

BIRDS EYE VIEW



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Jordan Hicks 58

[EAGLE IN FOCUS]

TOTAL TAKEAWAYS FIRST 16 CAREER NFL GAMES

According to *Elias Sports*, Hicks is the **first NFL LB with 8+ takeaways** (4 INTs, 4 FFs) in his first 16 career games since **Al Richardson** with Atlanta in 1980.

Hicks is the **only LB in team history with 8+ takeaways in his first 16 career games**. The last Eagles player to accomplish the feat was S **Jerry Norton** from 1954-56.

CAREER STATISTICS 2015-16 SEASONS

Hicks has combined for 106 tackles (79 solo), 5 TFL, 5 PDs, 4 INTs, 4 FRs, 2 sacks and 1 FF in 16 career NFL games.

BIRDS' NEST

- **Brandon Graham** ranks 3rd in the NFL with **43.5 QB disruptions** (combined sacks, knockdowns and hurries), trailing only **Von Miller** (49) and **Aaron Donald** (48).
- **Only three NFL players have 8+ INTs and 8+ FFs since 2013: Rodney McLeod** (8 INTs, 8 FFs), **Thomas Davis** (8 INTs, 8 FFs) and **Lavonte David** (8 INTs, 10 FFs). McLeod is the **only DB to accomplish the feat in that span**.
- McLeod has combined for 21 tackles (12 solo), 3 INTs, 3 PDs, 1 FF and 1 sack at home this season. McLeod has **registered an interception in each of the Eagles' three home games** in 2016.
- **Carson Wentz** ranks 3rd among NFL QBs with **138.6 passer rating in the third quarter** of games, trailing only **Matt Ryan** (148.6) and **Tom Brady** (146.3).
- Wentz ranks 2nd in the NFL with a **69.6% (48-of-69) completion percentage against the blitz** this season, trailing only **Philip Rivers** (72.4%).
- The Eagles (+7.1) and Falcons (+5.1) **rank 3rd and 5th in the NFL, respectively, in point differential per game**.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- With **2 receptions**, **Darren Sproles** would become just the **second player in NFL history with 500+ career rush attempts, 500+ career receptions and 500+ career combined kickoff and punt returns**, joining former Falcons WR **Eric Metcalf** (630 rush attempts, 541 receptions, 631 combined kickoff and punt returns from 1989-2002).
- Sproles is **59 yards shy of his ninth consecutive season with 300+ receiving yards**, the **longest streak by an NFL RB since Tiki Barker** (also nine seasons, 1998-2006).
- Sproles (20 rushing TDs, 29 receiving TDs from 2005-16) is **1 receiving TD shy of becoming the eighth player in NFL history with 30+ career receiving TDs and 20+ career rushing TDs**. Sproles would become the first NFL player since **Brian Westbrook** (2002-10) to accomplish the feat.
- With **1 receiving TD**, **Jordan Matthews** would reach **20 career receiving TDs in 41 games**, becoming the **3rd-fastest Eagle to reach that milestone**, trailing only **Mike Quick** (34 games) and **Ben Hawkins** (40 games).
- Philadelphia has **scored 20+ points in 10 consecutive games**, the **longest active streak in the NFL**.

BY THE NUMBERS

- +61** The Eagles have **outscored opponents 84-23 (+61) at home** in 2016, leading the NFL in point differential per home game (+20.3).
- 23** Philadelphia has **allowed only 23 points at Lincoln Financial Field** in 2016, ranking **1st in the NFL in points allowed per home game** (7.7).
- 20 & 10** The Eagles have **scored 20+ points and allowed 10-or-fewer points in three straight home games** for the **first time in franchise history**.
- 13** Philadelphia has **posted 13 of their 23 sacks at Lincoln Financial Field** in 2016, leading the **NFL in sacks per home game** (4.3).
- 6** The Eagles have **totaled 6 forced fumbles at home** in 2016, ranking **1st in the NFL in forced fumbles per home game** (2.0).
- 3-0** Philadelphia is **one of only four NFL teams with undefeated records at home** in 2016 (Houston, 5-0; Kansas City, 4-0; and Seattle, 4-0).
- 2** The Eagles have **allowed only 2 TDs** (1 rushing TD in Week 1 vs. Cleveland, 1 receiving TD in Week 7 vs. Minnesota) **at home** in 2016.

