

# Review of Eagles' 1978 Season

## LOS ANGELES 16, EAGLES 14

September 3 at Veterans Stadium

Frank Corral, a UCLA recruit of Dick Vermeil's, kicked a 46-yard field goal with seven seconds remaining in the game to give Los Angeles a 16-14 opening day win. The Eagles' Wally Henry, another UCLA product, had put the Birds ahead for the first time in the game only minutes before when he returned a punt 57 yards for a touchdown and Nick Mike-Mayer followed with a successful conversion. The Rams began their winning drive from their own 12-yard line with less than two minutes left in the game.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Los Angeles	3	3	0	10—16
Fagles	0	0	0	14-14

#### SCORING

Los Angeles—Field goal Corral 29. Los Angeles—Field goal Corral 47.

Los Angeles—Cromwell recovered blocked punt in end zone (Corral kick).

Eagles—Payne 24 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

Eagles—Henry 57 punt return (Mike-Mayer kick). Los Angeles—Field goal Corral 46.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Los	Angeles	Eagles
First Downs		10	15
Rushing Yardage		30-128	33-103
Passing Yardage		80	117
Return Yardage			79
Passes		7-17-1	14-33-0
Punts		9-32.7	9-43.3
Fumbles-Lost		2-1	3-1
Yards Penalized		3-38	10-82

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Los Angeles—Tyler 10-36, Cappelletti 9-26, Bryant 7-19, Phillips 3-3.

Eagles—Montgomery 12-46, Hogan 8-37, Franklin 6-34, Betterson 4-11.

#### **Passing**

Los Angeles—Haden 14-33-0—154. Eagles—Jaworski 7-17-1—102.

#### Receiving

Los Angeles—Miller 3-44, Jessie 2-37, Tyler 2-17, Young 2-13, Nelson 2-12.

Eagles—Hogan 2-12, Krepfle 2-11, Carmichael 1-32, Payne 1-24.

### **WASHINGTON 35. EAGLES 30**

September 10 at R.F.K. Stadium

Wilbert Montgomery tied an Eagles' Club record with four touchdowns and had another score nullified by a penalty but it wasn't enough to save the Birds from defeat. Washington's Joe Theismann threw three touchdown passes in the first half to stake his team to a 21-10 halftime lead. After trimming a 35-18 Redskin advantage to 35-30 with two Montgomery TD runs in the last period, the Eagles twice moved into Washington territory in the final four minutes of the game but could not advance beyond the 'Skins' 30-yard line.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	7	3	6	14-30
Washington	7	14	7	7-35

#### SCORING

Eagles—Montgomery 34 run (Mike-Mayer kick). Washington—Theismann 4 run (Moseley kick).

Eagles-Field goal Mike-Mayer 32.

Washington—Fugett 49 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).

Washington—Fugett 19 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).

Washington—Green 80 punt return (Moseley kick).
Eagles—Montgomery 10 pass from Jaworski (kick failed)

Washington—Buggs 37 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick).

Eagles—Montgomery 8 run (Mike-Mayer kick). Eagles—Montgomery 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Washington	Eagles
First Downs	19	18
Rushing Yardage	35-117	27-128
Passing Yardage		185
Return Yardage		118
Passes		21-35-1
Punts	6-37.3	8-38.7
Fumbles-Lost		1-1
Yards Penalized		6-48
Attendance-55,031		

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Eagles—Montgomery 14-87; Hogan 8-35; Betterson 1-0; Sciarra 1-1; Franklin 2-3; Walton 1-2.

Washington—Thomas 13-37; Riggins 21-76; Theismann 1-4.

#### Passing

Eagles-Jaworski 21-35-1-122.

Washington—Theismann 14-29-1—226.

Receiving

Eagles—Carmichael 4-81; Hogan 3-5; Payne 3-68; Betterson 1-5; Franklin 2-6; Krepfle 1-9; Montgomery 7-48.

Washington—Buggs 4-69; Fugett 3-76; Thomas 2-22; Riggins 2-21; McDaniel 2-15; Grant 1-23.

## EAGLES 24, NEW ORLEANS 17

September 17 at the Superdome

The Eagles made their first visit to the Superdome a victorious one as Ron Jaworski threw touchdown passes of 5 and 19 yards to Harold Carmichael and Wilbert Montgomery ran for 104 yards, the second 100-yard rushing performance of his young career. Jaworski also connected on a 20-yard scoring aerial with tight end Keith Krepfle, who made a diving, juggling catch in the end zone to help the Eagles to a 7-7 half-time tie. Free safety John "Deac" Sanders picked off two Archie Manning passes for Eagles.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	0	7	10	7-24
New Orleans	7	0	7	3-17

#### SCORING

New Orleans—Owens 47 pass from Manning (Szaro kick).

Eagles—Krepfle 20 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

Eagles—Carmichael 5 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

Eagles-Field goal Mike-Mayer 21.

New Orleans-Galbreath 9 run (Szaro kick).

Eagles—Carmichael 19 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

New Orleans-Field goal Szaro 21.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Orleans	Eagles
First Downs	 14	22
Rushing Yardage	 20-84	42-207
Passing Yardage	 220	166
Return Yardage	 12	95
Passes	 17-32-3	14-23-1
Punts	6-42.7	4-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	 2-1	2-2
Yards Penalized	 9-86	5-35
Attendance-49,242.	171.77	

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Eagles—Hogan 10-45; Franklin 6-13; Montgomery 18-104; Jaworski 3-9; Betterson 4-13; LeMaster 1-23. New Orleans—Strachan 14-70; Galbreath 5-13; Manning 1-1.

#### **Passing**

Eagles—Jaworski 14-23-1—182. New Orleans—Manning 17-32-2—239.

#### Receiving

Eagles—Montgomery 3-6, Krepfle 2-37; Payne 2-34; Hogan 1-2; Carmichael 5-95; Osborne 1-8.

New Orleans—Owens 5-82; Strachan 2-minus 6; Galbreath 5-55; Harris 3-88, Childs, 1-17; Muncie 1-3.

## EAGLES 17, MIAMI 3

#### September 24 at Veterans Stadium

Fullback Mike Hogan scored the first rushing touch-down of his NFL career and added another on a four-yard pass reception to help the Eagles to their most dominating performance of the season. While Hogan was scoring twice, running mate Wilbert Montgomery was notching his second consecutive 100-yard rushing performance with a 111-yard effort. Overall, the Eagles rushed for 222 yards while holding a Miami team that had come into the game as the NFL's most productive rushing team to 84 yards on 22 carries. Herman Edwards, John Bunting and John Sanders recorded interceptions against Miami quarterback Don Strock, playing in place of the injured Bob Griese.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Miami	3	0	0	0- 3
Eagles	0	7	Ō	10—17

#### SCORING

Miami—Field goal Yepremian 47.

Eagles—Hogan 4 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

Eagles-Hogan 5 run (Mike-Mayer kick).

Eagles-Field goal Mike-Mayer 34.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

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First Downs	9	20
Rushing Yardage	22-84	50-222
Passing Yardage	59	115
Return Yardage	32	19
Passes	6-17-3	13-19-0
Punts	5-42.2	5-43.6
Fumbles—Lost	0-0	1-1
Yards Penalized Attendance—62,988.	2-15	5-40

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Miami—Williams 16-67; Bulaich 5-18, N. Moore 1-minus 1.

Eagles—Montgomery 25-111; Hogan 16-72; Franklin 5-19; Jaworski 2-3; Engles 1-16; Sciarra 1-1.

#### **Passing**

Miami-Strock 6-17-3-76.

Eagles-Jaworski 13-19-0-128.

#### Receiving

Miami—Williams 2-20; D. Harris 2-17; N. Moore 1-22; Davis 1-17.

Eagles—Carmichael 3-50; Krepfle 3-27; Smith 3-25; Hogan 3-17; Montgomery 1-9.

## EAGLES 17, BALTIMORE 14

October 1 at Memorial Stadium

The Eagles scored all of their points in the final period to win their third consecutive game of the young season. The Birds finally got on the scoreboard on the first play of the 4th quarter when Ron Jaworski hit tight end Keith Krepfle with a 20-yard scoring pass. Nick Mike-Mayer then cut the deficit to 14-10 midway through the period and Wilbert Montgomery gave Philadelphia its only lead of the day with 2:39 remaining when he burst 14 yards for a touchdown. Montgomery, with 144 yards on 25 carries, enjoyed his greatest day as a professional. A final Baltimore drive was ended when safety John Sciarra intercepted a Bill Troup pass at the Eagles' 21-yard line.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	0	0	0	17—17
Baltimore	0	14	0	0 - 14

#### SCORING

Baltimore-Leaks 2 run (Linhart kick).

Baltimore—Leaks 4 pass from Troup (Linhart kick). Eagles—Krepfle 20 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

Eagles-Field goal Mike-Mayer 26.

Eagles-Montgomery 14 run (Mike-Mayer kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

-	Baltimore	Eagles
First Downs	13	21
Rushing Yardage		43-245
Passing Yardage		117
Return Yardage		107
Passes	13-24-1	12-19-0
Punts		3-40.7
Fumbles-Lost		4-2
Yards Penalized		7-86
Attendance-50.314.		

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing

Eagles—Montgomery 25-144; Hogan 10-59; Jaworski 5-26; Betterson 1-3; Campfield 1-4; Franklin 1-9. Baltimore—Washington 14-40; Leaks 10-23; Troup 2-9; R. Lee 6-17.

Passing

Eagles—Jaworski 11-18-0—143; Engles 1-1-0-minus 2.

Baltimore—Troup 13-24-1—145.

Receiving

Eagles—Osborne 1-minus 2; Montgomery 4-30; Hogan 2-13; Krepfle 2-32; Campfield 1-10; Carmichael 2-58.

Baltimore—Carr 1-6; Leaks 3-17; Alston 3-37; Doughty 1-46; Washington 4-43; R. Lee 1-minus 4.

## **NEW ENGLAND 24, EAGLES 14**

October 8 at Schaefer Stadium

New England jumped out to a quick 17-0 lead by early in the second period and never looked back as the Eagles' record evened out at 3-3. Harold Carmichael's 28-yard touchdown reception of a Ron Jaworski pass just before halftime gave the Eagles a glimmer of hope but the Patriots put the game on ice early in the second half with a 58-yard pass play. Backup quarterback John Sciarra, primarily a free safety, scored for the Eagles on a one-yard run. After three straight 100-yard rushing performances, Wilbert Montgomery was limited to 70 yards on 13 carries.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	0	7	7	0 - 14
New England	10	7	7	0-24

#### SCORING

New England-Calhoun 4 run (Posey kick).

New England-Field goal Posey 42.

New England—Cunningham 1 run (Posey kick).

Eagles—Carmichael 28 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

New England——Morgan 58 pass from Grogan (Posey kick).

Eagles—Sciarra 1 run (Mike-Mayer kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	New	England	Eagles
First Downs		22	17
Rushing Yardage		50-205	24-107
Passing Yardage		189	186
Return Yardage		82	143
Passes		12-24-1	18-39-0
Punts		3-30.0	5-38.8
Fumbles-Lost		3-3	5-4
Yards Penalized		7-54	7-42
Attendance-61,016.			

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS Rushing

Eagles—Montgomery 13-70; Hogan 6-21; Jaworski 2-7; LeMaster 1-6; Franklin 1-2; Sciarra 1-1.

New England—Cunningham 25-76; Johnson 11-51; Ivory 7-42; Grogan 4-28; Calhoun 3-8.

#### Passing

Eagles-Jaworski 18-39-0-189.

New England—Grogan 12-23-1—189; Johnson 0-1-0—0.

#### Receiving

Eagles—Hogan 7-47; Krepfle 5-57; Carmichael 3-54; Montgomery 2-17; Payne 1-14.

New England—Johnson 5-58; Morgan 3-104; Francis 2-11; Cunningham 1-10; Ivory 1-6.

### EAGLES 17, WASHINGTON 10

October 15 at Veterans Stadium

Wilbert Montgomery broke a 10-10 tie with a 12-yard touchdown run early in the last period and a tense defensive struggle ensued as the Eagles handed the Redskins their first defeat of the year after six straight wins. Free safety John "Deac" Sanders got the Birds going early when he read a Joe Theismann pass perfectly and picked it off for a 19-yard TD return. Theismann was also intercepted by Herman Edwards as the Eagles sacked him three times and harassed him into an 8 for 21 passing day. Washington appeared on its way to tying the score late in the game when they drove to the Eagles' 11-yard line but the 'Skins' Tony Green fumbled and Reggie Wilkes recovered for the Birds on his own three-yard line.

SCORE	BY	PERI	ODS
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Washington	0	3	7	0-10
Eagles	7	3	0	7—17

#### SCORING

Eagles—Sanders 19 interception return (Mike-Mayer kick).

Washington—Field goal Moseley 49.

Eagles-Field goal Mike-Mayer 29.

Washington—Riggins 3 run (Moseley kick).

Eagles-Montgomery 12 run (Mike-Mayer kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

W	ashington	Eagles
First Downs	14	17
Rushing Yardage	33-135	42-180
Passing Yardage	138	82
Return Yardage	-2	46
Passes	8-21-2	7-15-1
Punts	1-40	4-25
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	4-3
Yards Penalized		4-28
Attendance—65.722.		

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Washington—Riggins 21-97; Theismann 3-17; Green 3-13; Forte 4-4; Harmon 2-4.

Eagles—Montgomery 25-125; Hogan 11-39; Jaworski 3-5; Campfield 1-6; Betterson 1-5; Michel 1-0.

#### Passing

Washington—Theismann 8-21-2—163. Eagles—Jaworski 7-14-1—99; Sciarra 0-1-0—0.

#### Receiving

Washington—Riggins 3-43; McDaniel 2-29; Thompson 1-49; Green 1-34; Fugett 1-8.

Eagles—Krepfle 2-41; Hogan 2-minus 2; Carmichael 1-28; Payne 1-17; Smith 1-15.

### DALLAS 14, EAGLES 7

#### October 22 at Texas Stadium

The Cowboys limited the Eagles to 117 yards on the ground and sacked Ron Jaworski five times on their way to victory in Texas. Tony Dorsett did not start for the Cowboys and played only sparingly, carrying the ball just seven times for 24 yards. The Eagles averted a shutout on Jaworski's 34-yard TD pass to Keith Krepfle in the third quarter but could advance no farther than the Dallas 37-yard line in the final period.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	0	0	7	0 - 7
Dallas	0	14	0	0-14

#### SCORING

Dallas-Newhouse 1 run (Septien kick).

Dallas—D. Pearson 11 pass from Staubach (Septien kick).

Eagles—Krepfle 34 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	Eagles
First Downs	15	15
Rushing Yardage	34-191	31-117
Passing Yardage	87	145
Return Yardage	40	5
Passes	10-22-0	14-27-0
Punts	8-43.1	8-42.8
Fumbles—Lost	0-0	2-1
Yards Penalized	8-59	7-53
Attendance—60,525.		

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Eagles—Montgomery 18-57; Hogan 6-33; Franklin 6-23; Sciarra 1-4.

Dallas—Newhouse 12-67; P. Pearson 10-61; Dorsett 7-24; Staubach 3-21; DuPree 1-15; Hill 1-3.

#### **Passing**

Eagles—Jaworski 14-27-0—179. Dallas—Staubach 10-22-0—108.

#### Receiving

Eagles—Krepfle 4-100; Carmichael 3-45; Payne 1-13; Franklin 2-10; Montgomery 3-8; Betterson 1-3.

Dallas—D. Pearson 3-49; Newhouse 3-32; P. Pearson 3-24; Dorsett 1-3.

## ST. LOUIS 16, EAGLES 10

October 29 at Veterans Stadium

Wilbert Montgomery was injured early in the game after only three carries and despite a 74-yard rushing effort by his replacement, rookie Billy Campfield, the Eagles dropped their 10th straight decision to the Cardinals. St. Louis managed only 100 yards on the ground but Jim Hart threw for 260, including a 55-yard success to rookie Dave Stief. Ron Jaworski threw a season high 40 passes, completing 21 for 231 yards and a 33-yard TD to Harold Carmichael. The Eagles drove to the St. Louis 13- and 8-yard lines in the last quarter but couldn't score.

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Eagles 0 10	0	0—10

#### SCORING

Eagles—Field goal Mike-Mayer 25. St. Louis—Otis 7 run (kick failed).

Eagles—Carmichael 33 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

St. Louis—Stief 55 pass from Hart (Bakken kick).

St. Louis-Field goal Bakken 31.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

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First Downs	. 15	19
Rushing Yardage		28-132
Passing Yardage		220
Return Yardage		19
Passes		21-40-3
Punts	1 05	4-33
Fumbles—Lost		4-2
Yards Penalized		6-45
Attendance—62 989		

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

St. Louis—Otis 22-72; Morris 9-21; Hart 2-0; Harrell 1-4; Gray 1-minus 3.

Eagles—Campfield 10-74; Franklin 12-42; Montgomery 3-10; Sciarra 1-2; Jaworski 2-4.

#### Passing

St. Louis—Hart 12-24-3—260. Eagles—Jaworski 21-40-3—231.

#### Receiving

St. Louis—Tilley 4-63; Morris 3-53; Gray 2-76; Chandler 2-13; Stief 1-55.

Eagles—Carmichael 7-126; Campfield 3-14; Montgomery 3-4; Payne 2-33; Krepfle 2-33; Franklin 2-16; Osborne 2-5.

## EAGLES 10, GREEN BAY 3

November 5 at Veterans Stadium

With Wilbert Montgomery and Mike Hogan out of action with injuries, the Eagles managed only 51 yards on the ground but two of those came on a John Sciarra touchdown run and the Birds downed Green Bay for their 5th win of the year. The Packers rolled up a total offense of 385 yards but could score only three points, those coming on Chester Marcol's 42-yard field goal in the opening period. Bill Bergey, Bob Howard and Herman Edwards each came up with timely interceptions, Edwards' coming at the Eagles' 6-yard line with just 1:16 remaining in the game.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Green Bay	3	0	0	0- 3
Eagles	0	7	3	0-10

#### SCORING

Green Bay—Field goal Marcol 42. Eagles—Sciarra 2 run (Mike-Mayer kick). Eagles—Field goal Mike-Mayer 27.

## TEAM STATISTICS

(	Green Bay	Eagles
First Downs	15	10
Rushing Yardage		30-51
Passing Yardage		97
Return Yardage		56
Passes	10 00 0	13-20-1
Punts		6-37
Fumbles-Lost		1-0
Yards Penalized		3-15
Attendance—64,214.		

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Green Bay—Middleton 17-87; Smith 11-57; Culbreath 4-18; Simpson 2-5; Thompson 1-7; Beverly 1-0.

Eagles—Campfield 11-34; Franklin 15-22; Sciarra 2-minus 2; Jaworski 2-minus 3.

#### Passing

Green Bay—Whitehurst 18-33-3—220. Eagles—Jaworski 13-20-1—106.

#### Receiving

Green Bay—Thompson 5-98; Smith 5-23; Culbreath 3-23; Middleton 2-44; Lofton 2-27; McGeorge 1-5.

Eagles—Campfield 6-38; Carmichael 3-38; Krepfle 3-27, Smith 1-3.

## EAGLES 17, NEW YORK JETS 9

November 12 at Veterans Stadium

Harold Carmichael caught two touchdown passes and rookie Billy Campfield turned in a solid 92-yard rushing performance as the Eagles improved their record to 6-5. The Eagles never trailed after Carmichael hooked up with Ron Jaworski for an 18-yard scoring play which wiped out an early 3-0 New York lead. The Jets had an opportunity to tie the score at 10-10 after scoring a third period touchdown but Carmichael leaped high to block Leahy's point after attempt. Harold then used his height to put the contest out of reach when he caught a six-yard Jaworski pass in the end zone over Jets' defender Bobby Jackson late in the last period.

### SCORE BY PERIODS

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New York Jets—Long 5 run (kick failed).

Eagles—Carmichael 6 pass from Jaworski (Mike-Mayer kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

Ne	w York Jets Eagles
First Downs	15 19
Rushing Yardage	33-108 43-154
Passing Yardage	140 120
Heturn Yardage	24 26
Passes	10-23-2 13-23-1
Punts	5-34.2 5-34.8
Fumbles—Lost	2-2 4-1
Yards Penalized Attendance—60,249.	6-55 5-50

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New York Jets-Long 15-62; Dierking 11-33; Harper 7-13.

Eagles—Campfield 22-92; Hogan 9-26; Payne 1-17; Franklin 6-0; Jaworski 2-13; Giammona 3-6.

Passing

New York Jets—Robinson 10-23-2—143 Eagles—Jaworski 13-23-1—135.

Receiving

New York Jets—Walker 5-88; Barkum 3-45; Shuler 1-8; Long 1-2.

Eagles—Hogan 4-22; Carmichael 3-45; Campfield 3-34; Osborne 2-20; Franklin 1-14.

## EAGLES 19, NEW YORK GIANTS 17

November 19 at Giants Stadium

Herman Edwards provided the "Miracle of the Meadowlands" when he scooped up a Joe Pisarcik fumble and raced 26 yards for the winning touchdown with 20 seconds left to play before a stunned Giants Stadium crowd of 70,318, largest to see the Eagles play in 1978. The Birds had fought back from an early 14-0 deficit after two Pisarcik touchdown passes in the first period but appeared beaten when the Giants had possession of the ball at their own 29-yard line and the Eagles had no time-outs remaining with 31 seconds remaining. But then Pisarcik attempted his ill-fated handoff and 31 seconds later, the Eagles had their sixth straight win over the Giants. Wilbert Montgomery returned to action after sitting out the previous two games and rushed for 88 yards and an 8-yard touchdown.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	0	6	0	13-19
New York Giants	14	0	3	0-17

#### SCORING

New York Giants—Hammond 19 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick).

New York Giants—Perkins 30 pass from Pisarcik (Danelo kick).

Eagles-Montgomery 8 run (kick failed).

New York Giants-Field goal Danelo 37.

Eagles-Hogan 1 run (kick failed).

Eagles-Edwards 26 fumble return (Michel kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	New	York	Giants	Eagles
First Downs			14	23
Rushing Yardage		3	31-100	45-150
Passing Yardage			181	164
Return Yardage			97	73
Passes		13	3-23-1	15-31-3
Punts		!	5-43.4	3-25.0
Fumbles—Lost			2-2	2-0
Yards Penalized			7-70	1-5
Attendance-70,318.			E 1005.	

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Eagles—Hogan 14-28; Montgomery 22-88; Campfield 7-11; Jaworski 1-2; Carmichael 1-21.

New York Giants—Hammond 6-16; Kotar 13-36; Pisarcik 6-17; Doornink 3-15; Csonka 2-13; Perkins 1-3.

#### **Passing**

Eagles-Jaworski 15-31-3-164.

New York Giants-Pisarcik 13-23-1-181.

Receiving

Eagles—Osborne 3-24; Carmichael 5-105; Campfield 2-5; Smith 1-8; Hogan 4-22.

New York Giants—Perkins 3-65; Robinson 4-73; Hammond 3-35; Kotar 2-0; Shirk 1-8.

## EAGLES 14, ST. LOUIS 10

November 26 at Busch Memorial Stadium

After ten consecutive frustrating losses to St. Louis since 1973, the Eagles finally gained a victory in the long series on a rainy Sunday afternoon in St. Louis. The Birds took a 14-3 lead early in the final period, then counted on their defense to do the rest. Bill Bergey responded by intercepting a Jim Hart pass at the Eagles' 17-yard line to halt one drive and the Cardinals could not put a touchdown on the scoreboard until it was too late. Hart hit Pat Tilley with a one-yard TD strike but the Eagles ran out the clock after recovering the ensuing onside kick attempt.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	0	7	0	7—14
St. Louis	3	0	0	7—10

#### SCORING

St. Louis—Field goal Bakken 32.
Eagles—Smith 22 pass from Jaworski (Michel kick).
Eagles—Hogan 2 run (Michel kick).

St. Louis-Tilley 1 pass from Hart (Bakken kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	St. Louis	Eagles
First Downs	. 17	15
Rushing Yardage	0= 100	37-95
Passing Yardage		156
Return Yardage		94
Passes	. 20-37-2	13-25-0
Punts		8-37.8
Fumbles—Lost		1-0
Yards Penalized		8-17
Attendance-39,693.		

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Eagles—Hogan 7-34; Montgomery 20-58; Campfield 4-7; Jaworski 6-minus 4.

St. Louis-Morris 17-81; Jones 6-14; Otis 2-7.

#### Passing

Eagles—Jaworski 13-25-0—156. St. Louis—Hart 30-27-2—197.

#### Receiving

Eagles—Smith 2-29; Montgomery 4-11; Carmichael 5-52; Hogan 1-16; Osborne 1-48.

St. Louis—Gray 3-25; Chandler 2-18; Morris 2-17; Tilley 7-70; Jones 3-24; Stief 2-34; Ramson 1-9.

## MINNESOTA 28, EAGLES 27

#### December 3 at Metropolitan Stadium

The Birds piled up 27 first half points but couldn't score in the second half as Fran Tarkenton and Co. engineered the win in snowy Bloomington. Ron Jaworski threw three touchdown passes and Wilbert Montgomery scored on a 36-yard run to account for Philadelphia's first-half onslaught. Carmichael caught two of the scoring aerials, one of which went for 56 yards. The Vikings closed the gap to 27-21 midway through the third period, then won the game in the final two minutes when Tarkenton found Ahmad Rashad with a 20-yard scoring pass and Rick Danmeier successfully converted the point after. Wilbert Montgomery again surpassed the 100-yard mark, gaining 115 on 24 carries

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	7	20	0	0 - 27
Minnesota	14	0	7	7-28

#### SCORING

Minnesota—White 5 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Eagles—Carmichael 56 pass from Jaworski (Michel kick).

Minnesota—White 9 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick).

Eagles—Carmichael 21 pass from Jaworski (Michel

Eagles-Montgomery 36 run (Michel kick).

Eagles—Smith 27 pass from Jaworski (kick blocked).
Minnesota—Young 6 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick)

Minnesota—Rashad 20 pass from Tarkenton (Danmeier kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Minnesota	Eagles
First Downs	23	18
Rushing Yardage		35-163
Passing Yardage		213
Return Yardage	111	182
Passes	30-56-3	13-29-1
Punts	6-35.5	8-35.2
Fumbles—Lost		1-0
Yards Penalized		9-109

Attendance—38,722.

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Eagles—Hogan 10-46; Montgomery 24-115; Jawor-ski 1-2.

Minnesota—Foreman 18-69; Young 3-13; R. Miller 2-2; Tarkenton 2-minus 4.

#### Passing

Eagles—Jaworski 13-28-1—228; Walton 0-1-0—0. Minnesota—Tarkenton 30-56-3—289.

#### Receiving

Eagles—Osborne 3-42; Carmichael 4-115; Smith 2-51; Hogan 2-10; Montgomery 2-10.

Minnesota—Rashad 9-107; S. White 6-68; Foreman 6-31; Tucker 4-49; Young 4-28; R. Miller 1-6.

## DALLAS 31. EAGLES 13

December 10 at Veterans Stadium

With less than seven minutes elapsed in the first period, the Eagles found themselves behind, 14-0, and could never recover as they suffered their most onesided defeat of the season. Hopes were raised when Mike Hogan drove over for a one-yard touchdown to cut the Dallas lead to 14-7 late in the opening stanza and the teams played a scoreless second quarter. But Tony Dorsett's 23-yard scoring romp and an 18-yard Rafiel Septien field goal put the game out of reach after intermission. Ron Jaworski, under constant pressure all afternoon, threw two interceptions and was sacked eight times.

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Dallas	. 14	0	10	7-31
Eagles		0	0	6-13

#### SCORING

Dallas-Laidlaw 1 run (Septien kick).

Dallas-Dorsett 16 pass from Stauback (Septien kick).

Eagles-Hogan 1 run (Michel kick).

Dallas-Dorsett 23 run (Septien kick).

Dallas-Field goal Septien 18.

Dallas-Laidlaw 44 pass from Staubach (Septien

Eagles-Barnes 4 run (kick failed).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	Eagles
First Downs	17	11
Rushing Yardage	41-146	28-139
Passing Yardage	169	85
Return Yardage	76	19
Passes	13-20-0	9-26-2
Punts	6-39.8	7-38.4
Fumbles—Lost	4-0	4-3
Yards Penalized	1-5	7-65
Attendance—64,667.		200

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Dallas-Dorsett 20-63; Laidlaw 15-50, Brinson 2-11; Staubach 1-6; Hill 1-14; D. White 2-2.

Eagles-Montgomery 15-75; Hogan 8-32; Jaworski 1-15; Sciarra 1-4; Campfield 2-9; Barnes 1-4.

#### Passing

Dallas-Staubach 13-19-0-190; White 0-1-0-0. Eagles—Jaworski 9-26-2—151.

#### Receiving

Dallas-Hill 4-73; Dorsett 3-37; D. Pearson 2-15; DuPree 1-16; Laidlaw 1-44; P. Pearson 2-5.

Eagles-Carmichael 3-91; Montgomery 3-14; Payne 2-35; Smith 1-11.

## EAGLES 20, NEW YORK GIANTS 3

December 17 at Veterans Stadium

With a winning season and a possible playoff berth at stake, the Eagles responded with a one-sided win over the Giants, their 7th straight over that team since 1975. Wilbert Montgomery enjoyed a 130-yard rushing day and scored on first period runs of two and seven yards. The Eagles also benefitted from Mike Hogan's 100-yard effort on the ground as the Birds out-rushed the visitors, 238 to 48. New York quarterbacks Randy Dean and Joe Pisarcik were sacked four times and intercepted on three occasions, including one by Frank LeMaster in the last period that he returned for his second NFL touchdown.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

New York Giants	. 3	0	0	0- 3
Eagles	. 13	0	0	7-20

#### SCORING

Eagles-Montgomery, 2 run (kick failed). Eagles-Montgomery, 7 run (Michel kick). New York-Danelo, field goal 24

Eagles-LeMaster, 9 interception return (Michel kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	York (	Giants	Eagles
First Downs	 	11	16
Rushing Yardage	 	48	238
Passing Yardage	 	175	64
Return Yardage	 	50	86
Passes	 18	3-30-3	4-13-1
Punts	 5	5-40.4	5-35.6
Fumbles—Lost	 	5-2	1-1
Yards Penalized Attendance—56,396.	 	7-66	8-67

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

New York Giants-Kotar 8-30; Doornick 8-18; Spencer 1-0; Jennings 1-0.

Eagles-Montgomery 25-130; Hogan 22-100; Campfield 3-10; Giammona 1-0; Walton 1-minus 2.

#### Passing

New York Giants-Dean 7-10-1-126: Pisarcik, 10-19-2—91; Jennings 1-1-0—1.

Eagles-Jaworski 4-13-1-72.

#### Receiving

New York Giants-Robinson 5-86; Dixon 2-15; Kotar 2-15; Doornick 3-6; Perkins 5-85; Kelley 1-minus 1. Eagles—Carmichael 3-57; Montgomery 1-15.



# NFC Wildcard Playoff Game

## ATLANTA 14, EAGLES 13

### December 24 at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium

The Eagles took a 13-0 lead midway in the final period, then were shocked by two Steve Bartkowski touchdown passes in the last five minutes as they dropped a 14-13 decision in the NFC Wildcard Playoff game in the rain on Christmas Eve. The Birds struck first late in the opening period when Ron Jaworski hit Harold Carmichael with a 13-yard touchdown pass. The Eagles' defense played inspired football all afternoon, and when Wilbert Montgomery tallied on a one-yard run with 7:24 elapsed in the 4th quarter, the Birds appeared on their way to a second round playoff game at Los Angeles. Disaster struck a few minutes later, however, after Atlanta had recovered Mike Hogan's fumble at their own 15-yard line. Seven plays later, Bartkowski found tight end Jim Mitchell with a 20-yard scoring pass and Tim Mazzetti's successful conversion point made the score 13-7. Atlanta scored again on their next possession on a 37-yard Bartkowski to Wallace Francis aerial and Mazzetti's point after proved to be the eventual margin of victory. With just 1:39 remaining in the game, Jaworski drove the Eagles from their own 34-yard line to the Atlanta 16, but with 17 seconds remaining, Mike Michel's 34-yard field goal attempt sailed just outside the right upright and the Eagles' season had ended.

#### SCORE BY PERIODS

Eagles	 6	0	0	7—13
Atlanta	 0	0	0	1414

#### SCORING

Eagles—Carmichael, 13 pass from Jaworski (kick failed).
Eagles—Montgomery, 1 run (Michel kick).
Atlanta—Mitchell, 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick).
Atlanta—Francis, 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick).

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	Atlanta	Eagles
First Downs	14	15
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Return Yardage	83	147
Passes	18-32-2	19-35-0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles—Lost	3-3	3-2
Yards Penalized		5-60
Attendance—49 447		

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Eagles — Montgomery 16-19; Hogan 14-31; Jaworski 1-3; Campfield 1-0.

Atlanta—Stanback 16-58; Bean 9-14; Bartkowski 2-3.

#### **Passing**

Eagles—Jaworski 19-35-0—190. Atlanta—Bartkowski 18-32-2—243.

#### Receiving

Eagles—Smith 7-108; Carmichael 5-45; Osborne 3-15; Payne 1-10; Middlebrook 1-11; Hogan 1-6; Montgomery 1-minus 5.

Atlanta—Francis 6-135; Bean 4-44; Mitchell 3-35; Stanback 2-7; Pearson 1-13; Ryckman 1-5; Jackson 1-4.