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SPECIAL TEAMS RANKINGS KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE IN 2016

Rk.	Team	Avg.
1.	Philadelphia Eagles	38.7
2.	Baltimore Ravens	28.5
3.	New York Giants	27.0

AVERAGE STARTING FIELD POSITION AFTER KICKOFF IN 2016

Rk.	Team	Pos.
1.	Philadelphia Eagles	31.6
2.	Minnesota Vikings	26.9
3.	Washington Redskins	26.3

AVERAGE OPPONENT STARTING FIELD POSITION AFTER KICKOFF IN 2016

Rk.	Team	Pos.
1.	Philadelphia Eagles	22.7
2.	New England Patriots	22.8
3.	Atlanta Falcons	22.9

SUCCESS ON SPECIAL TEAMS

- The Eagles are the **only team with a kickoff return TD (2)** in 2016. Philadelphia has posted **kickoff return TDs in back-to-back games** for the **first time in franchise history**.
- The Eagles are just the **5th team since the 1970 merger** to register **kickoff return TDs by different players in consecutive weeks** (first to do so since the 2013 Chiefs).
- Since 2014, Philadelphia **leads the NFL in both kickoff return TDs (4) and punt return TDs (4)**. The Eagles are the **only team to record multiple kick return TDs in each of the last three seasons** (4 in 2014; 2 in 2015; 2 in 2016).
- Over the last three seasons (since 2014), Philadelphia **ranks 2nd in the NFL in kickoff return average (26.3)**, trailing only former Eagles special teams coordinator **John Harbaugh's** Baltimore Ravens (27.1).
- Philadelphia has posted the **NFL's top percentage of 20+ yard kickoff returns (77.8%, 7-of-9)** this season.
- The Eagles **rank 3rd in the NFL in opponent kickoff return average (17.9)** in 2016, trailing only Denver (14.9) and Carolina (16.8) in that category.
- Since 2014, Philadelphia **ranks 1st in the NFL in punt return average (12.1)**. The Eagles have also produced **4 blocked punt return TDs** in that span: **Najee Goode** (12/6/15 at NE), **Trey Burton** (12/28/14 at NYG), **Chris Maragos** (10/5/14 vs. StL), **Brad Smith** (9/28/14 at SF).

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- **Carson Wentz** is tied with **Donovan McNabb** for the **most passing TDs (8) ever recorded by an Eagles rookie** ... Wentz (1,324) needs **185 passing yards** to move past **John Reaves** (1,508 in 1972) for **2nd on the team's rookie list**.
- **Darren Sproles** (18,386) needs **71 yards** to surpass former Chargers teammate **LaDainian Tomlinson** (18,456 from 2001-11) for the **8th-most all-purpose yards in NFL history**.
- **Caleb Sturgis** has **converted 14 consecutive FG attempts** dating back to Week 1 vs. Cleveland (longest streak of his NFL career). Sturgis is **8 FGs shy** of tying **Alex Henery's franchise record**. (22 in 2012).
- **Brent Celek** and **Jason Witten** have played in a combined 362 NFL games. Celek will appear in his **150th career game (11th-most in Eagles history)**. Witten will appear in his **214th career game (3rd-most in Cowboys history)**.
- **Dallas-area natives Jalen Mills** (DeSoto HS) and **Halapoulivaati Vaitai** (Haltom HS) will each be making their **3rd appearances at AT&T Stadium** after having played there in **high school** and in **college**. On 8/31/13, Mills' LSU Tigers defeated Vaitai's TCU Horned Frogs at AT&T Stadium, 37-27.

BY THE NUMBERS

88

The last time the Eagles allowed **88-or-fewer points in the first six games of the season** was in 2000 (87 points).

65.0%

Philadelphia **leads the NFL in opponent red zone scoring efficiency (65.0%)**, allowing only 13 scores on 20 opponent red zone drives.

+60

The Eagles are **outscoreing opponents 86-26 (+60) in the second half of games** in 2016, including **60-6 (+54) in the third quarter**.

27.6

Josh Huff is averaging **27.6 yards per kickoff return in his NFL career**, which is the **highest mark in franchise history** (min. 25 returns).

12

Philadelphia has posted an **NFL-leading 12 special teams TDs** (4 kickoff returns, 4 punt returns, 4 blocked punt returns) since 2013.

5-2

The Eagles are **5-2 at AT&T Stadium**, the **best winning percentage (.714) by any Cowboys opponent at the venue** (min. three games).

3.3

Philadelphia is tied with Seattle for the **most sacks per game (3.3)** in 2016. The Eagles **rank 3rd in the NFL with 20 total sacks**.

