

**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.

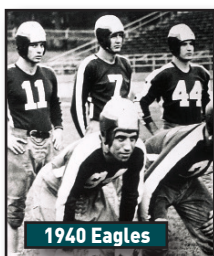
**1949** — Thompson sells the team to 100 buyers, each of whom paid \$3,000 for one of the 100 shares. They were called the "Happy Hundred" or the "100 Brothers." Their leader was James P. Clark, a Philadelphia sportsman and business executive, and the 100 investors included some of the leading names in Philadelphia business, government and politics, including Leonard Tose. Vince McNally is named general manager. University of Pennsylvania All-America C/LB Chuck Bednarik is a 1st round draft choice. The Eagles win their 3rd straight Eastern Division title and defend their NFL championship with a 14-0 win over the Los Angeles Rams.

**1950** — In Greasy Neale's final season as the Eagles' head coach, they finish tied for third in the American Conference with a 6-6 mark.

**1951** — Alvin (Bo) McMillan replaces Greasy Neale as head coach. McMillan be-



1934 Eagles



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1949 Champions

comes ill the night before the season opener and is replaced by Wayne Millner. End-placekicker Bobby Walston is named rookie of the year.

**1952** — Jim Trimble succeeds Wayne Millner as head coach. Team rides strong defense to 7-5 second place finish.

**1953** — Bobby Thomason and Adrian Burk combine to pass for a league-high 3,089 yards. Pete Pihos catches 63 passes for 1,049 yards and 10 touchdowns to lead league. Eagles finish in second place and snap Cleveland's 11-game winning streak with 42-27 win in season finale.

**1954** — Bobby Walston leads league in scoring with 114 points. Eagles finish second for third consecutive year with second straight 7-4-1 record.

**1955** — Pihos again leads all NFL pass receivers with 62 catches for 864 yards. Joseph A. Donoghue, Eagles' vice president/secretary, is elected assistant treasurer of the NFL.

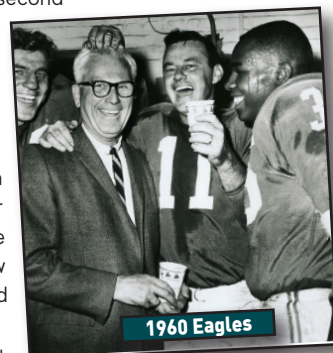
**1956** — Hugh Devore replaces Jim Trimble as head coach.

**1957** — Rookie QB Sonny Jurgensen highlights a 4-8 season by passing Eagles to a 17-7 upset of the NFL Eastern Division Champion Cleveland Browns.

**1958** — Buck Shaw signs as head coach replacing Hugh Devore. Eagles acquire quarterback Norm Van Brocklin in trade with Los Angeles. Team moves home games from Connie Mack Stadium to University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field and attendance almost doubles.

**1959** — With Pete Retzlaff and Tommy McDonald his chief targets, Norm Van Brocklin passes Eagles to 7-5 record and second place tie with Cleveland.

**1960** — QB Norm Van Brocklin and Chuck Bednarik, who plays 60 minutes at center and linebacker, pace the Eagles to their first Eastern Division title in 11 years. The Birds then win their third NFL championship with a come-from-behind 17-13 victory over Green Bay at Franklin Field. Van Brocklin, the league's MVP, and head coach Buck Shaw both announce their retirements at the end of the season.



1960 Eagles

**1961** — Nick Skorich is named head coach and Sonny Jurgensen takes over as the starting quarterback. Despite Jurgensen's record-setting season as a passer and a 10-4 record, the Eagles fail to repeat as division champions.

**1962** — Injuries in unprecedented numbers hit Eagles as the team wins only three games and falls to last place.

**1963** — RB Timmy Brown sets a then NFL record for total offense (2,436 yards; 841 rushing, 487 receiving, 11 passing, 945 kickoff returns, and 152 punt returns) in a season. With the club's 91 outstanding shares now held by 65 stockholders, club president Frank L. McNamee said it would be put up for sale with an asking price of 4,500,000. Jerry Wolman, a 36-year old builder and self-made millionaire from Washington outbid Philadelphia businessman Jack Wolgin and became the new owner. The sale price was \$5,505,000.

**1964** — Former Chicago Cardinals and Washington coach Joe Kuharich signs as head coach and begins a series of major trades to rebuild the club.

**1966** — After extensive roster changes, the Eagles finish 9-5 for their first winning season in five years.

**1967** — Quarterback Norm Snead and flanker Ben Hawkins set team passing and receiving records, respectively, but injuries to other key players contribute to a disappointing 6-7-1 record and a second place finish.

**1969** — After Wolman's empire fell into serious financial trouble, a bankruptcy referee in U.S. District Court in Baltimore oversees the team's sale to Leonard Tose, a millionaire trucking executive. The price was a reported \$16.1 million, at the time a record price for a professional sports team. Tose names former Eagles' receiving great Pete Retzlaff as general manager and Jerry Williams as head coach.

**1971** — The Eagles leave Franklin Field for a new home at Veterans Stadium. After three consecutive crushing losses at the beginning of the season, assis-

tant Ed Khayat replaces Jerry Williams (who had led the club to only a 3-10-1 mark in 1970) as head coach.

**1972** — After a stormy 2-11-1 season, Tose accepts general manager Retzlaff's resignation and releases the entire coaching staff. A bright spot, however, is Harold Jackson who leads the NFL in receptions and receiving yards (62-1,048).

**1973** — Under new coach Mike McCormick and new quarterback Roman Gabriel, the Eagles have an exciting offensive season but can muster only a 5-8-1 record. In his first year as a full-time receiver, Harold Carmichael becomes the second consecutive Eagle to lead the NFL in receptions (67).

**1974** — Under newly appointed general manager Jim Murray, the Eagles trade with Cincinnati and acquire LB Bill Bergey. Bergey bolsters the defense and wins Pro Bowl honors along with TE Charle Young, who becomes the 3rd consecutive Eagle to lead the league in receptions (63).

**1976** — After a 4-10 season in 1975, Tose appoints 39-year old Dick Vermeil of UCLA as head coach but the Birds again earn a 4-10 mark.

**1977** — QB Ron Jaworski is obtained from the Los Angeles Rams in exchange for the rights to TE Charle Young. Bill Bergey, keying the newly-installed 3-4 defense of coordinator Marion Campbell, wins all-pro and all-conference honors and is selected to play in his third Pro Bowl.

**1978** — The Eagles post a 9-7 record, their first winning season since 1966, and make the playoffs for the first time since 1960. They lose the NFC Wild Card playoff game in Atlanta, however, 14-13 as the Falcons score two 4th-quarter TDs and Eagles' Mike Michel misses a 34-yard FG try with 1:34 to play. Wilbert Montgomery, in his first starting season, rushes for 1,220 yards to become the first Eagle since Steve Van Buren to surpass 1,000 in a season. CB Herman Edwards provided the "Miracle of the Meadowlands" when he scooped up a fumbled handoff from Joe Pisarcik to Larry Csonka and raced 26 yards for the winning TD with 20 seconds left to play before a stunned Giants Stadium crowd.

**1979** — With an 11-5 regular season record — their best since 1961 — the Eagles tie Dallas for first place in the NFC East and go to the playoffs as a wild card team. After beating Chicago, 27-17, in the Wild Card Game, the Birds are upset at Tampa Bay, 24-17 in a divisional playoff round. Wilbert Montgomery sets a club record with 1,512 rushing yards, and Harold Carmichael sets a then NFL record on Nov. 4, catching a pass in his 106th consecutive game. Rookie barefoot kicker Tony Franklin boots the second longest FG in NFL history — 59 yards — in a 31-21 victory at Dallas. Dick Vermeil is voted NFL coach of the year.

**1980** — The Eagles win 11 of their first 12 games and go on to a 12-4 mark and the NFC East championship. The Birds trounce Minne-

sota 31-16, in the divisional playoff round and then upend Dallas, 20-7 at Veterans Stadium, to win the NFC title and a berth in Super Bowl XV. The Oakland Raiders prevail in that game, however, 27-10. Ron Jaworski leads the NFC with a 90.9 passing rating while throwing for 3,527 yards and 27 touchdowns. He is named NFL player of the year by the Maxwell Football Club and NFC player of the year by UPI. Harold Carmichael's then-record NFL receiving streak is snapped at 127 games when he fails to catch a pass in the regular season finale at Dallas after sustaining a back injury in the first half.

**1981** — After building a 6-0 record early in the season, the Birds struggle in their final eight games, post a 10-6 record and appear in the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year but are upset at home in the NFC Wild Card Game by the NY Giants, 27-21. The Birds' defense ranks first in the NFL in fewest yards allows (4,447) and fewest points allowed (221). Harold Carmichael enjoys the

third 1,000-yard receiving year of his career and Wilbert Montgomery rushes for 1,402 yards.

**1982** — An NFL players' strike takes place after two games and stops play for eight weeks. When play resumes on November 21, the long layoff hurts the Eagles. After splitting their first two games of the season, the Birds come back from the strike to lose four in a row and miss the playoffs for the first time since 1977. A 24-20 Eagles' victory at Dallas on December 26 is the last victory in the Philadelphia career of head coach Dick Vermeil, who resigns shortly following the season after compiling a 55-51-0 overall record.

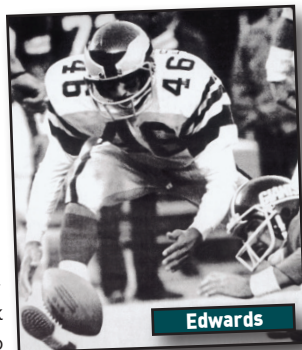
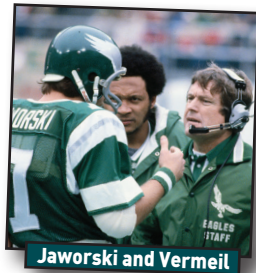
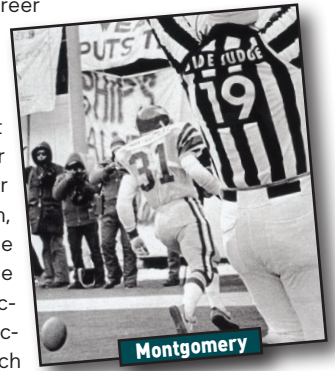
**1983** — Marion Campbell replaces Dick Vermeil as head coach after six seasons as the Eagles' defensive coordinator. Owner and president Leonard Tose announces in January that his daughter, Susan Fletcher, the Eagles' vice president and legal counsel, would eventually succeed him as primary owner of the Eagles. After winning four of their first six games, the Eagles become mired in a seven-game losing streak and finish with a 5-11 record. The Birds' offense is highlighted by first-team all-pro and AFC-NFC Pro Bowl selection Mike Quick, who leads the league and sets club records with 1,409 yards receiving on 69 catches.

**1984** — After a 1-4 start, the Eagles post a 5-5-1 record over their final 11 games. Philadelphia's swarming defense sets a then club record of 60 quarterback sacks. Wilbert Montgomery establishes the Eagles' career rushing record for yards (6,538) and attempts (1,465) surpassing the marks set by Pro Football Hall of Famer Steve Van Buren from 1944-1951. Kicker Paul McFadden establishes an Eagles' season scoring record with 116 points (tops among rookies), surpassing Bobby Walston's 30-year mark of 114, and is named NFC rookie of the year. Ron Jaworski suffers a broken leg at St. Louis in week 13, snapping his streak of 116 consecutive starts (believed to be an all-time record for NFL QBs).

**1985** — On March 12, Leonard Tose, the Eagles' owner since 1969, announces an agreement to sell the team to Norman Braman and Ed Leibowitz, highly successful automobile dealers from Florida for a reported \$65 million. After obtaining the approval of the other NFL owners and fulfilling the terms of the transaction, Braman officially becomes the Eagles' new owner on April 29. That same day, Braman elevates Harry Gamble, general manager since February 4, to vice president-general manager overseeing day-to-day operations of the club. All-time Eagles' rushing leader Wilbert Montgomery does not report to training camp and is traded to Detroit for LB Garry Cobb in preseason. The Eagles again overcome a 1-4 start, but fall off the pace and finish 7-9. Head coach Marion Campbell is released on December 16, and Fred Bruney takes over as interim head coach for final game at Minnesota.

**1986** — Buddy Ryan, defensive coordinator of the Chicago Bears' Super Bowl XX Champions, is named the 17th head coach in Eagles' history on January 29. On July 16, Norman Braman becomes the sole owner of the team, purchasing the remaining 35 percent from his brother-in-law Ed Leibowitz. Harry Gamble is promoted to president-chief operating officer. Ryan makes sweeping changes in the Eagles' roster, keeping young players and releasing several veterans. The youthful Birds struggle to a 5-10-1 record against the toughest schedule in the league. The Birds place two players on the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl roster: WR Mike Quick and DE Reggie White. White ties a Pro Bowl record with 4 sacks and is named MVP of the game.

**1987** — In March, Ron Jaworski, who set nearly every club passing record from 1977-1986, is put on waivers after the club decides not to guarantee his contract. The Eagles split their first two games of the season before the NFL was beset by a players strike. After all games of Week 3 were cancelled, the NFL resumed play with replacement teams for the next three weeks. The Birds replacement team goes 0-3 and sets the stage for a surge by the regular players when they return to work. Philadelphia's regulars proceed to win three straight after the strike and move into a tie for 2nd place in the NFC East. They



go on to finish 7-8 overall (7-5 in non-strike games) and due to a tie-breaking system, rank 4th in the NFC East behind Dallas and St. Louis who also posted 7-8 marks. Offensively, WR Mike Quick earns his fifth consecutive trip to the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl while QB Randall Cunningham (Pro Bowl 1st alternate) emerges as a rising talent. Cunningham threw 23 TD passes and became the first QB to lead his team in rushing (505 yards) since the Bears' Bobby Douglas did so in 1972. The defense was led by DE Reggie White, who was named the NFL's defensive player of the year. White's 21 sacks set an NFC record and fall one shy of the NFL mark.

**1988** — The Eagles post the NFL's best mark (6-1) over the final seven weeks of the regular season en route to a 10-6 record and the NFC Eastern division title. But their playoff fate is not sealed until moments after the conclusion of their 23-7 victory at Dallas in week 16. It is then that NY Jets' QB Ken O'Brien throws a TD pass to Al Toon to defeat the Giants and ensure the division title for the Eagles. Philadelphia then travels to Chicago for an NFC divisional playoff game against the Bears and a place in NFL history. The game, which begins in sunny, 29 degree weather, would later be dubbed "The Fog Bowl," after a thick fog rolls off Lake Michigan late in the 2nd quarter. Due to the fog, visibility on the playing field was extremely difficult and the Bears prevail, 20-12. The shining season included the selection of QB Randall Cunningham, DE Reggie White and TE Keith Jackson as starters in the Pro Bowl. Cunningham also wins the Maxwell Football Club's Bert Bell Award as the NFL's top player. White leads the NFL in sacks for the second consecutive year and Jackson sets an Eagles' receiving record with 81 catches en route to earning rookie of the year honors from The Sporting News.

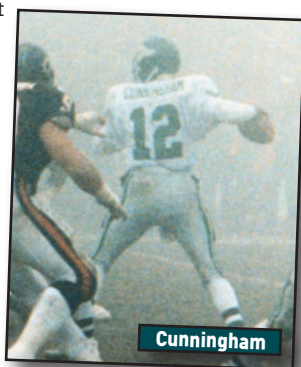
**1989** — The Eagles used an aggressive, ball-hungry defense — which led the NFL in takeaways (56) and interceptions (30), and set a team record with 62 QB sacks — to finish 11-5. Philadelphia, however, finished second to the Giants in the NFC East (despite two victories in head-to-head competition) and faced the LA Rams in the Wild Card playoff. Although playing a post-season game at Veterans Stadium for the first time since 1981, the Birds fell 21-7. QB Randall Cunningham posted similar numbers to his superb '88 campaign despite missing receivers Mike Quick and Keith Jackson for most of the season due to injuries. A deeper loss came on Dec. 9, when quarterback coach Doug Scovil passed away. The second alternate to the Pro Bowl, Cunningham started for the NFC squad when injuries kept the other QBs from playing. CB Eric Allen led the NFC in interceptions with 8.

**1990** — In February, Buddy Ryan hired Rich Kotite as offensive coordinator to improve the Eagles' sluggish attack. At season's end, the offense led the NFL in rushing (2,556) and the NFC in scoring (396) and TD passes (34). The defense led the NFL in stopping the run thereby making the Birds the first team to lead the league in both rushing categories since Chicago did so in 1985. A 10-6 record put Philadelphia in the playoffs once again, but the Eagles suffered their third opening round defeat in as many seasons. The 20-6 Wild Card loss to Washington signaled an end to the five-year Ryan era. Randall Cunningham flourished with 30 TD passes and 942 rushing yards, while rookie WRs Calvin Williams and Fred Barnett combined for 17 TDs.

**1991** — On January 8th, team owner Norman Braman opted not to renew the contract of Buddy Ryan, the Eagles' head coach since 1986. On the same day, Braman promoted then-offensive coordinator Rich Kotite, making him the 18th head coach in club history. They opened with a 3-1 mark, their best start since 1981, despite having lost QB Randall Cunningham for the year due to a knee injury suffered at Green Bay on opening day. After coming on to lead the Eagles to their solid start, backup QB Jim McMahon was also injured in game 5. With McMahon sidelined, the Birds suffered through a four-game skid. By midseason, Philadelphia had used five quarterbacks in eight games and



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seen its record sink to 3-5. The Eagles regrouped, however, and surged into contention for a playoff spot with a six-game winning streak (the club's longest since the start of '81) that upped their record to 9-5. But a loss at home to Dallas in game 15 ended Philadelphia's playoff hopes. The defense finished the season ranked #1 in the NFL in terms of fewest yards allowed overall, vs. the run, and vs. the pass. As such, the Birds became only the fifth club in NFL history and the first since 1975 to accomplish this rare triple. In addition, the Eagles' defense led the NFL in sacks and fumble recoveries and tied for the league lead in takeaways. Five members of that defensive unit represented the Eagles in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl — DEs Reggie White and Clyde Simmons, DT Jerome Brown, and LB Seth Joyner were selected as starters while CB Eric Allen also made the NFC squad. The selection of White, Simmons, and Brown marked only the sixth time in NFL history that three defensive linemen from one team were elected to the Pro Bowl.

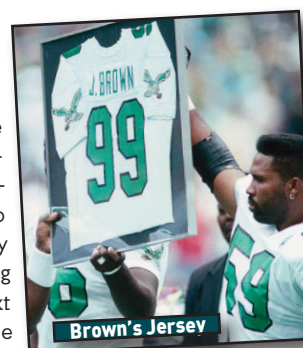
**1992** — The Eagles were dealt a huge blow before the season even began as all-pro defensive tackle Jerome Brown was killed in an automobile accident on June 25th in his hometown of Brooksville, FL. The tragedy overshadowed the promise of the upcoming season which included the return of QB Randall Cunningham — out almost the entire '91 season with a knee injury — as well as the addition of RB Herschel Walker whom the Eagles acquired as a free agent just three days before Brown's death. They finished second in the NFC East with an 11-5 record and returned to the playoffs, earning a Wild Card victory over the Saints before dropping a Divisional Playoff to the eventual Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys. The win over the Saints was the team's first postseason victory since 1981 and its first road playoff conquest since 1949. Off the field, a September 24th ruling by U.S. District Judge David Doty paved the way for free agency in the NFL by finding the league's "Plan B" policy in violation of federal antitrust laws and provided the four plaintiffs in the suit with an opportunity to sign with another club. Among those four was Eagles TE Keith Jackson, who four days later inked a deal with the Miami Dolphins.

**1993** — In January, the NFL and the Players Association signed a Collective Bargaining Agreement, a 7-year deal that would institute a form of limited free agency to replace the "Plan B" system. The most prominent NFL player affected by the settlement was the Eagles' all-time sack leader Reggie White, who went on to sign with the Green Bay Packers on April 5th. On the field, the Eagles produced an 8-8 record. After a flying start in which the Birds jumped out to a 4-0 record on the strength of three consecutive dramatic come-from-behind wins, season-ending injuries to QB Randall Cunningham, WR Fred Barnett and others were followed by a six-game losing streak (their worst skid since '83). Nonetheless, backup QB Bubba Brister led them to wins in 4 of their final 6 contests, a stretch that kept them in the playoff hunt until the final week of the season.

**1994** — A new chapter in Eagles history began on April 6th when Norman Braman, the team's owner since 1985, reached an agreement in principle to sell the franchise to Jeffrey Lurie, a Boston native and president of a Hollywood-based movie production company. Once NFL owners voted to approve the sale on May 6th, Lurie officially took over the club on May 17. Despite losing the opener, the Eagles won 7 of their next 8 games, including a 40-8 thumping of the eventual Super Bowl champion 49ers. However, they lost their final 7 games and finished out of the playoffs. Two days after the season, Rich Kotite's 4-year reign as head coach ended. Herschel Walker became the first player in league history to record a 90-plus yard run, reception, and kickoff return in a single season. Only one other player — Bobby Mitchell — had previously recorded that trifecta in a career. With back-to-



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back 100-yard rushing performances, rookie RB Charlie Garner became only the 7th back in NFL history to top the century mark in his first two contests. DE William Fuller, a free agent acquisition from Houston, notched at least one sack in 7 straight games and broke the club record of 6 shared by Reggie White and Clyde Simmons.

**1995** — On February 2, Jeffrey Lurie named 49ers defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes as the 19th head coach in team history. Eleven months and a playoff victory later, that decision resulted in NFL coach of the year honors. Rodney Peete took over at QB after a 1-3 loss and led them to 9 wins in their final 12 games. RB Ricky Watters, one of the NFL's most prominent free agent acquisitions of the year, combined with Charlie Garner to give Philadelphia the league's 4th best rushing attack. In the postseason, the Eagles routed the favored Detroit Lions, 58-37, in a Wild Card game. A week later, they bowed out to the eventual Super Bowl champion Cowboys. At season's end, Watters, DE William Fuller (an NFC-high 13 sacks), and LB William Thomas (7 INTs) went to the Pro Bowl. Off the field, Lurie and his wife, Christina, oversaw the formation of Eagles Youth Partnership (EYP). The charitable wing of the Eagles, EYP was formed in order to improve the quality of life and enhance opportunities for children in the Greater Philadelphia region.

**1996** — For the second consecutive year the Eagles compiled a 10-6 regular season record and earned a playoff berth. As such, Ray Rhodes became the first coach to lead the Eagles into the playoffs in each of his first two seasons at the helm. In the NFC Wild Card game, however, the Eagles fell, 14-0, to San Francisco in a rain-drenched 3Com Park. For the third time in six seasons, the Eagles lost their starting QB to injury early on as Rodney Peete ruptured a tendon in his right knee vs. Dallas. Ty Detmer led the Birds to four straight wins and teamed with WR Irving Fryar and RB Ricky Watters to fuel the conference's #1 offense (351.7 yds/game). Watters earned a Pro Bowl berth with personal bests in rushing atts. (353), rushing yards (1,411), TDs (13), and total yards from scrimmage (a league-leading 1,855). DE William Fuller led the team with 13 sacks en route to his 3rd straight Pro Bowl. MLB James Willis' interception in the end zone in the final moments of game 9 at Dallas sealed a big win. Willis' theft off QB Troy Aikman and subsequent lateral to CB Troy Vincent resulted in a 104-yard TD return.

**1997** — After a 4-6 start clouded the club's shot at the post-season, the Eagles turned to 2nd-year QB Bobby Hoying. A 2-0-1 record in his first three starts brought them back into contention, but ended the year with a 6-9-1 record. Injuries plagued the club as 42 different players started, including three different QBs (Ty Detmer, Rodney Peete and Hoying). Irving Fryar posted 86 receptions and Ricky Watters became the first Eagle to top the 1,000-yard rushing plateau in three consecutive years. The defense's most memorable performance came in a win vs. Green Bay as they held the Pack without a TD, snapping a string of 85 games (incl. playoffs) in which they had scored a TD.

**1998** — A disappointing 3-13 season led to the dismissal of head coach Ray Rhodes on December 28th, one day after the season finale. The Eagles started 0-5 before posting their first win. Duce Staley became the first Eagle draft pick to top the 1,000-yd. rushing plateau since Wilbert Montgomery (1981). On defense, the Eagles procured DE Hugh Douglas in a trade with the Jets. Douglas led the Eagles with a career-high 12.5 sacks, including a club-tying record of 4.5 at San Diego.

**1999** — Former Green Bay quarterback coach Andy Reid was named head coach on January 11th. Three months later, the club used the 2nd overall draft choice to select QB Donovan McNabb, one of the most accomplished athletes to ever come out of Syracuse. Their 2-7 start prompted Reid to insert McNabb into the starting lineup for six of the final seven contests. In his first start on Nov. 14th vs. Washington, McNabb sparked the Eagles to a 35-28 win over Washington. RB Duce Staley garnered his second straight 1,000-yd. rushing season and accounted for a NFL-best 41% of his team's offense. New defensive coordinator Jim Johnson turned up the heat as his troops accounted for a league-best 46 take-aways, including 28 interceptions (3rd in NFL), five of

which were returned for TDs (a team record). FS Brian Dawkins and CB Troy Vincent earned their first Pro Bowl selections. Vincent's 7 INTs tied for the league lead and became the first Eagle to top the entire NFL in INTs since 1972 (Bill Bradley). Although the Eagles finished 5-11, Reid implemented a positive attitude in his young group of players that included 14 true rookies on the season-ending roster.

**2000** — Andy Reid, the NFL's coach of the year, led the Eagles to the greatest turnaround in franchise history, finishing 2nd in the NFC East at 11-5. The season started with a perfectly executed onside kick by David Akers to kickoff the season opener at Dallas, leading to a 41-14 win. The Eagles won 10 of their next 13 contests and earned the top Wild Card spot in the NFC. In the playoffs, the Eagles overwhelmed Tampa Bay, 21-3, before losing to the eventual NFC Champion NY Giants in the Divisional Playoffs. After RB Duce Staley went down for the season with a foot injury in game 5, Donovan McNabb became a legitimate MVP candidate (he finished 2nd in AP voting to Rams RB Marshall Faulk). McNabb accounted for 74.6% of the team's total net yards. TE Chad Lewis led all NFC tight ends in receptions (69) and earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl. The defense featured 3 Pro Bowlers in CB Troy Vincent, DE Hugh Douglas (15 sacks, 2 in playoffs), and MLB Jeremiah Trotter. First round draft choice DT Corey Simon recorded a rookie team-record 9.5 sacks.

**2001** — The Eagles captured their first NFC Eastern Division Championship since 1988 and their first appointment in the NFC title game since 1980. Adversity hit this club early and often. The first preseason game was cancelled due to problems with the Veterans Stadium turf. C Bubba Miller was lost to a season-ending foot injury. And they dropped their season opener in overtime to the Rams before true adversity devastated the entire world on September 11th when terrorist attacks struck the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. As a result, a week's worth of NFL games were postponed. The Eagles were 2-2 before beating the Giants, 10-9, on Monday Night Football for the first time since 1996 (a span of nine games). The Eagles won 8 of their last 10 games, including a dramatic 24-21 win over the Giants on December 30 to clinch the NFC East title. In the playoffs, the Eagles defeated the Bucs and in the Divisional playoffs, Donovan McNabb won his homecoming to Chicago, 33-19, at Soldier Field. The Pro Bowlers on defense were Hugh Douglas, Jeremiah Trotter, Troy Vincent, and Brian Dawkins. The unit allowed a league-low 64 points in 8 road games. In fact, their 7-1 road record was the best in club history. David Akers earned his first Pro Bowl berth and set a club record with 17 consecutive FGs made.

**2002** — In the 31st and final season at Veterans Stadium, the Eagles set a team record for points scored (415) and sent a league-high 10 players to the Pro Bowl. However, they fell in the NFC Championship game for the second consecutive season. Andy Reid, the consensus coach of the year, proved the Eagles were not a one-man show, winning five of six games without Donovan McNabb (broken ankle). McNabb returned for the playoffs and directed a win in the Divisional playoff after 3rd QB A.J. Feeley started the final five games, winning his first four. Although the Eagles lost their season finale to the Giants, they were still able to clinch home field after the Jets trounced the Packers in the same stadium one day later. The defense finished in the top five in numerous categories and sent four players to the Pro Bowl: CB Troy Vincent, CB Bobby Taylor, FS Brian Dawkins, and DE Hugh Douglas. The offensive line also featured multiple Pro Bowl selections for the first time since 1980 with Tra Thomas, Jon Runyan and Jermaine Mayberry. Kicker David Akers notched 133 points to earn a Pro Bowl berth.

**2003** — In a season marred with injuries and controversy, the Eagles captured their third consecutive NFC East division title and third straight trip to the NFC title game, a loss to Carolina. Lincoln Financial Field officially became the Eagles new nest with a season-opening Monday night contest vs. Tampa Bay. But the Eagles not only lost their first two contests, they were left without



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the services of DBs Brian Dawkins and Bobby Taylor for a large chunk of the season (foot injuries). Then LB Carlos Emmons (ankle) and Brian Westbrook (triceps) were felled by season-ending ailments in December. After a 2-3 start, the Eagles rattled off nine straight wins, tying a team record previously set in 1960. That win streak was propelled by an improbable win at NYG on October 19. Trailing the Giants 10-7 with 1:34 to play, Westbrook returned a punt 84 yards for a dramatic, game-winning score. They ended up earning home-field advantage in the playoffs for the 2nd straight season. After suffering through a QB rating of 51.1 in the first six games, a thumb injury in his throwing hand, and disgraceful, racial commentary by former ESPN analyst Rush Limbaugh following the 0-2 start, McNabb thrived. He garnered NFC offensive player of the month honors in November, leading the team to a 5-0 month. He engineered a come-from-behind playoff win vs. Green Bay before suffering a rib injury a week later vs. Carolina that sidelined him in the 4th quarter. The Eagles employed a unique running back trio (Westbrook, Correll Buckhalter, and Duce Staley), dubbed the "three-headed monster," that racked up 1,618 rushing yards, 2,465 total yards from scrimmage, and 29 total TDs.

**2004** — One of the most eventful off-seasons in team history helped propel the Eagles to their first NFC Championship and subsequent Super Bowl appearance in 24 years. Although they lost a hard-fought battle to the Patriots, 24-21, in Jacksonville, the Eagles milestones were plentiful as they captured their 4th consecutive NFC East division title and won a franchise record 13 regular season games. Andy Reid became the winningest coach in franchise history surpassing Greasy Neale. On the first day of the free agent signing period, they inked DE Jevon Kearse and later acquired WR Terrell Owens in a trade. Owens ended up with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 scores. Donovan McNabb also turned in a stellar campaign, completing 64% of his passes for 3,875 yards, 31 TDs and just 8 INTs for a career-high 104.7 QB rating. He became the first player in NFL history to finish a season with 30+ TD passes and fewer than 10 INTs and his 24 consecutive completions over a span of two games set an NFL record previously set by Joe Montana (22) in 1987. McNabb, Owens, Brian Westbrook and Tra Thomas earned Pro Bowl berths on the offense. The defense was led by Kearse, a trio of Pro Bowl defensive backs (Brian Dawkins, Michael Lewis, and Lito Sheppard), and Jeremiah Trotter, who earned a Pro Bowl berth despite not starting until game 9. Trotter returned in July after being released by Washington. K David Akers, who set a NFL record with 17 FGs of 40-yards-or-more, and LB Ike Reese both earned Pro Bowl berths on special teams. In all, a league-best 10 Eagles earned trips to Hawaii. The Eagles stormed out to a 7-0 record and clinched the NFC East title with 5 games remaining. They clinched home field advantage in the NFC after starting 13-1. In the playoffs, the Eagles topped Minnesota in the Divisional round and Atlanta in the Championship game.

**2005** — Stymied by injuries and a plethora of off-the-field distractions, the Eagles finished with a 6-10 record and out of the playoffs for the first time since 1999. The defending NFC champions began the season with a 4-2 record, including a dramatic come-from-behind win at Kansas City in which they overcame a 27-6 first half deficit to win, 37-31, and an equally heart-stopping victory vs. San Diego in which Matt Ware returned a blocked field goal 65 yards for the game-winning touchdown late in the fourth quarter. WR Terrell Owens was suspended for four games for conduct detrimental to the team and ended up not playing in the final nine games of the season. MLB Jeremiah Trotter earned his fourth Pro Bowl berth with a team-high 169 tackles. Reggie White's #92 was officially retired in an emotional halftime ceremony of a Monday night contest vs. Seattle on December 5. The ceremony included Reggie's wife, Sara, and their two children, as well as more than 20 of his former teammates and coaches.



2004 NFC Championship



Lincoln Financial Field

**2006** — The Eagles claimed their fifth NFC East title in six years as they reeled off five consecutive wins at the end of the regular season to finish 10-6. The Eagles jumped out of the gate with a 4-1 record. The hot start was capped off by an emotional 38-24 victory vs. Dallas on Oct. 8, when Lito Sheppard made two crucial INTs, the second of which he returned 102 yards for a touchdown in the waning seconds. However, the team then lost five of their next six contests and Donovan McNabb for the remainder of the season with a torn ACL, which he suffered in a Nov. 19 loss to Tennessee. Jeff Garcia was handed the reins, and after a devastating 45-21 loss at Indianapolis, rallied the Eagles to five straight wins. The Eagles swept a treacherous three-game road stretch against division rivals, including a Christmas Day win at Dallas. The following week, Andy Reid was able to rest his starters in the season finale vs. Atlanta when news arrived in the 1st quarter that they had clinched the NFC East title with a Cowboys loss to Detroit. The Eagles used a 38-yd. walk-off field goal by David Akers to capture a 23-20 Wild Card victory against the Giants, but came out on the losing end of a 27-24 battle at New Orleans in the Divisional round. Brian Dawkins, Shawn Andrews and Lito Sheppard earned Pro Bowl berths. Brian Westbrook tallied his first 1,000-yard rushing season and the offensive line was one of two squads in the NFL to start the same five linemen in all 16 games.

**2007** — In the team's 75th anniversary season, the Eagles could not overcome a 1-3 start as they finished 8-8 and out of the playoffs. RB Brian Westbrook set two team records for total yards from scrimmage (2,104) and receptions (90). He became the first Eagle to lead the league in total yards from scrimmage since 1996 (Ricky Watters) and the first NFL player from a non-Division I-A school to do so since 1979 (Philadelphia's Wilbert Montgomery). WR Kevin Curtis posted career highs in catches (77), yards (1,110), and total touchdowns (8) in his first season in Philadelphia after signing as a free agent. For the first time in franchise history, the Eagles featured three players (Westbrook, Curtis, Reggie Brown) with over 60 catches and 700 yards each. After that 1-3 start, the team managed to fight their way back to a 5-5 record as they headed into Gillette Stadium to face the 10-0 New England Patriots. A valiant effort by back-up QB A.J. Feeley went for naught as the Eagles fell, 31-28. Westbrook and Shawn Andrews earned Pro Bowl honors.

**2008** — The Eagles were defeated in their fifth NFC Championship game appearance of the decade. In what seemed like a microcosm of their entire season, Philadelphia fell behind 24-6 in the NFC title game at Arizona, but stormed back to take a 25-24 lead, only to then have the Cardinals score the game-winning TD with under three minutes to play. The Eagles struggled to find consistency during the early portion of the season and hit rock bottom at 5-5-1 after a 36-7 blowout loss at Baltimore. But they rallied back into playoff contention entering the final week. They entered the final Sunday of the season needing a win over Dallas, a Tampa Bay loss to visiting Oakland and either a Chicago loss at Houston or a Minnesota loss vs. the Giants, to earn a playoff berth. The Raiders and Texans came up with thrilling upsets in the 1:00 pm games that day, before the Eagles pounded the division-rival Cowboys, 44-6, in a late afternoon contest. In the playoffs, the Eagles stingy defense carried them to impressive road victories at Minnesota (26-14) and in a rematch at New York (23-11) before being derailed by the Cardinals. Brian Dawkins and free agent newcomer CB Asante Samuel (4 interceptions in the regular season plus two in the playoffs) both earned Pro Bowl honors, while McNabb became the franchise's all-time leader in yards and touchdown passes. Dawkins became the franchise's all-time leader in interceptions (34), tying Eric Allen and Bill Bradley. K David Akers set team records for points (144) and field goals made (33). Head coach Andy Reid became the 37th coach in NFL history to reach the 100-win plateau and the 14th coach to reach double digit victories in playoff history. Samuel set an NFL postseason record with his 4th INT returned for a score and rookie WR DeSean Jackson led the team with 62



2000s Eagles



receptions and 912 yards, most ever by an Eagles rookie WR.

**2009** — The Eagles got off to a strong start, winning five of their first seven games, despite losing QB Donovan McNabb for two games with a rib injury. They hit a midseason snag after losing back-to-back games to rival Dallas and eventual AFC West Champion San Diego to fall to 5-4. A late-season rally saw the Eagles rattle off six straight wins, their longest streak in the regular season since 2003. Entering the final week of the season, Philadelphia had hopes of securing its sixth NFC East title of the decade and a first-round bye in the playoffs. However, a second loss to the Cowboys in the season finale dropped the Eagles to the sixth seed and forced a rematch between the division rivals in the Wild Card round, where they again fell to the Cowboys, 34-14. Led by DeSean Jackson (62 receptions, 1,156 yards and 9 TDs), the Eagles saw their young skill position players flourish. The speedy WR/KR became the first player in NFL history to be named to the Pro Bowl at two positions, recording an NFL record-tying eight touchdowns of 50-plus yards and leading the league with a 15.2 yard punt return average. TE Brent Celek (76 receptions, 971 yards, 8 TDs) established himself as a reliable weapon and one of the elite tight ends in the NFL. The infusion of young players on offense continued with rookie WR Jeremy Maclin (D1-09) and rookie RB LeSean McCoy (D2-09). Maclin followed in Jackson's footsteps, finishing his first season as one of the top rookie wide outs with 56 catches for 773 yards and four touchdowns. Meanwhile, McCoy proved to be a valuable asset in the running game as he led the team and set the Eagles rookie rushing record with 637 yards. K David Akers, DE Trent Cole, T Jason Peters, CB Asante Samuel, FB Leonard Weaver, and LS Jon Dorenbos all joined Jackson in earning Pro Bowl honors. Head coach Andy Reid contract's was extended through 2013.



McNabb

**2010** — The Eagles set franchise records for points (439) and total net yards (6,230) en route to an NFC East Division title, their 6th under head coach Andy Reid. Philadelphia met the eventual Super Bowl champion Packers in the Wild Card round, but lost, 21-16, at home. QB Michael Vick emerged as one of the NFL's top quarterbacks after taking over for an injured Kevin Kolb in the season opener. In his first year as a starter since 2006, he achieved career highs in passing TDs (21), yards (3,018), QB rating (100.2), comp. % (62.6) and rushing TDs (9) - earning him a trip to Hawaii as the NFC's starting quarterback in the Pro Bowl. He became only the 2nd QB in NFL history to throw for 3,000+ yards, rush for 500+ yards, and accrue a 100+ QB rating in a season. Vick had plenty of weapons surrounding him on the league's second-ranked offense. DeSean Jackson (47 receptions, 1,056 yards and 6 TDs) led the league in yards per catch (22.5) and became the first player in league history to return a punt for a game-winning touchdown as time expired on 12/19/10, capping off a historic comeback against the Giants. The Eagles trailed 31-10 with 8:17 remaining in the 4th quarter, but rallied for four touchdowns, including Jackson's miraculous return. WR Jeremy Maclin (70 receptions, 964 yards and 10 TDs) led the team in TDs and was second on the team in receptions and receiving yards. The duo combined for 2,020 yards, which was the 3rd-most output of any WR duo in the NFL. RB LeSean McCoy was fourth in the NFL in yards from scrimmage (1,672). CB Asante Samuel finished 2nd in the league in INTs (7) despite only playing in 11 games. David Akers, Jackson, T Jason Peters and Samuel all were selected to the Pro Bowl alongside Vick.



Vick

**2011** — The Eagles finished the 2011 campaign 8-8, second in the NFC East. The offense was fueled by running back LeSean McCoy, who rushed his way into the Eagles record books by scoring 20 total touchdowns, including 17 on the ground, breaking the team records set by Hall of Fame back Steve Van Buren in 1945. A Pro Bowl selection for the first time, McCoy established new career-highs running the ball 273 times for 1,309 yards. His yardage total was the fifth-most in team history and ranked fourth in the NFL. The offense set

franchise records with 6,386 total yards and 356 first downs. Quarterback Michael Vick set career marks in attempts (423), completions (253) and yards (3,303) while becoming the second player in league history (former Eagle Randall Cunningham) to surpass the 3,000-yard passing mark and 500-yard rushing plateau in consecutive seasons. Along the way, he surpassed Cunningham's all-time benchmark for rushing yards by a quarterback. For the first time in franchise history, the Eagles boasted three players (wide receivers DeSean Jackson, Jeremy Maclin and tight end Brent Celek) with 800+ receiving yards in the same season. On defense, the Eagles tied for the league lead with 50 sacks, including 18 from free agent signee defensive end Jason Babin (third in the NFL) and 11 from fellow DE Trent Cole. Their 29 combined sacks were the second most in team history by a duo, bested only by Reggie White and Clyde Simmons (33 in 1992). Babin earned his second straight Pro Bowl berth for his efforts. Left tackle Jason Peters also earned Pro Bowl honors for the fifth straight year, the last three coming in Philadelphia.

**2012** — After 14 years in Philadelphia, the Eagles dismissed head coach Andy Reid on December 31st after finishing the season with a disappointing 4-12 record. Following a promising 3-1 start to the season, including a win over the Super Bowl Champion Baltimore Ravens, the Eagles dropped 10 consecutive games and would win only one of their final 12 games on the schedule. Throughout the season, the Birds were plagued by injuries on the offensive line as G Evan Mathis was the only offensive lineman to start all 16 games in 2012. Offensively, the Eagles were paced by WR Jeremy Maclin who became just the eighth wide receiver in NFL history to have at least 55 catches and 750 receiving yards in each of his first four seasons after notching 69 catches for 857 yards and seven touchdowns. RB LeSean McCoy accumulated 1,213 scrimmage yards (840 rushing, 373 receiving) and five touchdowns, including a career-high three receiving scores. Newcomer LB DeMeco Ryans provided a steady force at the MLB position for the Birds, recording a team-high 148 tackles and a franchise-record 16 tackles for a loss in his first season with the team. After stepping in for an injured QB Michael Vick in Week 10, rookie QB Nick Foles started six of the final seven games of the season and established Eagles rookie records in passing yards (1,699), attempts (265) and completions (161), while fellow first-year standout DT Fletcher Cox led all rookie defensive tackles with 5.5 sacks.



Peters

**2013** — Under the direction of first-year head coach Chip Kelly, the Eagles rebounded from a disappointing 4-12 season in 2012 to win 10 games and secure their first NFC East title since 2010 in record-breaking fashion. Kelly became the first rookie head coach in Eagles history to win the division in his first year on the job and just the second head coach since the merger to win a division title in his first season on an NFL staff. Philadelphia set franchise records in points (442), total net yards (6,676), touchdowns (53) and passing yards (4,406), while also turning the ball over fewer times (19) than any previous Birds squad. Offensively, LeSean McCoy finished with a franchise-best and NFL-leading 1,607 rushing yards and 2,146 yards from scrimmage, while Nick Foles recorded the third-highest quarterback rating (119.2) in NFL history after throwing for 27 touchdowns and two interceptions. The duo became the first pair in NFL history to lead the league in rushing yards and passer rating. WR DeSean Jackson set career highs in receptions (82) and receiving yards (1,332), and tied his personal best with nine receiving touchdowns. The Eagles attack was anchored by an offensive line that started all 16 games together for the first time since 2006 and featured two All-Pro selections in Evan Mathis and Jason Peters, who also garnered Pro Bowl honors along with McCoy. Under new defensive coordinator Bill Davis who implemented a 3-4 defensive scheme, Philadelphia held their opponents to 21 points or less in nine straight games during the middle of the season and finished the year ranked tied for third in games in which the defense held their foes to 21-or-fewer points with 12. DeMeco Ryans paced the defense with a career-high 177 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions while cornerback Brandon Boykin ranked tied

for second in the NFL with six interceptions despite playing in just 51 percent of the team's defensive snaps. Trent Cole excelled following a transition from defensive end to outside linebacker in the new 3-4 scheme, recording a team-high eight sacks. Linebacker Mychal Kendricks emerged as a playmaker, collaring 137 tackles, three interceptions and four fumble recoveries.

**2014** — The Eagles continued to build an identity as one of the offensive leaders in the NFL, but key injuries and missed opportunities late in the season left Philadelphia outside of the playoff picture after finishing second in the NFC East. En route to their second-consecutive 10-6 record, the Eagles set franchise records in points (474), touchdowns (54), completions (390), gross passing yards (4,581) and first downs (356). Offensively, Philly was paced by Pro Bowlers RB LeSean McCoy, who rushed for 1,319 yards, and WR Jeremy Maclin, who established career highs in receptions (85) and receiving yardage (1,318). Despite battling injuries throughout the year, the Eagles offensive line saw three players receive Pro Bowl nods: T Jason Peters (also earned second-team All-Pro honors), G Evan Mathis and C Jason Kelce. At the quarterback position, QB Nick Foles led the team to a 6-2 record; however, a collarbone injury sustained in a Week 9 victory derailed Foles' season and opened the door for QB Mark Sanchez, who provided quality depth at the position, setting the team record for completion percentage (64.1 pct.). Defensively, Philadelphia was led by LB Connor Barwin, who led the NFC with 14.5 sacks en route to his first-career Pro Bowl nod and second-team All-Pro honors. DE Fletcher Cox joined Barwin on the All-Pro team after continuing to develop into one of the league's most disruptive defensive linemen. The Eagles finished the season tied for second in the NFL with 49 sacks, while also notching 11 return touchdowns (four on defense, seven on special teams) - the third-highest total in NFL history. The special teams unit made a large impact in 2014, with punt returner Darren Sproles earning second-team All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors after leading the league with a 13.0 punt return average and two PR touchdowns. Rookie K Cody Parkey broke the NFL's all-time rookie scoring record with 150 points, while RB Chris Polk and WR Josh Huff each notched kickoff return scores of 100+ yards, becoming the first team to have two such returns by different players since the 1970 Green Bay Packers.

**2015** — The Eagles struggled to find consistency during the 2015 season, finishing with a 7-9 record and missing the playoffs for the second-consecutive season. After spending the majority of three seasons in Philadelphia, head coach Chip Kelly was released from his contract prior to the team's Week 17 contest against the New York Giants, and interim head coach Pat Shurmur led the team to a win in the team's season finale. Offensively in 2015, the Eagles were paced by the play of QB Sam Bradford, who was acquired by the team during the 2015 offseason as part of a trade with the St. Louis Rams. Bradford started 14 games for the Birds, setting team records in completions (346) and completion percentage (65.0%), while finishing fourth in team history in passing yards (3,725). Bradford was supported by the emergence of two young pass catchers in WR Jordan Matthews and TE Zach Ertz. Matthews led the team in receptions (85), receiving yards (997) and touchdown catches (eight), while finishing the season with the 10th-most receptions (152) in NFL history by a player in the first two seasons of his career. In his third year in Philadelphia, Ertz set career highs in both receptions (75) and receiving yards (853) and flourished at the end of season, recording 35 catches and 450 yards receiving over the final four weeks of the campaign. His 450 yards over the final four weeks of the season was the highest total in NFL history by a tight end from



McCoy



Barwin

Weeks 14-17. On the offensive line, T Jason Peters earned his third-consecutive Pro Bowl nod and his eighth-career invitation to the annual all-star game. Defensively, DE Fletcher Cox cemented his place among the league's top defensive linemen, earning his first-career Pro Bowl honors and second-team AP All-Pro accolades after posting a career high in sacks (9.5) and tackles (104). S Malcolm Jenkins continued to provide stability in the team's secondary during his second season in Philadelphia, pacing the team with 120 tackles and 15 passes defended, while finishing behind only Cox (16.5) in tackles for loss (13). Rookie LB Jordan Hicks made an impact in his first season in the league, recording 54 tackles, three fumble recoveries, two interceptions, one forced fumble and a sack in only eight games before suffering a season-ending pectoral injury in Week 9. RB Darren Sproles earned Pro Bowl honors as a return specialist for the second-straight year after leading the league in punt return yards (446) and punt return touchdowns (two), while finishing second in punt return average (11.7).

**2016** — On January 18, 2016, Doug Pederson was named the new head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. Prior to arriving in Philadelphia, Pederson spent the previous three seasons as the offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs. A 12-year NFL veteran, Pederson played quarterback for the Eagles in 1999 and worked on the team's coaching staff from 2009-2012. Later in the offseason, Eagles executive vice president of football operations Howie Roseman initiated a pair of trades that allowed the Eagles to move up from the 13th pick in the first round to the 2nd overall pick and select North Dakota State quarterback Carson Wentz. On September 3, QB Sam Bradford was traded to the Minnesota Vikings in exchange for a 2017 1st-round draft choice and a 2018 4th-round draft choice and Pederson named Wentz the opening-day starter. Wentz went on to set a team and all-time NFL rookie record with 379 completions, while posting franchise rookie records in pass attempts (607), passing yards (3,782), passing touchdowns (16) and completion percentage (62.4%). He also produced the 4th-most passing yards (3,782) in single-season team history and NFL rookie history. With Wentz at the helm of the offense, the team got off to a fast start, as the Eagles won their first three games and headed into their Week 4 bye with a 3-0 record. Following the bye, the Eagles dropped four of the next six games, with all four losses coming on the road. The team's two wins during that stretch came at home against the previously 5-0 Minnesota Vikings and the eventual NFC Champion Atlanta Falcons. Although the team struggled in the back half of the season, they closed out the year with back-to-back home wins against division rivals New York and Dallas. On the offensive side of the ball, TE Zach Ertz led the team in receptions (78), receiving yards (816) and receiving TDs (4). Ertz's 78 catches were the 2nd-most ever by an Eagles tight end. On defense, DT Fletcher Cox was named to his second career Pro Bowl, DE Brandon Graham earned second-team AP All-Pro honors and Jordan Hicks led all NFL LBs with a career-high 5 INTs. K Caleb Sturgis connected on the most FGs in single-season team history (35).

**2017** — During the 2017 offseason, the Eagles front office made a number of key acquisitions to bolster the roster. The team utilized free agency to add veterans like LeGarrette Blount, Nick Foles, Alshon Jeffery, Chris Long, Patrick Robinson and Torrey Smith, while also executing trades for veteran defenders Ronald Darby and Tim Jernigan. The team later traded for running back Jay Ajayi just before the NFL trade deadline in October. As a result of these personnel decisions, Eagles Executive Vice President of Football Operations Howie Roseman was named the 2017 Pro Football Writers of America Ex-



Roseman, Wentz, Lurie, Pederson



Cox

Executive of the Year. After splitting the first two games of the regular-season, the Eagles hosted the New York Giants at Lincoln Financial Field in Week 3. Rookie K Jake Elliott hit a franchise record 61-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Eagles to a 27-24 win over their division rivals and kick off a nine-game win streak. During that winning streak which established the Eagles as the best team in the NFC, Philadelphia won in dominating fashion at Lincoln Financial Field (five double-digit wins at home followed the victory over the Giants) and the team was bruising and physical in road victories at the Los Angeles Chargers, Carolina and Dallas. The Eagles overcame injuries along the way, losing the likes of LB Jordan Hicks, LT Jason Peters and RB Darren Sproles. A December 3rd loss to the Seattle Seahawks sent the 10-2 Eagles to Los Angeles to play the Rams. Late in the third quarter, QB Carson Wentz limped to the sideline after throwing his NFL-leading and franchise-record 33rd touchdown pass of the season to WR Alshon Jeffery. It was later determined that Wentz had torn the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Despite missing the final three games of the regular season, Wentz turned in a season for the ages, as the second-year signal caller was named second-team All-Pro by the Associated Press and earned his first career Pro Bowl nod as the NFC starting QB. Wentz also finished 3rd in MVP voting, behind Tom Brady and Todd Gurley. Nick Foles helped Philadelphia close out the victory over the Rams to clinch Philadelphia's first NFC East title since 2013. One week later, Foles tossed four touchdown passes to beat the Giants on the road and secure a first-round bye in the playoffs. A 19-10 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Christmas Night provided the Eagles with homefield advantage throughout the NFC Playoffs. The Eagles finished the regular season with 13 wins, tying for the most in a single season in franchise history. On January 13th, the Eagles hosted the Atlanta Falcons in the first playoff game at Lincoln Financial Field since 2013. With the Eagles clinging to a 15-10 lead with just over 1 minute remaining in regulation, Atlanta set up for a fourth-and-goal play from the Philadelphia 2-yard line. Falcons QB Matt Ryan sprinted right and targeted WR Julio Jones in the end zone, but CB Jalen Mills leapt high in the air to defend the pass and the ball fell incomplete. Philadelphia ran out the remainder of the clock to advance to the NFC Championship Game against the Minnesota Vikings. On a picture-perfect January 21st evening at Lincoln Financial Field, the Eagles put together a masterpiece to blow away the Vikings. A defense that peaked down the stretch of the regular season gave up a first-possession touchdown to the Vikings and then scored on an INT return for a touchdown a few minutes later. It was a dominating performance by the defense that featured two takeaways and three stops in the red zone. Meanwhile, Philadelphia's offense rolled up 456 total net yards, including 352 yards and three touchdown passes from Foles. After falling behind 7-0, the Eagles scored 38 straight points to defeat the Vikings 38-7 and advance to Super Bowl LII in Minneapolis. The Eagles met a familiar Super Bowl foe in Minnesota, as Super Bowl LII pitted Philadelphia against the New England Patriots in a rematch of the team's last Super Bowl appearance: a 21-24 loss to the Patriots in 2004. In Super Bowl LII, offense ruled the night and records were set, including the most combined yards in any NFL game (1,151) and the most combined passing yards (874) in NFL postseason history. Philadelphia found the end zone first when Foles connected with Jeffery on a 34-yard touchdown pass to take a 9-3 lead. Former Patriots RB LeGarrette Blount rumbled for



a 21-yard touchdown in the second quarter to give Philadelphia a 15-3 advantage, but New England responded to bring the score to 15-12 with just over two minutes remaining in the first half. A 55-yard pass from Foles to rookie RB Corey Clement moved the Eagles offense inside the Patriots 10-yard line and set the stage for one of

the most memorable moments in Philadelphia sports history. Following the big play to Clement, Philadelphia reached the Patriots 1-yard line and executed the now-famous "Philly Special." On fourth-and-goal, Head Coach Doug Pederson dialed up a stunner: the direct snap went to Clement, who flipped the ball to TE Trey Burton, who rolled right and tossed a pass to a wide-open Foles, who had leaked out, uncovered, into the right flat. Foles caught the pass for a touchdown that boosted Philadelphia's lead to 22-12 at the half.

The score marked the first touchdown catch by a quarterback in a Super Bowl. New England opened the second-half scoring with a touchdown pass to TE Rob Gronkowski, but Foles responded by hitting Clement in the back of the end zone for a 22-yard score. New England fought back and eventually took a 33-32 lead with less than 10 minutes



remaining in the fourth quarter. However, true to its 2017 form, Philadelphia showed its resiliency, as Foles and the offense orchestrated a 14-play, 75-yard scoring drive that ended when TE Zach Ertz stretched the ball over the goal line on an 11-yard reception to help the Eagles re-take the lead at 38-33. With just over two minutes left in the game, Brady took the field in hopes of leading New England to its second-straight come-from-behind Super Bowl victory, but the Philadelphia defense had other plans. On second down, DE Brandon Graham delivered the final blow of the game when he reached Brady and punched the ball loose. Rookie DE Derek Barnett recovered the fumble and Elliott kicked a 46-yard field goal with 1:10 left on the clock to give the Eagles a 41-33 lead. The kick proved to be the game's final points, as Brady's last-ditch hail mary hit the ground in the end zone and the clock struck zero. Green, white and silver confetti fell from the rafters at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, fans packed the streets in Philadelphia and Eagles fans around the world rejoiced. The 2017 Eagles had captured the first Super Bowl title in franchise history and their first NFL Championship since 1960. Pederson became the eighth head coach in NFL history to win the Super Bowl in his first two seasons as a head coach and the seventh to win the Super Bowl in his first playoff run.



Pederson became just the fourth head coach in NFL history to lead his team to a Super Bowl title following a sub-.500 record the previous season, joining Bill Walsh (1981 49ers), Dick Vermeil (1999 Rams) and Bill Belichick (2001 Patriots).

**2018** — The Philadelphia Eagles began their 2017 Super Bowl title defense with a home game against the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL's annual Thursday Night Kickoff game. The Eagles picked up where they left off in 2017 by defeating the Falcons 15-10. After missing the first two games of the season due to a knee injury sustained in 2017, starting QB Carson Wentz returned to the field in Week 3 and went on to set new single-season career highs in completion percentage (69.6) and QB rating (102.2), while throwing for 3,074 yards and 21 TDs on 401 attempts. Philadelphia struggled to find rhythm and consistency early in the year and entered its bye week at 4-4 following a win over the Jacksonville Jaguars in London in Week 8. Following the team's Week 9 bye, consecutive losses to the Cowboys and Saints dropped the Eagles to 4-6. However the team responded with back-to-back NFC East wins against the Giants and Washington to enter the last quarter of the season at 6-6. The Eagles traveled to Dallas in Week 14 with first place in the NFC East on the line, but Philadelphia was dealt two major blows as they suffered a 23-29 overtime loss to the Cowboys and later learned that Wentz would be forced out of the lineup due to a back injury. Backup quarterback Nick Foles took over the following week as the Eagles headed west to face the 11-2 Los Angeles Rams. The Rams entered the contest as the No. 3 scoring offense in the NFL, averaging 32.7 points per game, but the Eagles defense managed to hold them to

just 23 points. The Eagles offense cashed in with three rushing touchdowns and three field goals to upset Los Angeles 30-23. Philadelphia returned home in Week 16 to take on the playoff-bound Houston Texans. Foles turned in a record-breaking performance in front of the home fans as he threw for four touchdowns and a franchise-record 471 passing yards, while engineering a game-winning drive that saw kicker Jake Elliott boot a 35-yard field goal as time expired to give Philadelphia a 32-30 win. The victory over the Texans kept the Eagles' playoff hopes alive heading into Week 17 and gave them an outside shot at the final Wild Card spot in the NFC. This scenario required Philadelphia to beat division-rival Washington on the road and also have the Chicago Bears defeat the Minnesota Vikings. The Eagles handled business in Washington, shutting out Washington 24-0. The team returned to the visiting locker room at FedExField to find the Bears ahead of the Vikings in the fourth quarter. Chicago went on to defeat the Vikings 24-10 and despite a roller-coaster of a regular season, Philadelphia won five of its last six regular-season games to earn a spot in the 2018 playoffs. The Eagles traveled to face the No. 3 seeded Chicago Bears in the Wild Card Round and narrowly defeated the Bears 16-15. With time running out in regulation, Foles engineered a 12-play, 60-yard game-winning touchdown drive that was capped by a 2-yard touchdown pass to WR Golden Tate with just 56 seconds remaining in the game. While the touchdown gave the Eagles the lead, the game was not in hand until Bears kicker Cody Parkey clanked what would have been the game-winning field goal off the left upright and the crossbar. The ball crashed to the ground in the end zone and the Eagles kneeled out the clock to advance to the Divisional Round and set up a rematch with the No. 1 seeded New Orleans Saints. The matchup sent Philadelphia back to New Orleans, where it had previously suffered a 48-7 loss in Week 11. The Eagles proved that they were a different team this time around and jumped out to a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter. However, Philadelphia struggled to move the ball for the remainder of the contest and ultimately fell to the Saints 14-20. The 2018 season featured a number of impressive individual performances and five Eagles earned spots in the Pro Bowl: G Brandon Brooks, DT Fletcher Cox, TE Zach Ertz, S Malcolm Jenkins and T Lane Johnson. Ertz set a single-season NFL record for receptions by a TE (116), surpassing the previous mark of 110 set by Jason Witten in 2012. Ertz's 116 receptions also set a new Eagles' single-season record and ranked 2nd in the NFL in 2018, trailing only Saints WR Michael Thomas (125). Cox led the team with a career-high 10.5 sacks, marking the most sacks by an Eagles DT since Andy Harmon in 1995 (11.0). Wentz ranked 3rd in the NFL with a team-record 69.6 (279-of-401) completion percentage, trailing only Saints QB Drew Brees (74.4%) and Vikings QB Kirk Cousins (70.1%) (min. 400 attempts). Wentz also registered a career-high 102.2 passer rating. In addition to the team's five Pro Bowlers, Cox and C Jason Kelce were named first-team All-Pro by the Associated Press.

**2019** — The Philadelphia Eagles opened the 2019 season at home against Washington and found themselves down 17-0 early in the second quarter after a slow start. Behind a 313-yard and three TD performance from QB Carson Wentz, including two 50+ yard TD passes to WR DeSean Jackson, who reunited with Philadelphia in the offseason after stints in Washington and Tampa Bay, the Eagles rallied back. They would go on to score 25-unanswered points in the second half to defeat Washington 32-27. Losing their next two games against Atlanta and Detroit, the 1-2 Eagles traveled to Green Bay for a Thursday Night Football matchup against the 3-0 Packers. In Green Bay, Philadelphia gained 176 yards on the ground and sealed a 34-27 victory when LB Nigel Bradham intercepted Packers QB Aaron Rodgers in the endzone with 28 seconds remaining in regulation. The following week, in a 31-6 win over the Jets, the Eagles became the first team in NFL history to record 10+ sacks, a fumble recovery TD and an INT TD in the same game, led by a career-high 3.0 sacks from DE Brandon Graham. Philadelphia stood at 3-2 and tied for first place in the NFC East as they faced a three-game road



Wentz

trip against Minnesota, Dallas and Buffalo. After dropping the first two games of the road trip, the Eagles traveled to Buffalo to face the 5-1 Bills. With a season-high 218 rushing yards and rushing TDs from Miles Sanders, Jordan Howard and Boston Scott, the Eagles defeated the Bills 31-13. After a stellar performance in Buffalo, the Eagles returned home to host the Chicago Bears. The defense showed up once again, this time allowing only nine first half yards to the Bears, marking the 9th-fewest yards allowed by an NFL team in the first half of a game since at least 2000. The Eagles defeated the Bears 22-14 and headed into their bye week at 5-4. Following the bye, three straight losses against New England, Seattle and Miami left the Eagles at 5-7. Despite their record, the Eagles still controlled their own playoff destiny with four games remaining against NFC East opponents. The route to an NFC East title and playoff berth was straightforward: win-out. The first of the four must-win games was a home contest against the Giants on Monday Night Football. Trailing 17-3 at halftime, the Eagles mounted a furious comeback. Philadelphia's defense shut the Giants out the rest of the way. Down seven points with 8:10 remaining, the Eagles marched from their own 15-yard line to the Giants 2-yard line, eating up clock along the way. Wentz capped off the game-tying drive with a 2-yard TD throw to TE Zach Ertz. In overtime, the Eagles received the ball first and never relinquished possession. Another 2-yard TD from Wentz to Ertz completed the comeback and sealed the victory. The following week, the Eagles and Washington squared off at FedExField. In a game with nine lead changes, Philadelphia found themselves down by three with under five minutes left, when for the second consecutive week, Wentz marched his team down the field late in the game. This time, Wentz completed 8-of-8 attempts for 70 yards and sealed the win with a 4-yard TD pass to WR Greg Ward with 26 seconds remaining in regulation. In the victory, Sanders had a record setting performance, scoring a rushing TD and receiving TD, achieving single-game career-highs in scrimmage yards (172) and rushing yards (122), and establishing new Eagles single-season rookie records in both categories (1,120 scrimmage yards and 687 rushing yards). In Week 16, the Eagles and Cowboys met at Lincoln Financial Field for a matchup with playoff implications. If Dallas won, they would clinch the NFC East and eliminate the Eagles from playoff contention. However, an Eagles win would keep Philadelphia's playoff hopes alive and set up a Week 17 'win-and-in' scenario. The Eagles jumped out to an early 10-point lead with a field goal by K Jake Elliott and a TD by TE Dallas Goedert. Goedert would go on to lead the Eagles passing attack with a career-high 9 catches for 91 yards. Two second-quarter field goals by the Cowboys cut into the Eagles lead. With the score at 10-6, a late third quarter TD by Sanders, who finished with 156 scrimmage yards in the game, extended Philadelphia's lead to 17-6. The Eagles would continue their stout defensive performance, surrendering just one more field goal in the game and keeping the NFL's No. 1 ranked offense out of the end zone, en route to a 17-9 victory. The victory over Dallas formed two Week 17 scenarios for Philadelphia to clinch the NFC East and earn a playoff berth: a victory at MetLife Stadium against the Giants, or a Cowboys loss to Washington. Through three quarters of the game, each time Philadelphia took the lead, the Giants answered. With the game tied 17-17 in the fourth quarter, Boston Scott ran in his second and third touchdowns of the game and Philadelphia scored 17-unanswered points to win 34-17 and wrap up the NFC East title. The victory over the Giants set up a Wild Card Weekend matchup between the Eagles and Seahawks at Lincoln Financial Field. The game would mark the first-ever playoff meeting between the two teams. Due to a first-quarter head injury to Wentz, Eagles backup QB and 17-year veteran Josh McCown took the ball under center the rest of the way. Under his direction, the Eagles marched down the field on numerous occasions, but were unable reach the end zone. Philadelphia scored 9 points off the foot of Jake Elliott, but it wasn't enough, as they ultimately fell to the Seahawks 9-17.

**2020** — The Eagles relieved head coach Doug Pederson of his duties following a disappointing 4-11-1 campaign. Marred by injuries, Philadelphia used 14 different starting offensive line combinations throughout the year, with C Jason Kelce, who earned his fourth career Pro Bowl, being the one constant in the trenches. RB Miles Sanders ranked fourth among NFL running backs with a 5.3 rushing average and became the first player since 2012 to record three rushing plays of 70-plus-yards in the same season. Defensively, the

Eagles totaled the third-most sacks (49) in the NFL. DE Brandon Graham led the team with 8.0 sacks and was named to his first Pro Bowl appearance, while DT Fletcher Cox secured his sixth consecutive Pro Bowl honor. Rookie QB Jalen Hurts replaced QB Carson Wentz in the second half of a Week 13 matchup at Green Bay and remained the starting quarterback for the final four games of the regular season. In Week 14 vs. New Orleans, Hurts led the Eagles to a 24-21 victory over the 10-2 Saints in his first career start, joining Ron Jaworski as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to beat a team on a 9-plus-game winning streak in their starting debut. In Week 15 at Arizona, Hurts posted the most offensive touchdowns (4) and passing touchdowns (3, tied) in Eagles rookie history. He then threw for a career-best 342 yards at Dallas in Week 16, including an 81-yard touchdown to DeSean Jackson - the longest passing touchdown by an Eagles rookie since Davey O'Brien in 1939.



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**2021** — The Eagles hired first-year head coach Nick Sirianni during the 2021 offseason and came out firing to open the season at Atlanta. Behind a 264-yard and three-TD performance by QB Jalen Hurts, Philadelphia scored 25-unanswered points to win 32-6. After dropping three in a row to San Francisco, Dallas and Kansas City, the Eagles bounced back with a 21-18 victory in Week 5 against Carolina, when Jalen Hurts engineered his first career fourth quarter comeback. After two additional losses dropped the Eagles' record to 2-5, Philadelphia got a much-needed 44-6 win at Detroit in Week 8. In a game that would turn the season around, the Eagles found their identity on the ground with RB Boston Scott and RB Jordan Howard leading the way for 236 rushing yards and four TDs. Darius Slay also got into the action, recording a 33-yard fumble recovery TD, his first of three defensive TDs on the season, which led the NFL. After a loss to the L.A. Chargers in the final seconds in Week 9, the Eagles posted back-to-back wins against Denver and New Orleans to bring their record to 5-6. With another 216 yards on the ground, the Eagles got by the Broncos in a 30-13 win. Philadelphia then posted a season-high 241 rushing yards, including three TDs from Hurts and 94 yards from RB Miles Sanders, to cruise by New Orleans 40-29. After a Week 12 loss to the Giants, Philadelphia righted the ship the next week with a 33-18 win against the Jets. With Jalen Hurts injured, QB Gardner Minshew stepped up and posted 242 yards and two TDs on 20-of-25 passing. He was helped by a career highs in receiving yards by TE Dallas Goedert (105) and rushing yards by Miles Sanders (120). Even with the bye week coming up, the win in New York proved to be jumping board for a four-game winning streak by the Eagles. The Eagles would get back to a 7-7 record after posting their seventh-consecutive game with 175-plus yards rushing in Week 15 against Washington, becoming the first NFL team to accomplish that feat since the 1985 Chicago Bears.



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After beating the Giants 34-10 in Week 16, Philadelphia had the chance to clinch a playoff spot with a win in Week 17 against Washington, a San Francisco win and a loss from the Minnesota. In a game that was not decided until the end, the Eagles made big plays when they needed them most. Boston Scott had his second multi-TD game of the year, breaking through from two yards and one yard, and Jake Elliott came up clutch with two late field goals to give the Eagles the lead. The game still was not decided until a late interception by S Rodney McLeod off of Washington QB Taylor Heinicke with 30 seconds remaining. With San Francisco winning their game and Minnesota losing to Green Bay, the win clinched a playoff berth for Philadelphia. Nick Sirianni became just the third Eagles rookie head coach to clinch a playoff spot in his first season and the second NFL rookie head coach to lead his

team to a winning record and a playoff spot after a 2-5 start, joining Frank Reich with the Colts in 2018. A Week 18 loss to Dallas followed their trip to Washington, where DeVonta Smith broke the franchise rookie record for receiving yards in a season (916), previously held by DeSean Jackson (912 in 2008). The Eagles then lost their NFC Wild Card Playoff matchup against the defending Super Bowl Champions Tampa Bay, 31-15. The 2021 season offered many impressive feats by both the team and individuals. The Eagles second-half turnaround that was fueled by a powerful running game helped set team records in rushing yards (2,715), rushing TDs (25) and third-down conversion rate (45.7 pct.). Jalen Hurts also set the franchise record for rushing TDs by a QB in a season (10) and led all NFL QBs in rushing yards (784). Philadelphia sent C Jason Kelce, DT Javon Hargrave, DE Josh Sweat, CB Darius Slay and K Jake Elliott to the Pro Bowl, with Elliott, Hargrave and Sweat earning those honors for the first time. Both Hargrave and Sweat led the team in sacks (7.5) for the season, which were career highs for both. Elliott also had a career-year, hitting on a franchise-record 90.9 percent (30-of-33) of his FGs and all 44 of his PATs for a career-high 136 total points. The Eagles also had two players name to the All-Pro team by the Associated Press in Jason Kelce and Lane Johnson.