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[EAGLE IN FOCUS]

OPENING DAY STARTS EAGLES ROOKIE QBs

Wentz will become the **first Eagles rookie QB** to start a season opener since **Davey O'Brien** on Sept. 17, 1939 vs. Washington.

OPENING DAY DEBUTS EAGLES ROOKIE QBs

Dating back to 1950, **only three Eagles rookie QBs** have played in a season opener:

Randall Cunningham (1985)
John Reaves (1972)
Jack Concannon (1964)



LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

- Wentz will become the first Eagles rookie QB to **start a game** since **Nick Foles** (Dec. 23, 2012 vs. Washington). Foles was also the last Eagles rookie QB to **win a game**, doing so on Dec. 9, 2012 at Tampa Bay (W, 23-21).
- Wentz is aiming to become the first Eagles rookie QB to **win a home game** since **Donovan McNabb** on Jan. 2, 2000 vs. St. Louis (W, 38-31). Wentz is the **Eagles' highest-drafted player** since McNabb (also second overall) in 1999.

NON-FBS QUARTERBACKS

- Since 1984, only three **non-FBS quarterbacks** have been selected in the first round of the NFL Draft: Wentz (North Dakota State, 2nd, 2016), **Joe Flacco** (Delaware, 18th, 2008) and **Steve McNair** (Alcorn State, 3rd, 1995).

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS EAGLES ROOKIE QBs

381

PASSING YARDS
Nick Foles
(12/9/12 at TB)

32

COMPLETIONS
Nick Foles
(12/23/12 vs. Was.;
12/9/12 at TB)

3

PASSING TDs
Donovan McNabb
(1/2/00 vs. StL),
Sonny Jurgensen
(11/24/57 vs. Was.)

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Brent Celek**, who is entering his 10th NFL season with Philadelphia, will be appearing in his **144th career game**, which ties **Jon Runyan** for the 14th-most games in franchise history.
- Celek's 4,713 career **receiving yards** rank 10th overall in Eagles history. Celek is 51 yards shy of tying **Ben Hawkins** for ninth and 58 yards shy of tying **Jeremy Maclin** (4,771) for eighth on the all-time list.
- Darren Sproles** is one **punt return TD** away from claiming sole possession of first place on the Eagles' all-time list (four, currently tied with **DeSean Jackson**).
- Jon Dorenbos** will be playing in his **150th consecutive game** with the Eagles (since 2006), the third-longest streak in team history. Only **Harold Carmichael** (162, 1972-83) and **Randy Logan** (159, 1973-83) have appeared in more consecutive games with the Eagles.

BY THE NUMBERS

102

In the **season opener** at Atlanta in 2015, **Jordan Matthews** led the Eagles with **102 yards** on a career-high **10 receptions**.

75

Zach Ertz (career-high 853 receiving yards) was **one of just six NFL tight ends** to register **75+ receptions** during the 2015 season.

20-10

Connor Barwin, **Justin Houston** and **J.J. Watt** are the only NFL players with **20+ sacks** and **10+ passes defended** since 2014, per *Stats LLC*.

19

Nineteen players on the Eagles' **active roster** are in their **first season with Philadelphia**, accounting for 36.5% of the team (as of 9/9).

8

Jason Peters has earned **eight Pro Bowl nods** during his 13-year career, the **most by an undrafted OL** since the 1970 NFL merger.

6-2

Philadelphia is **one of only six NFL teams** with at least **six season-opening victories** since the 2008 campaign.

.875

Over the last two seasons, the Eagles have posted the **NFL's best winning percentage** (7-1, .875) in **interconference games**.

