30

L.A. — Lansford, 22 FG
 Phil — Zendejas, 23 FG
 Phil — Keith Jackson, 23 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)
 L.A. — Ellard, 25 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Phil — Byars, 37 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)
 Phil — Zendejas, 50 FG
 Phil — Keith Jackson, 2 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)
 L.A. — Bell, 1 run (Lansford kick)
 L.A. — McGee, 14 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
 Phil — Zendejas, 40 FG

	Eagles	Rams
First Downs	21	22
Net Yards Gained	436	427
Rushes/Yards	33/123	23/69
Net Yards Passing	313	358
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	40/22/0	45/24/4
Times Sacked/Yards	1/10	3/19
Punts/Avg.	7/46.3	4/39.5
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	6/39	2/32

Rushing
 Eagles — Cunningham 8-53, Toney 17-46, Byars 8-24
 Rams — Bell 10-20-1TD, White 6-18, Delpino 4-14, Brown 1-9, McGee 2-8

Passing
 Eagles — Cunningham 39-22-323-0-3TD, Cavanaugh 1-0-0-0-0TD
 Rams — Everett 45-24-377-4-2TD

Receiving
 Eagles — Byars 5-68-1TD, Carter 5-61, Toney 5-45, Johnson 3-83, Keith Jackson 3-52-2TD, Haddix 1-14
 Rams — Ellard 7-166-1TD, D. Johnson 4-60, Delpino 4-32, Holohan 4-31, Anderson 2-61, McGee 1-14-1TD, White 1-7, Brown 1-6

Game 11, Sun., Nov. 13
Eagles 27, Pittsburgh 26
Three Rivers Stadium 46,024

The Eagles topped the .500 mark with a 27-26 victory at Pittsburgh in yet another game that went down to the wire. In the rain, the Birds fell behind 10-0, rallied for a 14-13 lead, and eventually trailed 16-14 at the half. The battle see-sawed in the second half with the lead changing hands four times. An Eagles' FG was followed immediately by an 89-yard TD pass from Bubby Brister to Louis Lipps. Randall Cunningham's second TD run of the day then reclaimed the lead for Philadelphia at 24-23 early in the fourth quarter. But with under 5:00 left to play, Gary Anderson's fourth FG of the game gave Pittsburgh a 26-24 lead. Cunningham then marched the Birds 71 yards to a FG. A 41-yard completion to Cris Carter on 3rd-10 from the Steelers' 49 was the big play on the drive. The Eagles then held off the Steelers as Clyde Simmons blocked Anderson's 57-yard FG try on the game's final play of the game.

Philadelphia	.....	0	14	3	10	27
Pittsburgh	.....	10	6	7	3	26

Pitt — Anderson, 52 FG
 Pitt — Hoge, 13 pass from Lipps (Anderson kick)
 Phil — Byars, 1 run (Zendejas kick)
 Pitt — Anderson, 21 FG
 Phil — Cunningham, 7 run (Zendejas kick)
 Pitt — Anderson, 29 FG
 Phil — Zendejas, 34 FG
 Pitt — Lipps, 89 pass from Brister (Anderson kick)
 Phil — Cunningham, 12 run (Zendejas kick)
 Pitt — Anderson, 41 FG
 Phil — Zendejas, 18 FG

	Eagles	Steelers
First Downs	27	19
Net Yards Gained	358	361
Rushes/Yards	33/106	31/164
Net Yards Passing	252	197
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	41/25/2	26/12/1
Times Sacked/Yards	2/24	4/42
Punts/Avg.	3/36.3	4/45.3
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	3/20	9/76

Rushing
 Eagles — Cunningham 8-48-2TD, Toney 4-21, Haddix 8-18, Byars 12-17-1TD, Abercrombie 1-2
 Steelers — Hoge 21-102, W. Williams 6-44, Lipps 1-11, Brister 1-6, Stone 2-1

Passing
 Eagles — Cunningham 41-25-276-2-0TD
 Steelers — Brister 25-11-226-1-1TD, Lipps 1-1-13-0-1TD

Receiving
 Eagles — Keith Jackson 8-85, Haddix 5-43, Giles 4-43, Carter 3-73, Byars 2-12, Toney 2-7, Johnson 1-13
 Steelers — Lipps 6-171-1TD, Hoge 4-56-1TD, Stone 1-9, W. Williams 1-3

Game 12, Sun., Nov. 20
Eagles 23, NY Giants 17 (OT)
Giants Stadium 43,621

Ten years and a day after the Eagles defeated the Giants in the original Miracle of the Meadowlands, the sequel was made. Some called it lucky, others called it fate; but the Eagles simply called it a 23-17 win. After DE Reggie White's hit on Giants' QB Phil Simms in the third quarter sidelined the passer for the rest of the game, the bounce of the ball truly went the Eagles' way. On one occasion, Eagles' TE Keith Jackson fumbled, only to have WR Cris Carter fall on the ball for a game-tying TD with 4:25 left in regulation play. Then, in the Eagles' only overtime period of 1988, safety Terry Hoage's second interception of the day set up one of the most improbable plays in team history. Luis Zendejas' 30-yard FG try was blocked by the Giants but the ball bounced to lineman Clyde Simmons who rumbled 15 yards for a TD. The victory vaulted Philadelphia into a three-way tie atop the NFC East with the Giants and Cardinals.

Philadelphia	.....	7	3	0	7	6	23
New York	.....	7	3	7	0	0	17

Phil — Cunningham, 1 run (Zendejas kick)
 NYG — Robinson, 62 pass from Simms (McFadden kick)
 Phil — Zendejas, 37 FG
 NYG — McFadden, 21 FG
 NYG — Baker, 9 pass from Simms (McFadden kick)
 Phil — Carter, fumble recovery in endzone (Zendejas kick)
 Phil — Simmons, 15 return of blocked Eagles' FG

	Eagles	Giants
First Downs	18	21
Net Yards Gained	283	394
Rushes/Yards	30/107	35/78
Net Yards Passing	176	316
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36/14/1	41/24/3
Times Sacked/Yards	4/48	4/20
Punts/Avg.	9/40.4	7/37.9
Fumbles/Lost	3/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/30	5/20

Rushing
 Eagles — Cunningham 9-64-1TD, Haddix 12-26, Byars 8-16, Abercrombie 1-1
 Giants — Morris 24-55, Simms 4-19, Carthon 4-6, Adams 3-(-2)

Passing
 Eagles — Cunningham 36-14-224-1-0TD
 Giants — Simms 28-17-253-1-2TD, Hoserer 13-7-83-2-0TD

Receiving
 Eagles — Byars 7-82, Keith Jackson 4-61, Johnson 2-69, Haddix 1-12
 Giants — Baker 6-71-1TD, Bavaro 5-42, Manuel 4-83, Morris 4-29, Robinson 3-82-1TD, Carthon 2-29

Game 13, Sun., Nov. 27
Eagles 31, Phoenix 21
 Veterans Stadium 57,918

Hero emerged in Philadelphia's fourth victory, a 31-21 decision over the visiting Cardinals. Johnson, normally a backup WR, started for the fourth consecutive week in place of injured Gregg Garrity (who already had replaced injured Mike Quick for four games), and hauled in two TD passes. His second scoring reception came from Matt Cavanaugh, who filled in for one play at QB for a dazed Randall Cunningham, and increased the Eagles' lead to 24-14. The Eagles also got two TD passes from Cunningham and intercepted Phoenix QB Cliff Stoudt (playing in place of injured Neil Lomax) four times. Both teams missed scoring opportunities in the first half — a pass by Cunningham was picked off at the Cards' 12, while in the second quarter Phoenix missed 44 and 26-yard FGs and fumbled at the Eagles' 3. The win kept the Eagles tied for first in the NFC East with the Giants.

Phoenix	.....	7	7	0	7	21
Philadelphia	.....	7	0	17	7	31

Phil — Johnson, 11 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phx — Smith, 7 pass from Stoudt (Del Greco kick)

Phx — Ferrell, 17 run (Del Greco kick)

Phil — Zendejas, 28 FG

Phil — Carter, 8 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Johnson, 9 pass from Cavanaugh (Zendejas kick)

Phx — Ferrell, 1 run (Del Greco kick)

Phil — Byars, 4 run (Zendejas kick)

	Eagles	Cardinals
First Downs	17	25
Yards Gained	292	369
Plays/Yards	22/91	35/167
Net Yards Passing	201	202
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	36/18/2	43/24/4
Times Sacked/Yards	2/22	4/26
Punts/Avg.	5/35.6	4/32.3
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	1/1
Penalties/Yards	10/69	12/91

Rushing

Eagles — Byars 9-42-1TD, Toney 7-27, Teltschik 1-23, Haddix 1-1, Cunningham 4-(2)
 Cardinals — Ferrell 18-94-2TD, Stoudt 7-43, Mitchell 10-30

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 35-17-214-2-2TD, Cavanaugh 1-1-9-0-1TD
 Cardinals — Stoudt 43-24-228-4-1TD

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 5-54, Johnson 4-66-2TD, Carter 3-76-1TD, Byars 3-29, Haddix 3-(2)
 Cardinals — Smith 9-90-1TD, Green 6-55, Ferrell 3-34, Awalt 2-14, Mitchell 2-13, Jones 1-19, Novacek 1-3

Game 14, Sun., Dec. 4
Washington 20, Eagles 19
 Veterans Stadium 65,947

In the Birds' final home game of 1988, the Redskins pulled the rug out from under their hosts as Chip Lohmiller's 44-yard FG with one second remaining defeated Philadelphia 20-19. Meanwhile, a victory by the Giants dropped the Eagles into second place in the NFC East. Two FGs by Luis Zendejas, a TD run by Keith Byars, and a TD pass from Randall Cunningham to Byars staked the Birds to a 19-7 lead in the third quarter. Veteran QB Doug Williams came on in relief of starter Mark Rypien, however, and rallied the Skins. Williams was 20-32-206 passing, including a 2-yard TD pass to Terry Orr that cut the Birds' lead to 19-17 with just under 6:00 left to play. Then, with 3:57 remaining, Williams and the Skins began a 64-yard, 15-play drive that set up Lohmiller's dramatic game-winning kick. The loss offset a fine performance by Byars, who combined for 127 yards rushing and receiving, and Keith Jackson who surpassed Mike Quick's Eagles' single-season reception mark of 73.

Washington	.....	7	0	3	10	20
Philadelphia	.....	3	13	3	0	19

Phil — Zendejas, 40 FG

Wash — Sanders, 16 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick)

Phil — Byars, 2 run (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Byars, 12 pass from Cunningham (kick failed)

Phil — Zendejas, 19 FG

Wash — Lohmiller, 37 FG

Wash — Orr, 2 pass from Williams (Lohmiller kick)

Wash — Lohmiller, 44 FG

	Eagles	Redskins
First Downs	21	22
Net Yards Gained	310	410
Rushes/Yards	31/163	21/81
Net Yards Passing	147	329
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	32/16/2	50/28/3
Times Sacked/Yards	3/18	0/0
Punts/Avg.	5/40.6	4/37.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/54	12/111

Rushing

Eagles — Byars 12-65-1TD, Cunningham 7-49, Haddix 7-38, Toney 5-11
 Redskins — Morris 19-84, Coleman 1-0, Oliphant 1-(3)

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 32-16-165-2-1TD
 Redskins — Rypien 17-8-123-3-1TD, Williams 32-20-206-0-1TD, Coleman 1-0-0-0TD

Receiving

Eagles — Byars 6-62-1TD, Keith Jackson 3-36, Carter 2-22, Quick 2-20, Haddix 2-15, Toney 1-10
 Redskins — Sanders 10-128-1TD, Monk 6-37, Clark 5-99, Oliphant 4-29, Orr 3-36-1TD

Game 15, Sat., Dec. 10
Eagles 23, Phoenix 17
 Sun Devil Stadium 54,832

In their first visit to the Cardinals' new home in Phoenix, AZ, the Eagles surged to a 21-0 first quarter lead and then held off a rally by their hosts en route to a 23-17 victory. Playing on national TV on Saturday, Philadelphia jumped out of the blocks with a TD run by QB Randall Cunningham. Then, two Cards fumbles set up a TD run by RB Keith Byars and a TD pass from Cunningham to WR Cris Carter. Phoenix got untracked with a 93-yard TD bomb from Neil Lomax to Ernie Jones. However, at the Eagles' 1 on the last play of the half, Phoenix passed up a FG for a shot at the end zone and came up empty. In the second half, E.J. Junior returned a fumble by Byars for a TD and the Cards added a FG. Eagle Izel Jenkins then blocked a Cards' punt for a safety and a 23-17 lead. Then, in the final minutes, the Cards moved from their own 20 to the Eagles' 14 but were stopped there on downs. Coupled with a win by the Giants, the Eagles remained in second place in the division.

Philadelphia	.....	21	0	0	2	23
Phoenix	.....	0	7	7	3	17

Phil — Cunningham, 15 run (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Byars, 4 run (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Carter, 37 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phx — Jones, 93 pass from Lomax (Del Greco kick)

Phx — Junior, 36 fumble return (Del Greco kick)

Phx — Del Greco, 40 FG

Phil — Safety, Jenkins blocked punt out of endzone.

	Eagles	Cardinals
First Downs	16	23
Net Yards Gained	283	399
Rushes/Yards	34/141	27/46
Net Yards Passing	142	353
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	26/10/1	50/29/1
Times Sacked/Yards	3/27	4/31
Punts/Avg.	9/35.1	6/33.3
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	4/2
Penalties/Yards	5/40	5/33

Rushing

Eagles — Byars 12-86-1TD, Haddix 11-27, Cunningham 9-21-1TD, Toney 2-7
 Cardinals — Mitchell 11-24, Ferrell 10-15, Wolfley 3-6, Lomas 2-5, Green 1-(4)

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 26-10-169-1-1TD
 Cardinals — Lomax 50-29-384-1-1TD

Receiving

Eagles — Byars 5-54, Johnson 2-42, Quick 2-36, Carter 1-37-1TD
 Cardinals — Smith 7-78, Jones 6-166-1TD, Awalt 5-46, Green 4-40, Novacek 4-33, Mitchell 2-17, Ferrell 1-4

Game 16, Sun., Dec. 18
Eagles 23, Dallas 7
 Texas Stadium 46,131

The Eagles rode into Dallas with a raft of scenarios before them, some of which would put them in the playoffs, others of which would not. A win coupled with a loss by the Giants would give the Birds the NFC east crown. Wins by the Eagles, Giants, and 49ers or Saints would make them a Wild Card. But even a Birds' victory would not guarantee them a post-season spot, not if the Giants defeated the Jets, and if the Saints and 49ers both lost. The Eagles took care of their end, however, with a 23-7 victory. After allowing a 95-yard TD drive, the Eagles shut down the Cowboys and scored 23 unanswered points on two Randall Cunningham TD passes and three Luis Zendejas FGs. DE Reggie White's 2 sacks raised his NFL leading total to 18 and Wes Hopkins intercepted 2 passes. Then with time winding down in Dallas, the Saints came from behind to win and ensured the Eagles a wild card spot. Moments after the Eagles' victory, Ken O'Brien's last-minute TD pass to Al Toon at Giants Stadium led the Jets over the Giants and gave the Eagles the NFC East title.

Philadelphia	.....	0	10	7	6	23
Dallas	.....	7	0	0	0	7

Dal — Walker, 1 run (Ruzek kick)

Phil — Zendejas, 37 FG

Phil — Keith Jackson, 12 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Quick, 15 pass from Cunningham (Zendejas kick)

Phil — Zendejas, 27 FG

Phil — Zendejas, 27 FG

	Eagles	Cowboys
First Downs	18	13
Net Yards Gained	371	239
Rushes/Yards	30/133	30/137
Net Yards Passing	238	102
Passes/Comp/Had Int.	38/20/0	26/10/3
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	2/17
Punts/Avg.	7/38.2	7/43.1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	7/60	8/66

Rushing

Eagles — Cunningham 5-50, Haddix 6-27, Toney 8-24, Byars 8-21, Abercrombie 3-11
 Cowboys — Walker 23-63-1TD, Palluer 4-54, Clark 3-20

Passing

Eagles — Cunningham 38-20-238-0-2TD
 Cowboys — Palluer 26-10-119-3-0TD

Receiving

Eagles — Keith Jackson 7-92-1TD, Quick 3-68-1TD, Carter 3-34, Toney 3-11, Byars 2-7, Johnson 1-28, Abercrombie 1-(2)
 Cowboys — Irvin 2-35, Alexander 2-24, Folsom 1-20, Gay 1-13, Burbage 1-9, Chandler 1-9, Clark 1-7, Newton 1-2