REVIEW OF EAGLES' 1973 SEASON

St. Louis 34, Eagles 23

September 16 at Veterans Stadium

Eagles' miscues early in the game helped St. Louis to a 21-0 lead that eventually proved insurmountable despite a late Eagles' rally that gave indications of the offensive power that would characterize the team in 1973. Roman Gabriel passed for 162 yards (22 of 37 and two touchdowns) and Harold Carmichael caught five passes to begin his quest for the NFL receiving title. Tom Dempsey began the best scoring year of his career with three field goals and two extra points. Tom Sullivan, with 54 yards, surpassed by 41 yards his entire 1972 total.

St. Louis	21	3	0	10—34
Eagles	3	3	10	7—23

SCORING

St. Louis—Anderson, 2 pass from Hart (Bakken kick).
St. Louis—Anderson, 4 run (Bakken kick).
St. Louis—Gray, 40 pass from Hart (Bakken kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 36.
St. Louis—Bakken, FG 17.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 44.
Eagles—Carmichael, 6 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 27.
Eagles—Bailey, 4 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
St. Louis—Bakken, FG 20.
St. Louis—Anderson, 26 run (Bakken kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	St. Louis	Eagles
First Downs	20	18
Rushing Yardage	35-197	27-109
Passing Yardage	195	143
Return Yardage	160	120
Passes	17-29-1	22-37-1
Punts	2-38.0	4-42.2
Fumbles Lost	3-2	6-2
Yards Penalized	2-10	9-96

Attendance—61,103.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

St. Louis—Metcalf, 16 for 133 yards; Anderson, 13 for 58 yards; Moss, 3 for 6 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 13 for 54 yards; Bulaich, 10 for 42 yards; James, 4 for 13 yards.

Passing

St. Louis—Hart, 17 of 29 for 203 yards.

Eagles—Gabriel, 22 of 37 for 162 yards.

Receiving

St. Louis—Gray, 7 for 67 yards; Anderson, 5 for 66 yards; Metcalf, 1 for 25 yards; Maynard, 1 for 18 yards; J. Smith, 2 for 14 yards; Gillette, 1 for 13 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 5 for 51 yards; Young, 4 for 45 yards; Sullivan, 5 for 30 yards; Bulaich, 3 for 18 yards; Bailey, 4 for 15 yards; Hawkins, 1 for 3 yards.

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Eagles 23, New York Giants 23

September 23 at New York

The final football game played at old Yankee Stadium was a memorable one as the underdog Eagles saw sure victory escape when the Giants' Pete Gogolak booted a game-tying 14-yard field goal as time expired. The deadlock marred an outstanding performance by the Birds' Tom Sullivan who rushed for the first 100-yard day of his pro career (on 18 carries). Roman Gabriel's 16-yard touchdown pass to Harold Carmichael gave the Eagles a 23-20 lead less than three minutes before the final gun. The Eagles' rangy receiving duo of Carmichael and tight end Charles Young combined for eight catches and 156 yards.

Eagles	6	0	10	7—23
New York Giants	7	3	0	13—23

SCORING

Eagles—Dempsey, FG 30.
New York Giants—Clements, 2 run (Gogolak kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 18.
New York Giants—Gogolak, FG 45.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 37.
Eagles—Sullivan, 8 run (Dempsey kick).
New York Giants—Gogolak, FG 14.
New York Giants—Johnson, 1 run (Gogolak kick).
Eagles—Carmichael, 16 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
New York Giants—Gogolak, FG 14.

TEAM STATISTICS

	New York	Eagles
First Downs	24	16
Rushing Yardage	40-134	28-128
Passing Yardage	272	216
Return Yardage	135	104
Passes	19-35-1	14-28-2
Punts	4-45.3	4-41.3
Fumbles Lost	2-1	1-0
Yards Penalized	2-30	3-15

Attendance—57,138.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New York Giants—Johnson, 30 for 112 yards; Clements, 9 for 21 yards; Snead, 1 for 1 yard.

Eagles—Sullivan, 18 for 100 yards; Bulaich, 7 for 21 yards; Gabriel, 3 for 7 yards.

Passing

New York Giants—Snead, 19 of 35 for 272 yards (one intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 14 of 28 for 227 yards (two intercepted).

Receiving

New York Giants—Tucker, 8 for 136 yards; Houston, 4 for 45 yards; Clements, 3 for 36 yards; Grim, 2 for 22 yards; Johnson, 1 for 17 yards; Herrmann, 1 for 16 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 5 for 103 yards; Hawkins, 1 for 54 yards; Young, 3 for 53 yards; Sullivan, 4 for 17 yards.

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Washington 28, Eagles 7

September 30 at Veterans Stadium

Norm Bulaich's 80-yard touchdown reception of a Roman Gabriel pass gave the Eagles a 7-7 halftime tie with Washington and visions of a monumental upset of the lofty Redskins. It wasn't to be, however, as the 'Skins scored three times in the final half as old nemesis Sonny Jurgensen directed the Washington attack almost flawlessly. The Eagles' Gabriel was again brilliant, hitting on 19 of 38 passes for 266 yards.

Washington	7	0	7	14—28
Eagles	0	7	0	0— 7

SCORING

Washington—Taylor, 23 pass from Jurgensen (Knight kick).
Eagles—Bulaich, 80 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Washington—Taylor, 10 pass from Jurgensen (Knight kick).
Washington—Brown, 1 run (Knight kick).
Washington—Vactor, 34 run with pass interception (Knight kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Washington	Eagles
First Downs	15	14
Rushing Yardage	36-81	22-53
Passing Yardage	195	206
Return Yardage	222	92
Passes	16-29-1	19-38-2
Punts	8-38.3	9-44.0
Fumbles Lost	3-0	3-1
Yards Penalized	3-15	2-12

Attendance—64,147.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Washington—Brown, 30 for 57 yards; Harraway, 3 for 15 yards; Thomas, 2 for 10 yards; Hull, 1 for minus 1 yard.

Eagles—Sullivan, 13 for 25 yards; Bulaich, 8 for 22 yards; Oliver, 1 for 6 yards.

Passing

Washington—Jurgensen, 16 of 29 for 195 yards (one intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 19 of 38 for 266 yards (two intercepted).

Receiving

Washington—Reed, 3 for 73 yards; Taylor, 7 for 69 yards; Harraway, 2 for 31 yards; Brown, 2 for 12 yards; Jefferson, 2 for 10 yards.

Eagles—Bulaich, 6 for 109 yards; Carmichael, 4 for 62 yards; Young, 3 for 39 yards; Hawkins, 1 for 27 yards; Sullivan, 4 for 20 yards; Oliver, 1 for 9 yards.

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Buffalo 27, Eagles 26

October 7 at Buffalo

The loss to Buffalo was even more heartbreaking than the 23-23 tie with the Giants three weeks earlier. Tom Sullivan almost matched yard for yard with the fantastic O. J. Simpson, gaining 155 yards to O. J.'s 171 but a missed 19-yard field goal as time expired deprived Philadelphia of its first victory under coach Mike McCormack. Rookie All-Pro candidate Charles Young caught six passes for 58 yards including one circus catch for a score in the deep corner of the end zone. Veteran wide receiver Ben Hawkins was lost for the season when he suffered a broken leg near the Eagles' bench.

Buffalo	10	14	0	3—27
Eagles	6	10	7	3—26

SCORING

Eagles—Dempsey, FG 51.
Buffalo—Leypoldt, FG 12.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 22.
Buffalo—Francis, 101 kickoff return (Leypoldt kick).
Buffalo—Ferguson, 1 run (Leypoldt kick).
Eagles—Bulaich, 7 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Buffalo—Simpson, 2 run (Leypoldt kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 14.
Eagles—Young, 9 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 19.
Buffalo—Leypoldt, FG 47.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Buffalo	Eagles
First Downs	16	28
Rushing Yardage	36-229	44-275
Passing Yardage	47	176
Return Yardage	14	2
Passes	6-9-0	16-29-0
Punts	3-43.3	1-37.0
Fumbles Lost	1-1	2-1
Yards Penalized	5-52	3-25

Attendance—72,364.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Buffalo—Simpson, 27 for 171 yards; Watkins, 5 for 33 yards; Ferguson, 4 for 25 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 26 for 155 yards; Bulaich, 13 for 104 yards; James, 2 for 13 yards; Bailey, 3 for 3 yards.

Passing

Buffalo—Ferguson, 6 of 9 for 63 yards.

Eagles—Gabriel, 16 of 29 for 182 yards.

Receiving

Buffalo—Simpson, 3 for 33 yards; Chandler, 1 for 14 yards; Watkins, 1 for 9 yards; Hill, 1 for 7 yards.

Eagles—Young, 6 for 58 yards; Carmichael, 2 for 49 yards; Hawkins, 2 for 30 yards; Sullivan, 4 for 29 yards; Bulaich, 2 for 16 yards.

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Eagles 27, St. Louis 24

October 14 at St. Louis

The final gun sounded as rookie Don Zimmerman, in his first NFL start, dragged three St. Louis defenders over the goal with the winning touchdown. The 23-yard reception of a Roman Gabriel pass accounted for Mike McCormack's first head coaching win and again proved that Roman Gabriel is a master of the two-minute offense. With less than two minutes remaining in the game, the Birds trailed, 24-13. Gabe cut that deficit to 24-20 with a 27-yard scoring strike to Harold Carmichael, then came back to Zimmerman soon after with the winning score. Carmichael's 12 receptions went on to rank as a co-best in the NFL in 1973.

Eagles	0	7	3	17—27
St. Louis	0	3	14	7—24

SCORING

Eagles—Carmichael, 1 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
St. Louis—Bakken, FG 39.
St. Louis—Anderson, 21 run (Bakken kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 32.
St. Louis—Rashad, 9 pass from Hart (Bakken kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 23.
St. Louis—Rashad, 65 pass from Hart (Bakken kick).
Eagles—Carmichael, 27 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Zimmerman, 23 pass from Gabriel

TEAM STATISTICS

	St. Louis	Eagles
First Downs	14	20
Rushing Yardage	22-65	27-102
Passing Yardage	287	379
Return Yardage	5	45
Passes	26-38-1	29-45-0
Punts	6-37.7	5-40.4
Fumbles Lost	0-0	3-1
Yards Penalized	9-82	7-64

Attendance—44,400.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

St. Louis—Anderson, 14 for 43 yards; Metcalf, 8 for 22 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 15 for 52 yards; Bailey, 9 for 45 yards; Bulaich, 3 for 5 yards.

Passing

St. Louis—Hart, 26 of 38 for 287 yards (one intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 29 for 45 for 379 yards.

Receiving

St. Louis—Rashad, 5 for 104 yards; Smith, 7 for 83 yards; Anderson, 6 for 44 yards; Gillette, 3 for 39 yards; Gray, 1 for 10 yards; Shy, 1 for 6 yards; Metcalf, 3 for 1 yard.

Eagles—Carmichael, 12 for 187 yards; Zimmerman, 5 for 58 yards; Young, 2 for 44 yards; Sullivan, 7 for 36 yards; Bailey, 2 for 29 yards; Bulaich, 1 for 25 yards.

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Minnesota 28, Eagles 21

October 21 at Minnesota

A valiant Eagles' offensive effort fell one touchdown short against the Super Bowl-bound Vikings. Po James, in his most extensive action of the year, gained 78 yards on 11 carries and added six pass receptions. Po and fellow backup man Lee Bouggess each scored touchdowns on the ground against the Purple Gang. Charles Young's first NFL rushing touchdown was an awesome 17-yard end around effort that left four Minnesota defenders flattened. Roman Gabriel had another outstanding day, completing 23 of 32 passes for 201 yards.

Minnesota	7	7	7	7—28
Eagles	0	7	7	7—21

SCORING

Minnesota—Gilliam, 44 run (Cox kick).
Minnesota—Reed, 1 run (Cox kick).
Eagles—James, 12 run (Dempsey kick).
Minnesota—Gilliam, 24 pass from Tarkenton (Cox kick).
Eagles—Bouggess, 2 run (Dempsey kick).
Minnesota—Foreman, 5 run (Cox kick).
Eagles—Young, 17 run (Dempsey kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Minnesota	Eagles
First Downs	25	19
Rushing Yardage	44-217	26-126
Passing Yardage	192	189
Return Yardage	25	12
Passes	16-21-0	23-32-0
Punts	2-41.5	5-41.8
Fumbles Lost	2-1	2-0
Yards Penalized	3-11	2-30

Attendance—47,478.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Minnesota—Foreman, 21 for 68 yards; Reed, 13 for 56 yards; Tarkenton, 9 for 49 yards; Gilliam, 1 for 44 yards.

Eagles—James, 11 for 78 yards; Sullivan, 8 for 35 yards; Young, 1 for 17 yards; Bouggess, 3 for 2 yards; Gabriel, 1 for 2 yards; Bulaich, 2 for minus 8 yards.

Passing

Minnesota—Tarkenton, 16 of 21 for 202 yards.

Eagles—Gabriel, 23 of 32 for 201 yards.

Receiving

Minnesota—Gilliam, 6 for 116 yards; Reed, 3 for 29 yards; Voight, 2 for 27 yards; Foreman, 3 for 17 yards; Dale, 1 for 10 yards; Marinaro, 1 for 3 yards.

Eagles—Young, 6 for 86 yards; Carmichael, 6 for 52 yards; James, 6 for 25 yards; Sullivan, 3 for 22 yards; Zimmerman, 2 for 16 yards.

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Eagles 30, Dallas 16

October 28 at Veterans Stadium

The Birds' first win over Dallas after 11 straight losses dating back to 1967 was the highlight of the 1973 season. The offense, which had been potent all season, got a great boost from the defense which held the Cowboys to a single field goal in the second half. Harold Carmichael went over the Dallas defense to snare two more Roman Gabriel touchdown passes, a feat which led veteran Cowboys' cornerback Mel Renfro into joining the growing list of Carmichael admirers in the NFL. Renfro, after the game, admitted that Harold "might be one of the best I've ever seen."

Eagles	10	17	0	3—30
Dallas	0	13	3	0—16

SCORING

Eagles—Carmichael, 6 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 7.
Dallas—Stowe, 8 pass from Staubach (kick failed).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 35.
Eagles—Gabriel, 1 run (Dempsey kick).
Dallas—Stowe, 14 pass from Staubach (Clark kick).
Eagles — Carmichael, 10 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Dallas—Clark, FG 33.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 32.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	Eagles
First Downs	27	19
Rushing Yardage	36-130	26-69
Passing Yardage	232	203
Return Yardage	104	119
Passes	24-39-2	20-34-0
Punts	3-52.3	3-48.7
Fumbles Lost	3-2	2-0
Yards Penalized	6-84	1-39

Attendance—63,300.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Dallas—Hill, 25 for 100 yards; Garrison, 7 for 23 yards; Staubach, 3 for 17 yards; Montgomery, 1 for minus 10 yards.

Eagles—James, 10 for 35 yards; Bulaich, 9 for 30 yards; Bouggess, 5 for 3 yards.

Passing

Dallas—Staubach, 24 of 38 for 250 yards (two intercepted); Hill, 0 of 1.

Eagles—Gabriel, 20 of 34 for 203 yards.

Receiving

Dallas—Stowe, 5 for 79 yards; Montgomery, 4 for 49 yards; Hayes, 4 for 45 yards; Garrison, 5 for 37 yards; Fugett, 2 for 27 yards; Richards, 1 for 6 yards; DuPree, 2 for 5 yards; Hill, 1 for 2 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 4 for 54 yards; Bulaich, 3 for 51 yards; Young, 4 for 47 yards; James, 7 for 43 yards; Bouggess, 2 for 8 yards.

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Eagles 24, New England 23

November 4 at Veterans Stadium

New England appeared on its way to a one-sided win after taking a 17-0 lead in the third period before Roman Gabriel and an aroused Birds' defense propelled the Eagles to their third win in the past four games. Gabriel hit sensational rookie tight end Charles Young for touchdown passes of 20 and seven yards and rookie defensive end William Wynn scored his first NFL touchdown with a 24-yard return of a high center snap to the punter. A subsequent Patriots' go-ahead touchdown was negated by Tom Dempsey's winning 12-yard field goal at the end of a time-consuming 75-yard drive in the last quarter. Steve Zabel guaranteed the victory by blocking the Pats' Jeff White's 47-yard field goal try on the game's final play.

Eagles	0	0	21	3—24
New England	7	3	7	6—23

trailed 17-0

SCORING

New England—Stingley, 16 pass from Plunkett (White kick).
New England—White, FG 33.
New England—Stingley, 14 pass from Plunkett (White kick).
Eagles—Young, 20 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Young, 7 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Wynn, 24 run with recovered fumble (Dempsey kick).
New England—Cunningham, 4 run (kick failed).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 12.

TEAM STATISTICS

	New England	Eagles
First Downs	20	19
Rushing Yardage	40-161	28-132
Passing Yardage	129	234
Return Yardage	273	54
Passes	18-25-1	24-36-3
Punts	3-35.3	6-33.5
Fumbles Lost	4-3	3-2
Yards Penalized	5-75	6-67

Attendance—65,070.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New England—Cunningham, 16 for 61 yards; Ashton, 19 for 60 yards; Plunkett, 4 for 26 yards; Stingley, 1 for 14 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 17 for 76 yards; Bulaich, 10 for 47 yards; Young, 1 for 9 yards.

Passing

New England—Plunkett, 18 of 25 for 168 yards (one intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 24 of 36 for 249 yards (three intercepted).

Receiving

New England—Windsor, 3 for 48 yards; Stingley, 4 for 45 yards; Rucker, 7 for 43 yards; Ashton, 2 for 18 yards; Cunningham, 2 for 14 yards.

Eagles—Young, 8 for 108 yards; Carmichael, 3 for 50 yards; Bulaich, 6 for 41 yards; Zimmerman, 3 for 32 yards; Sullivan, 4 for 18 yards.

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Atlanta 44, Eagles 27

November 11 at Veterans Stadium

A physically imposing Atlanta team wore down the Eagles and scored 24 points in the final period to turn a close game into a 44-27 victory. Roman Gabriel engineered a 75-yard drive culminated by a four-yard touchdown pass reception by Norm Bulaich to tie the game at 20-20 after three periods before the Falcons' outburst. A deftly executed 46-yard coffin corner punt by Atlanta's John James put the Eagles into a hole that they couldn't escape. Harold Carmichael, with six receptions and a 19-yard touchdown for the day, drew this graphic description from winning coach Norm Van Brocklin: "He (Carmichael) can stand flat-footed and eat an apple off a tree without using his hands."

Atlanta	7	10	3	24—44
Eagles	7	6	7	7—27

SCORING

Eagles—Sullivan, 4 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Atlanta—Ray, 3 run (Mike-Mayer kick).
Atlanta—Burrow, 12 pass from Lee (Mike-Mayer kick).
Atlanta—Mike-Mayer, FG 45.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 34.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 48.
Atlanta—Mike-Mayer, FG 8.
Eagles—Bulaich, 4 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Atlanta—Ray, 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick).
Atlanta—Wages, 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick).
Atlanta—Mike-Mayer, FG 30.
Eagles — Carmichael, 19 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Atlanta—Burrow, 21 pass from Sullivan (Mike-Mayer kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Atlanta	Eagles
First Downs	22	20
Rushing Yardage	43-170	26-128
Passing Yardage	122	205
Return Yardage	260	161
Passes	13-25-1	21-33-2
Punts	3-44.0	5-41.4
Fumbles Lost	4-0	3-0
Yards Penalized	9-77	5-35

Attendance—63,114.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Atlanta—Ray, 12 for 71 yards; Hampton, 21 for 53 yards; Washington, 2 for 30 yards; Wages, 5 for 17 yards; Lee, 2 for 2 yards; Geredine, 1 for minus 3 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 12 for 57 yards; Bulaich, 8 for 24 yards; Bailey, 5 for 24 yards; Carmichael, 1 for 23 yards.

Passing

Atlanta—Lee, 12 of 23 for 109 yards (one intercepted); Sullivan, 1 of 2 for 21 yards.

Eagles—Gabriel, 21 of 33 for 221 yards (two intercepted).

Receiving

Atlanta—Burrow, 5 for 51 yards; Hampton, 2 for 26 yards; J. Mitchell, 2 for 20 yards; Mallik, 1 for 17 yards; Dodd, 1 for 16 yards; Ray, 2 for 0 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 6 for 105 yards; Sullivan, 6 for 41 yards; Bailey, 4 for 36 yards; Young, 2 for 16 yards; Zimmerman, 1 for 14 yards; Bulaich, 2 for 9 yards.

Dallas 31, Eagles 10

November 18 at Dallas, Texas

Eagles' hopes for a second upset of Dallas in 1973 appeared on their way to becoming reality when the Birds jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the second period on Tom Dempsey's 48-yard field goal and Charles Young's 80-yard pass reception. Midway through the second period Roman Gabriel suffered a bruised right elbow and his loss for the remainder of the game gave the Cowboys the impetus to go on and post a 31-10 victory. Second-year quarterback John Reaves struggled to a five for 19 passing day in relief of Gabriel. The Dallas game provided Reaves' only action of the 1973 season.

Dallas	0	14	7	10—31
Eagles	3	7	0	0—10

SCORING

Eagles—Dempsey, FG 48.
Eagles—Young, 80 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Dallas—Staubach, 1 run (Fritsch kick).
Dallas—Garrison, 2 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick).
Dallas—Hayes, 28 pass from Staubach (Fritsch kick).
Dallas—Garrison, 1 run (Fritsch kick).
Dallas—Fritsch, FG 23.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	Eagles
First Downs	16	12
Rushing Yardage	40-286	29-118
Passing Yardage	107	133
Return Yardage	73	15
Passes	7-17-3	13-33-1
Punts	6-45.5	8-42.5
Fumbles Lost	0-0	3-2
Yards Penalized	5-55	1-5

Attendance—59,375.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Dallas—Garrison, 13 for 88 yards; Newhouse, 7 for 81 yards; Hill, 15 for 71 yards; Fugett, 1 for 34 yards; Strayhorn, 3 for 11 yards; Staubach, 1 for 1 yard.

Eagles—Sullivan, 12 for 52 yards; Bouggess, 7 for 29 yards; Bailey, 3 for 19 yards; Bulaich, 3 for 12 yards; Gabriel, 2 for 4 yards; Reaves, 2 for 2 yards.

Passing

Dallas — Staubach, 7 of 16 for 108 yards (three intercepted); Morton, 0 of 1.

Eagles — Gabriel, 8 of 14 for 135 yards; Reaves, 5 of 19 for 17 yards (one intercepted).

Receiving

Dallas—Garrison, 3 for 65 yards; Hayes, 1 for 28 yards; Pearson, 1 for 9 yards; DuPree, 1 for 9 yards; Hill, 1 for minus 3 yards.

Eagles—Young, 4 for 113 yards; Carmichael, 3 for 24 yards; Bouggess, 2 for 10 yards; Bulaich, 3 for 3 yards; Zimmerman, 1 for 2 yards.

Eagles 20, New York Giants 16

November 25 at Veterans Stadium

Tom Sullivan enjoyed the greatest day of his professional career with 156 yards on 32 carries to pace the Eagles over the Giants after the teams had tied earlier in the year. For his efforts, Sullivan was named the NFL's Offensive Player of the Week by the Associated Press. The Eagles never trailed after Don Zimmerman's first period touchdown, a 30-yard pass reception from Roman Gabriel. Tom Dempsey's 51-yard field goal tied his longest of the season and marked the fourth straight year that he has kicked a field goal of that distance or longer.

Eagles	10	3	7	0—20
New York	3	3	0	10—16

SCORING

Eagles — Zimmerman, 30 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
New York Giants—Gogolak, FG 31.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 51.
New York Giants—Gogolak, FG 43.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 26.
Eagles—Sullivan, 3 run (Dempsey kick).
New York Giants—Gogolak, FG 15.
New York Giants—Roland, 4 pass from Johnson (Gogolak kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	New York	Eagles
First Downs	19	22
Rushing Yardage	25-113	49-253
Passing Yardage	257	127
Return Yardage	69	137
Passes	18-26-0	10-15-0
Punts	1-32.0	1-49.0
Fumbles Lost	0-0	4-1
Yards Penalized	5-46	6-50

Attendance—63,086.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New York Giants—Ron Johnson, 19 for 101 yards; Randy Johnson, 1 for 11 yards; Roland, 5 for 1 yard.

Eagles—Sullivan, 32 for 156 yards; Bulaich, 7 for 58 yards; James, 7 for 32 yards; Carmichael, 1 for 13 yards; Gabriel, 1 for 0 yards; Young, 1 for minus 6 yards.

Passing

New York Giants—Randy Johnson, 18 of 26 for 267 yards.

Eagles—Gabriel, 10 of 15 for 156 yards.

Receiving

New York Giants—Hermann, 5 for 83 yards; Tucker, 4 for 68 yards; Roland, 6 for 57 yards; Grim, 1 for 33 yards; Ron Johnson, 2 for 26 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 2 for 33 yards; Sullivan, 2 for 32 yards; Zimmerman, 1 for 30 yards; Bulaich, 2 for 27 yards; James, 2 for 19 yards; Young, 1 for 15 yards.

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San Francisco 38, Eagles 28

December 2 at San Francisco

After falling behind 28-0 after one half, the Eagles made things interesting for a while after intermission before losing, 38-28. Roman Gabriel came out throwing in the second half and eventually completed 28 of 55 attempts for 322 yards and touchdowns to Harold Carmichael and Charles Young. In the end, however, the early 49ers' barrage proved the difference despite three Eagles' touchdowns in the last period.

San Francisco	7	21	3	7—38
Eagles	0	0	7	21—28

SCORING

San Francisco—Hall, 66 recovered fumble (Gossett kick).
San Francisco—Spurrier, 1 run (Gossett kick).
San Francisco — Cunningham, 3 run (Gossett kick).
San Francisco — G. Washington, 28 pass from Spurrier (Gossett kick).
Eagles — Carmichael, 14 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
San Francisco—Gossett, FG 25.
Eagles—Young, 18 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles—Sullivan, 1 run (Dempsey kick).
San Francisco—Spurrier, 1 run (Gossett kick).
Eagles—Bulaich, 1 run (Dempsey kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	San Francisco	Eagles
First Downs	22	22
Rushing Yardage	38-178	23-92
Passing Yardage	211	317
Return Yardage	81	8
Passes	15-24-1	28-55-1
Punts	4-46.5	7-35.3
Fumbles Lost	3-3	3-2
Yards Penalized	11-95	11-95

Attendance—51,155.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

San Francisco — Willard, 15 for 117 yards; Cunningham, 14 for 63 yards; Jackson, 4 for 0 yards; Spurrier, 4 for 0 yards; Thomas, 1 for minus 2 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 15 for 79 yards; Bulaich, 7 for 7 yards; Carmichael, 1 for 6 yards.

Passing

San Francisco — Spurrier, 15 of 24 for 233 yards (one intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 28 of 55 for 322 yards (one intercepted).

Receiving

San Francisco—G. Washington, 3 for 96 yards; Cunningham, 4 for 55 yards; Kwalick, 2 for 23 yards; Jackson, 1 for 20 yards; Willard, 2 for 19 yards; Thomas, 1 for 17 yards; Abramowicz, 1 for 6 yards; Atkins, 1 for minus 3 yards.

Eagles—Young, 6 for 112 yards; Carmichael, 6 for 89 yards; Zimmerman, 7 for 51 yards; Bulaich, 5 for 41 yards; Sullivan, 3 for 23 yards; Davis, 1 for 6 yards.

Eagles 24, New York Jets 23

December 9 at Veterans Stadium

For the second time in 1973, the Eagles pulled out a victory after trailing by 17-0 in the first half. Roman Gabriel touchdown passes to Don Zimmerman and Harold Carmichael helped set the stage for the late game heroics of cornerback John Outlaw. Outlaw, the smallest man on the Eagles' squad, sprinted 45 yards with an Al Woodall interception in the third period and Tom Dempsey added the eventual game-winning point in a 24-23 Eagles' win. Tom Sullivan and Norm Bulaich gained 86 and 61 yards, respectively, on a cold and rainy December day that helped limit the crowd to 34,621, the smallest Eagles' home crowd of the season.

Eagles	0	7	17	0—24
New York	14	3	3	3—23

SCORING

New York Jets—Boozer, 11 pass from Woodall (Howfield kick).
New York Jets—Boozer, 2 run (Howfield kick).
New York Jets—Howfield, FG 34.
Eagles—Zimmerman, 2 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Eagles — Carmichael, 62 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
New York Jets—Howfield, FG 16.
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 40.
Eagles—Outlaw, 45 run with intercepted pass (Dempsey kick).
New York Jets—Howfield, FG 41.

TEAM STATISTICS

	New York	Eagles
First Downs	24	20
Rushing Yardage	42-276	35-155
Passing Yardage	156	203
Return Yardage	42	200
Passes	11-29-2	14-25-0
Punts	2-38.0	3-49.3
Fumbles Lost	3-1	4-3
Yards Penalized	2-10	3-23

Attendance—34,621.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New York Jets—Boozer, 21 for 160 yards; Adamle, 16 for 84 yards; Woodall, 3 for 18 yards; Bjorkland, 2 for 14 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 21 for 86 yards; Bulaich, 12 for 61 yards; James, 1 for 4 yards; Young, 1 for 4 yards.

Passing

New York Jets—Woodall, 11 of 29 for 160 yards (two intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 14 of 25 for 214 yards.

Receiving

New York Jets — Caster, 3 for 72 yards; Adamle, 2 for 25 yards; Barkum, 2 for 23 yards; Bell, 2 for 21 yards; Boozer, 2 for 19 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 5 for 146 yards; Bulaich, 5 for 30 yards; Sullivan, 2 for 22 yards; Young, 1 for 14 yards; Zimmerman, 1 for 2 yards.

Washington 38, Eagles 20

December 16 at Washington

While the snow swirled throughout Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, the Redskins got a magnificent four-touchdown performance from Larry Brown to post a 38-20 win after the Eagles had jumped out to a 10-0 first period lead. The Birds' passing game, the NFL's most productive in 1973, was again unstoppable as Roman Gabriel threw for 302 yards and Harold Carmichael locked up the league receiving title with four catches for 111 yards and rookie Charles Young assured his place as the NFL's top pass catching tight end with five catches for 104 yards.

Washington	0	24	7	7—38
Eagles	10	3	7	0—20

SCORING

Eagles—Dempsey, FG 44.
Eagles—Young, 34 pass from Gabriel (Dempsey kick).
Washington — Brown, 14 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick).
Washington—Knight, FG 15.
Washington — Jefferson, 32 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick).
Washington—Brown, 27 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick).
Eagles—Dempsey, FG 15.
Washington—Brown, 67 pass from Kilmer (Knight kick).
Eagles—Sullivan, 1 run (Dempsey kick).
Washington—Brown, 8 run (Knight kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Washington	Eagles
First Downs	22	18
Rushing Yardage	39-181	26-51
Passing Yardage	251	295
Return Yardage	81	18
Passes	13-24-1	22-39-1
Punts	2-36.5	3-33.3
Fumbles Lost	3-1	2-1
Yards Penalized	6-50	2-10

Attendance—49,484.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Washington—Brown, 26 for 150 yards; Harraway, 6 for 24 yards; Mul-Key, 3 for 8 yards; Thomas, 1 for 1 yard; Kilmer, 3 for minus 2 yards.

Eagles—Sullivan, 15 for 41 yards; Bulaich, 7 for 11 yards; James, 1 for 3 yards; Bradley, 1 for 0 yards; Gabriel, 2 for minus 4 yards.

Passing

Washington—Kilmer, 13 of 24 for 251 yards (one intercepted).

Eagles—Gabriel, 22 of 39 for 302 yards (one intercepted).

Receiving

Washington—Brown, 3 for 105 yards; Jefferson, 5 for 84 yards; Taylor, 3 for 36 yards; Harraway, 1 for 16 yards; Smith, 1 for 10 yards.

Eagles—Carmichael, 4 for 111 yards; Young, 5 for 104 yards; Bulaich, 4 for 33 yards; Sullivan, 6 for 32 yards; Zimmerman, 1 for 15 yards; James, 2 for 7 yards.