GAME 1

Sunday, Sept. 1, 1996 Philadelphia 17, Washington 14 RFK Stadium

The Eagles opened the regular season with a 17-14 win over the Redskins at Washington's RFK Stadium. Philadelphia jumped to a 17-7 lead at halftime by outgaining the Skins 310 yards to 77 and held on to win on a sweltering afternoon (80 degrees, 87% humidity) ... Philadelphia, however, might have been on top 28-7 at intermission were it not for a fumble at the Washington 3 and a dropped pass at the goal line ... Eagles' QB Rodney Peete, who had sat out the preseason finale after suffering a sprained knee at New England, was brilliant in the first half, completing 17 of 24 passes for 257 yds and 2 TDs. On four of the Birds' first five drives, Peete moved his club inside the Washington 20, capping the first possession with an 18-yd TD strike to veteran free agent newcomer Irving Fryar, and the fourth with a 9-yd bullet to 2nd-year man Chris T. Jones. For Fryar, it was his first score as an Eagle; for Jones, it was his first TD as a pro. Jones' score, which put Philly back on top, 14-7, was set up by a 54-yd catch-n-run by rookie TE Jason Dunn ... Redskins' all-pro kickoff returner Brian Mitchell set up each of Washington's TDs. His 1st gtr. runback, a 50-ydr. to the Eagles' 45, led to Terry Allen's 2-yd scoring burst. His 42-ydr to open the second half set up Allen's 49-yd TD scamper. Allen finished the day 20-111-2TDs rushing, but Redskins' QB Gus Frerotte was held to just 25-12-119-0TDs passing and was sacked 3 times, twice by RDE Mike Mamula, and once by LDE William Fuller ... For the first three gtrs. Peete received excellent protection from a reshuffled Eagles offensive line. One new face up front was that of 2nd-year pro Troy Drake, who replaced veteran starter Richard Cooper (sprained knee) in the 2nd gtr and played well. On the day, Peete fired completions to three WRs, three TEs, and three backs. Pro Bowl RB Ricky Watters led the Eagles on the ground with an 18-86 effort. Defensively, although the Birds registered no takeaways, they did halt Washington after each of the three turnovers committed by the Philadelphia offense ... With 6 minutes left to play, Washington missed an opportunity to tie the game at 17 when Scott Blanton's 53-yd FG try was short. Just one play earlier, Mitchell cost the Skins a 5-yd penalty with an illegal forward lateral. But the Redskins had one big chance after reaching their own 46. There, however, Eagles' SS Michael Zordich held Mitchell to no gain on a 3rd down pass, and a Philadelphia blitz on 4th down enabled DT Kevin Johnson to force Frerotte into an incomplete pass.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	7	10	0	0	17
Washington	7	0	7	0	14

PHI - Fryar, 18 pass from Peete (Anderson)

WSH - T. Allen, 2 run (Blanton)

PHI - C.T. Jones, 9 pass from Peete (Anderson)

PHI - Anderson, 26 FG

WSH - T. Allen, 49 run (Blanton)

	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	23	11
Net Yards Gained	402	220
Rushes/Yards	37/144	24/127
Net Yards Passing	258	93
Att/Cmp/INT	34/20/1	25/12/0
Times Sacked/Yards	2/11	3/26
Punts/Avg.	5/40.0	7/48.7
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	1/0
Penalties/Yards	6/50	5/42

Attendance (53,415) Weather (80 & sunny, 87% humidity) Playing surface (grass) IL RUSHING: EAGLES - Watters 18-86, Garner 13-48, Peete 6-10 ... REDSKINS - T.Allen 20-111-2TDs, Mitchell 3-11, Shepherd 1-5.

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.T.Jones 6-82-1TD, Fryar 5-74-1TD, Turner 2-14, West 2-10, Dunn 1-54, J.Johnson 1-19, Seay 1-11, Watters 1-3, Garner 1-2 REDSKINS - Asher 3-23, Ellard 2-38, Shepherd 2-29, Mitchell 2-8, Brooks 1-11, Galbraith 1-7, Bowie 1-3

PASSING: EAGLES - Peete 34-20-269-1-2TDs REDSKINS - Frerotte 25-12-119-0-0TDs

GAME 2 Monday, Sept. 9, 1996 Green Bay 39, Philadelphia 13 Lambeau Field

Philadelphia saw its record dip to 1-1 after being manhandled, 39-13, by the Packers in a Monday Night Football matchup at Green Bay. Packers' QB Brett Favre fired three TD passes, including two to WR Robert Brooks, and the Eagles' offense turned the ball over four times - upping their season total in that category to seven. By comparison, the Eagles' defense failed to record a takeaway for the second straight week On Philadelphia's first offensive play, Packer DB Doug Evans stole a Rodney Peete pass out of WR Chris T. Jones' hands for an INT at the PE14. That theft set up the first of four FGs on the night by Chris Jacke. Midway through the opening quarter, RB Ricky Watters' fumble at the GB44 led to a 25-yd. Favre-to-Brooks TD strike and a 10-0 Packers lead. On the Birds' ensuing drive, a pass by Peete bounced off the shoulder of Packer lineman Santana Dotson and into the arms of LB George Koonce inside Eagles territory, setting up another FG and a 13-0 Green Bay lead In the 2nd stanza, 38 and 33-yd tosses from Favre to Brooks set up a TD and FG, respectively. Although a 29-yd pass to Jones (with a lateral to Irving Fryar for 33 more yds.) led to an Eagles' TD, Favre capped a two-minute drill with a 20-yd TD strike to Brooks for a 30-7 halftime lead After intermission, Packer RB Edgar Bennett's 25-yd TD play on a screen pass put Green Bay on top 37-10. A sack of Peete in the end zone by Reggie White in the final quarter closed out the scoring for Green Bay before the Eagles added a final 1-yd TD run by Charlie Garner Brooks finished the night 5-130-2TDs receiving while Favre was 32-17-261-3-0; Bennett was 17-93 on the ground as the Pack got 171 of their 432 total yards of offense via an impressive running game Backup QBs Jim McMahon of the Packers and Tv Detmer of the Eagles saw most of the action in the final guarter. Detmer, in fact, led the Birds' final scoring drive.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	a 0	7	0	6	13
Green Bay	10	20	7	2	39

GB - C.Jacke 29 FG

GB - R.Brooks 25 pass from B.Favre (Jacke)

GB - C.Jacke 44 FG

GB - D.Levens 1 run (Jacke)

GB - C.Jacke 38 FG

PHI - R.Watters 1 run (G.Anderson)

GB - R.Brooks 20 pass from B.Favre (Jacke)

GB - E.Bennett 25 pass from Favre (Jacke)

GB - R.Peete sacked in end zone by R.White

PHI - C.Garner 1 run (pass failed)

	PHIL	GB
First Downs	14	23
Net Yards Gained	259	432
Rushes/Yards	17/59	38/171
Net Yards Passing	200	261
Att/Cmp/INT	36/16/3	32/17/0
Times Sacked/Yards	3/12	1/0
Punts/Avg.	5-48.4	3-54.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/0
Penalties/Yards	8-49	5-23

Attendance (60,790) Weather (65 degrees) Surface (grass) RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 10-38-1TD, C.Garner 3-10-1TD, T.Detmer 2-7, Peete 2-4 ... PACKERS - E.Bennett 17-93, W.Henderson 6-40, D.Levens 9-25-1TD, T.Jervey 3-12, B.Favre 2-3, J.McMahon 1-(-2)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.T.Jones 4-63, C.Garner 3-21, M.Ingram 2-33, K.Turner 2-14, M.Seay 2-12, I.Fryar 1-50, J.Dunn 1-18, R.Watters 1-1 ... PACKERS - R.Brooks 5-130-2TD, E.Bennett 5-49-1TD, M.Chmura 2-31, K.Jackson 2-27, W.Henderson 2-3, A.Freeman 1-21

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete 25-10-142-3-0TD, T.Detmer 11-6-70-0-0 ... PACKERS - B.Favre 31-17-261-0-3TD, C.Hentrich 1-0-0

GAME 3 Sunday, Sept. 15, 1996 Philadelphia 24, Detroit 17 Veterans Stadium

The Eagles bounced back from a lopsided defeat at Green Bay by putting their West Coast offense in high gear and engineering a 24-17 win over the Lions. Quarterback Rodney Peete (30-25-284-0-1TD passing), running back Ricky Watters (153 yards, 1TD rushing; 57 yards receiving), and wide receiver Chris T. Jones (9-121-1TD receiving) led the Birds' attack. On the day, Philadelphia outgained Detroit with 446 yards of offense to just 233 for the visitors. Detroit's all-pro RB Barry Sanders scored two TDs from in close but, overall, was held to just 49 yards on 16 carries and just one reception After turning the ball over 7 times and registering no takeaways in their first two games, the Eagles' offense kept a tight grip on the ball and their defense halted a Lions' drive when CB Bobby Taylor intercepted a Scott Mitchell pass in the end zone Watters, whose 153 rushing yards included a 52-yd jaunt on the game's first play, also contributed 6 catches for 57 yards. For Peete, who benefitted from excellent pass protection, his 83.3% passing was a personal best while his 284 passing yards represented his best output as an Eagle. Peete also added to the Birds' ground game as his 4 QB sneaks earned one TD and three first downs (including two on 4th-n-1 situations). Jones, a 2nd-year player, posted career highs with 9 catches for 121 yds Two Eagles rookies made the first starts of their career - TE Jason Dunn and FS Brian Dawkins, the latter of whom was in the lineup at Green Bay when the Birds started five DBs, but this time found himself among the four regulars The Eagles jumped on top 7-0 on their first possession as Watters' 52-yd burst set up his own 11-yd TD scamper. Detroit came right back, only to have Taylor pick off a Mitchell pass in the end zone. The two teams then traded field goals as Detroit's Jason Hanson nailed a 50-ydr. and Philadelphia's Gary Anderson hit a 39-ydr. In the 3rd qtr., Philadelphia scored on its first drive as Peete hit Jones from 17 yards out, but Detroit answered with an 8-yd. run by Sanders. Leading 17-10 midway through the final stanza, the Eagles faced a 3rdn-28 at the D39 when Jones took a short pass and ran over a defender on his way to a 38-yd gain that set up Peete's QB sneak for a TD. A 49-yd return by Glyn Milburn on the ensuing kick and a 34-yd Mitchell-to-Brett Perriman pass led to a 1-yd. TD run by Sanders as Detroit cut the Eagles lead to 24-17. Philadelphia, however, used a 16-yd pass to Jones and the rushing of Watters to run out the clock.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	7	3	7	7	24
Detroit	0	3	7	7	17

PHI - Watters, 11 run (Anderson)

DET - Hanson, 50 FG

PHI - Anderson, 39 FG

PHI - Jones, 17 pass from Peete (Anderson)

DET - Sanders, 8 run (Hanson)

PHI - Peete, 1 run (Anderson)

DET - Sanders, 1 run (Hanson)

	PHILA	DET
First Downs	25	17
Net Yards Gained	446	233
Rushes/Yards	39/175	19/60
Net Yards Passing	271	173
Att/Cmp/INT	30/25/0	26/14/1
Times Sacked/Yards	2/13	1/4
Punts/Avg.	2/44.0	4/46.3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	11/73	6/50

Attendance (66,007) Weather (Sunny, 72) Playing surface (Astro Turf) IL RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 27-153-1TD, K.Turner 4-14, R.Peete 8-8-1TD ... LIONS -B.Sanders 16-49-2TD, S.Mitchell 3-11

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.T. Jones 9-121-1TD, I.Fryar 6-63, R.Watters 6-57, K.Turner 4-43 ... LIONS - H.Moore 6-88, J.Morton 5-39, B.Perriman 2-40, B.Sanders 1-10

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete 30-25-284-0-1TD ... LIONS - S.Mitchell 26-14-177-1-0TD

GAME 4 Sunday, Sept. 22, 1996 Philadelphia 33, Atlanta 18 Georgia Dome

The Eagles' defense registered 5 interceptions and Ricky Watters rushed for 121 yards and 2 TDs as the Eagles topped the host Atlanta Falcons, 33-18. The win upped the Eagles' record to 3-1. Philadelphia's special teams also chipped in as Derrick Witherspoon returned a kickoff 97 yards for a score and Gary Anderson booted 4 field goals. Anderson's effort moved him past the legendary George Blanda and into a tie with Atlanta's Morten Andersen for 3rd place on the NFL's all-time FG list at 337 apiece Watters, who had earned numerous honors with his 153-yd rushing effort vs. Detroit a week earlier, bulled his way to a 2-yd TD in the 1st qtr and then burst off right guard for a 56-yd TD in the 3rd gtr. The 56-yd scamper, the longest TD run of Watters' career, came on the heels of the 52-yd run he ripped off vs. Detroit the previous Sunday RLB William Thomas (2 INTs) and LDE William Fuller (2 sacks) led the defense. For Thomas, it was the third time in his career that he picked off 2 passes in a game. Other Eagles who registered pass thefts were CB Troy Vincent, SS Mike Zordich, and rookie FS Brian Dawkins. While Philadelphia's 5 INTs were the most by the club since they hauled in 6 at Arizona on 10/15/89, the six takeaways overall by the defense represented a breakout effort. The Birds had entered the contest with just one takeaway in their first three games Philadelphia, however, struggled inside the red zone settling for just one TD and four FGs on five trips inside the plus-20 yard line. Similarly, the Eagles squandered opportunities as they came away with just a field goal following their first four takeaways Philadelphia had opened a 13-0 lead in the 2nd gtr on two FGs and the first of Watters' two TD runs. But Atlanta struck back quickly as a 67-yd pass to Eric Metcalf set up a 23-yd scoring strike from Jeff George to Bert Emanuel. Philadelphia seemed to halt Atlanta's next drive when CB Bobby Taylor recovered a Falcons' fumble in Eagles' territory. Taylor, however, fumbled the ball back to the Falcons who, with 0:09 left in the half, cut their deficit to 13-10 with a FG from Morten Andersen Watters' 56-yd TD run in the 3rd qtr upped the Eagles' lead to 10 points before Thomas recorded INTs on successive drives, first off of George, then off of his replacement Bobby Hebert. The first of those INTs set up a FG and a 13-point bulge. Hebert, however, cut into the Eagles' lead with a TD pass and a subsequent 2-pt. conversion toss to WR Terance Mathis. But Philadelphia put the game out of reach when Witherspoon returned the ensuing kickoff for a TD. Dawkins and Zordich then snuffed out Atlanta's final two possessions with INTs.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tota
Philadelphia	3	10	10	10	33
Atlanta	0	10	0	8	18

PHI - Anderson, 28 FG

PHI - Watters, 2 run (Anderson)

PHI - Anderson, 33 FG

ATL - Emanuel, 23 pass from George (Andersen)

ATL - Andersen, 43 FG

PHI - Watters, 56 run (Anderson)

PHI - Anderson, 39 FG

PHI - Anderson, 24 FG

ATL - Mathis, 12 pass from Hebert (Mathis-

Hebert pass)

PHI - Witherspoon, 97 kickoff return (Anderson)

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	EAGLES	ATLANTA
First Downs	14	18
Net Yards Gained	318	391
Rushes/Yards	31/123	11/40
Net Yards Passing	195	351
Passes/Comp/Had INT	29/16/0	49/33/5
Times Sacked/Yards	3/4	3/15
Punts/Avg.	6/37.5	6/41.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/39	11/95
Attendance (40,107)		
Weather (indoors)		
Playing surface (AstroT	urf)	

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 26-121-56t-2TD, C.Garner 2-2, R.Peete 3-0 ... FALCONS - J.Anderson 7-36, C.Heyward 3-4, J.George 1-0, B.Hebert 0-0

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 4-35, K.Turner 3-34, R.Watters 3-27, C.T. Jones 3-23, J.Dunn 1-58, M.Seay 1-14, J.Johnson 1-8 ... FALCONS - B.Emanuel 9-93-1TD, T.Brown 7-91, T.Mathis 7-58-1TD, E.Metcalf 5-97, J.Anderson 5-27

PASSING: EAGLES - R.Peete 29-16-199-0-0TD ... FALCONS - J.George 23-16-217-2-1TD, B.Hebert 26-17-149-3-1TD

GAME 5 Monday, Sept. 30, 1996 Dallas 23, Philadelphia 19 Veterans Stadium

In a nationally televised Monday night tilt, the host Eagles bowed to the defending Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, 23-19. Dallas RB Emmitt Smith rushed for 92 yards and 1 TD and QB Troy Aikman was 23-13-149-1TD-1INT passing as the Cowboys overcame a 10-0 first-quarter deficit and a raucous Veterans Stadium crowd to secure a key NFC East victory The loss was a costly one, too, as QB Rodney Peete suffered a ruptured patella tendon in his right knee during the 2nd qtr. that sidelined him for the remainder of the season. ... The Eagles raced to a 10-0 lead with 3:48 remaining in the first gtr. when RB Ricky Watters scored on a 2-yd TD run. Watters's jaunt followed a 46-yd Gary Anderson FG early in the first stanza The Cowboys roared back, however, with 20 consecutive points to close the first half. First, former Eagle Herschel Walker's 49-yd kickoff return set up an Aikman TD pass to TE Eric Bjornson that cut the Birds lead to 10-7. Smith then followed with a 5-yd TD run and Chris Boniol added two FGs to give the Cowboys a 20-10 halftime advantage With momentum in favor of the Cowboys, and Philadelphia desperate for a big play, Eagles FS Brian Dawkins and DT Rhett Hall delivered early in the 3rd stanza. On a safety blitz, Dawkins blindsided Aikman and jarred the ball loose right in to the hands of Hall, who rumbled 32 yards for his first career touchdown. Hall also recovered a fumble in the 4th qtr. after DE William Fuller sacked Aikman QB Ty Detmer, who relieved Peete after the injury, suffered a concussion early in the 3rd qtr. and subsequently struggled, finishing 16-9-98-0-1INT passing. With 4:35 remaining in the game and the Eagles trailing 23-17, a gutsy Detmer moved the Birds from their own 22-yd-line to the Cowboys' 29, prior to being intercepted by SS George Teague. After Cowboys P John Jett opted to run time off the clock by running out of the end zone for a safety, the Eagles were given one more shot to win from their own 41, but rookie QB Bobby Hoying was sacked to end the contest ... Bright spots for the Eagles included FB Kevin Turner, who finished the game with a career-high 79 yards on 4 catches, including a career-long 41-yd catch from Peete in the 1st stanza ... With 5 pts. on the night, K Gary Anderson moved into a 4th-place tie with Eddie Murray on the NFL's all-time scoring leader list with 1,473.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelph	nia 10	0	7	2	19
Dallas	7	13	3	0	23

PHI - Anderson, 46 FG

PHI - Watters, 2 run (Anderson)

DAL - Bjornson, 5 pass from Aikman (Boniol)

DAL - Smith, 5 run (Boniol)

DAL - Boniol, 46 FG

DAL - Boniol, 30 FG

PHI - Hall, 32 fumble return (Anderson)

DAL - Boniol, 21 FG

PHI - Jett out of end zone for a safety

	PHILA	DALLAS
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	259	239
Rushes/Yards	27/85	34/108
Net Yards Passing	174	131
Att/Cmp/INT	30/16/2	22/13/0
Times Sacked/Yards	6/42	2/18
Punts/Avg.	3/46.3	4/39.8
Fumbles/Lost	5/3	2/2
Penalties/Yards	4/25	8/53

Attendance (67,201) Weather (Mostly Clear, 64) Playing surface (Astro Turf) RUSHING: EAGLES - R. Watters 21-68-1TD, K. Turner 4-12, R. Peete 1-9, I. Fryar 1-(-4) ... COW-BOYS - E. Smith 22-92-1, S. Williams 7-27, T. Aikman 3-11, D. Johnston 1-1, J. Jett 1-(-23)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - K. Turner 4-79, R. Watters 4-26, I. Fryar 2-15, C. Jones 2-13, M. Seay 1-35, J. Dunn 1-34, E. West 1-10, G. McIntyre 1-4 ... COWBOYS - D. Sanders 3-55, E. Bjornson 3-33, E. Smith 3-30, D. Johnston 2-2, K. Martin 1-16, H. Walker 1-13

PASSING: EAGLES - R. Peete 16-9-98-1-0TD, T. Detmer 14-7-118-1-0TD, B. Hoying 0-0-0-0-0 ... COWBOYS - T. Aikman 22-13-149-0-1TD

GAME 6 Sunday, October 13, 1996 Philadelphia 19, NY Giants 10 Giants Stadium

Gary Anderson booted four field goals, including a game-winning 29-ydr. with 2:12 left to play, as the visiting Eagles overcame a 10-3 deficit en route to a 19-10 victory. Anderson's fourth FG in as many tries put the Birds on top 12-10 and gave them their first lead of the day. One play later, RDE Mike Mamula sacked Giants' QB Dave Brown and caused a fumble that LB William Thomas returned 23 yards for a TD. The sack by Mamula was one of the season-high eight registered by Philadelphia. Mamula led the way with 2.5 sacks while LDE William Fuller chipped in 2 more. In all, the Eagles' defense held New York to just 150 yards of offense, including only 63 net yards passing Offensively, Ty Detmer started at QB for the Eagles in place of Rodney Peete who was lost for the season when he suffered a torn tendon in his right knee a week earlier vs. Dallas. For Detmer, a fifth-year pro in his first season with the Birds, it marked the first starting assignment of his NFL career. Despite a number of dropped balls by Eagles receivers, Detmer finished the day 33-18-170-0-0TDs passing. Philadelphia RB Ricky Watters was 27-110 for his third 100-yd. rushing game of the year. Eight of Watters' carries and 40 of his rushing yards came on the 4th guarter march to the game-winning field goal In the first half, the Giants enjoyed great field position, starting their first four drives on the NY 45, 47, 46, and 36 while the Birds' first five drives started inside their own 22. New York took an early 3-0 lead when Brad Daluiso's 39-yd FG capped a 31-yd drive that featured six runs by Rodney Hampton. Philadelphia responded with a FG that was set up by WR Irving Fryar's spectacular one-handed, leaping grab of a 30-yd. Detmer pass. Moments later, Giants' WR Amani Toomer fielded a Tom Hutton punt and, with the aid of an illegal block that went unpenalized, raced 65 yards for a TD and a 10-3 lead. In the second half, the Eagles chipped away until Anderson's 4th FG put the Birds on top and Thomas's TD gave them the game The 4-4 FG outing by Anderson was his second such effort in three weeks; he also was 4-4 in a win at Atlanta on Sept. 22.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	0	3	3	13	19
NY Giants	3	7	0	0	10

NYG - Daluiso, 39 FG

PHI - Anderson, 39 FG

NYG - Toomer, 65 punt return (Daluiso)

PHI - Anderson, 46 FG

PHI - Anderson, 45 FG

PHI - Anderson, 29 FG

PHI - Thomas, 23 fumble return (Anderson)

	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	17	9
Net Yards Gained	304	150
Rushes/Yards	35/140	23/87
Net Yards Passing	164	63
Att/Cmp/INT	33/18/0	25/11/1
Times Sacked/Yards	1/6	8/42
Punts/Avg.	7/44.0	9/44.2
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/1
Penalties/Yards	5/39	6/40

Attendance (72,729) Weather (Partly sunny, 62) Playing surface (AstroTurf) **RUSHING:** EAGLES - R.Watters 27-110, C.Garner 2-16, T.Detmer 4-14, K.Turner 2-0 ... GIANTS - R.Hampton 17-60, D.Brown 3-16, T.Wheatley 3-11

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 6-73, C.T.Jones 5-54, M.Seay 2-23, R.Watters 2-8, K.Turner 2-5, J.Dunn 1-7 ... GIANTS - C.Calloway 3-44, T.Lewis 3-32, T.Wheatley 3-23, C.Way 2-6

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 33-18-170-0-0TD ... GIANTS - D.Brown 25-11-105-1-0TD

GAME 7 Sunday, October 20, 1996 Philadelphia 35, Miami 28 Veterans Stadium

Philadelphia used four Ty Detmer-to-Irving Fryar TD passes and a 47-yd scoring romp by Ricky Watters to defeat the Miami Dolphins, 35-28, and up their record to 5-2 With his 4 TD receptions (38, 2, 12, and 36 yds), Fryar tied an Eagles' single game record set by Ben Hawkins in 1969 and Joe Carter in 1934. On the day, the 34-year old Fryar was 8-116-4TDs vs. his former Dolphins teammates (Fryar played for Miami from 1993-95). Watters led the ground attack, carrying 25 times for a career-high 173 yards, including 47 and 49-yd bursts. The 47-ydr, on the second play of the game, set up a TD; the 49yd TD run came with 2:28 left to play and sealed the win. Detmer made just the second start of his career, filling in for the second straight week for the injured Rodney Peete, who suffered a seasonending knee injury on Sept. 30. With great protection from his offensive line, Detmer completed 18 of 24 passes for 226 yds and 4 TDs. As such, he became the first Eagle QB to toss 4 TD passes in a game since Randall Cunningham did so vs. the Patriots on Nov. 4, 1990 Leading 7-0, the Eagles took over at the Miami 49 after a 26-yd punt return from Mark Seay. Minutes later, the second Detmer-to-Fryar TD put the Birds up 14-0 before Joe Nedney's 37-yd FG got Miami on the board. Miami QB Craig Erickson, starting in place of the injured Dan Marino (ankle), then led an 80-yd scoring drive, using 36yd and 22-yd passes to set up a 6-yd TD toss to Randall Hill. Detmer and the Eagles, however, executed a perfect 2-minute drill, capping a 75-yd march with a 12-yd TD strike to Fryar for a 21-11 halftime lead In the second half, the Eagles opened up a 17 point lead before Erickson drilled a 24-yd TD pass to O.J. McDuffie and Joe Nedney booted a 39-yd FG to cut that lead to 28-21. Then, with 2:38 to play, Watters put the Birds on top, 35-21, by ripping off a 49-yd TD jaunt. But Miami responded quickly, starting at the PE 42 following a long kickoff return and a penalty on the Eagles. Six plays later, QB Bernie Kosar, on in relief of Erickson, fired a 17-yd TD toss to McDuffie to once again bring Miami within 7 points. Philadelphia squashed any remaining hope Miami had of a comeback, however, by recovering the ensuing onsides kick.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelph	nia 14	7	7	7	35
Miami	3	8	0	17	28

PHI - Fryar, 38 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

PHI - Fryar, 2 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

MIA - Nedney, 37 FG

MIA - Hill, 6 pass from Erickson (Drayton-Erickson pass)

PHI - Fryar, 12 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

PHI - Fryar, 36 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

MIA - McDuffie, 24 pass from Erickson (Nedney)

MIA - Nedney, 39 FG

PHI - Watters, 49 run (Anderson)

Playing surface (AstroTurf)

MIA - McDuffie, 17 pass from Kosar (Nedney)

	PHILA	MIAMI
First Downs	21	18
Net Yards Gained	419	347
Rushes/Yards	30/196	24/93
Net Yards Passing	223	254
Passes/Comp/Had INT	24/18/1	37/23/1
Times Sacked/Yards	1/3	4/27
Punts/Avg.	4/49.5	4/44.3
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	8/80	9/69
Attendance (66,240)	D : E()	
Weather (Cloudy/Some	Kain, 541	

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 25-173-1TD, C.Garner 4-22, K.Turner 1-1 ... DOLPHINS - K.Abdul-Jabber 22-80, C.Erickson 2-13

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 8-116-4TD, C.T.Jones 3-35, R.Watters 3-23, M.Seay 2-22, J.Dunn 1-25, E.West 1-5 ... DOLPHINS - O.J.McDuffie 7-121-2TD, J.McPhail 6-71, R.Hill 3-44-1TD, T.Drayton 3-19, F.Barnett 2-27, K.Abdul-Jabbar 1-3, S.Pritchett 1-(-4)

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 24-18-226-1-4TD ... DOLPHINS - C.Erickson 31-18-239-1-2TD, B.Kosar 6-5-42-0-1TD

GAME 8 Sunday, October 27, 1996 Philadelphia 20, Carolina 9 Veterans Stadium

The Eagles won their third straight game, defeating the visiting Carolina Panthers 20-9, in the first-ever meeting between the two teams. The win lifted the Birds' record to 6-2 and kept them within one game of the NFC East Division-leading Washington Redskins (7-1) ... While Eagles' RB Ricky Watters, who had entered the game as the leading rusher in the NFC, was held in check (21-33-1.6 rushing), QB Ty Detmer sparkled in his third consecutive start. Detmer finished the game with career-high passing figures for attempts, completions, and yards (38-23-342). With his 342 passing yds, Detmer became the

first Eagles' passer to top the 300-yd mark since Bubby Brister did so at Cincinnati on 12/24/94. Just one week after firing 4 TD passes to WR Irving Fryar against Miami, Detmer again made Fryar his goto guy vs. Carolina. On the day, Fryar hauled in 7 passes for 143 yards, including a 42-ydr that set up the Birds' first TD and a 36-ydr that led to a fourth qtr. field goal. The seven catches by the 13th-year pro enabled him to become just the 15th player in NFL history to reach the 600-reception plateau ... Philadelphia took a 7-0 lead on its first drive and upped that margin to 14-0 just before the half. The Birds' second TD came when Detmer, for the second straight week, led a 2-minute drill that resulted in a TD just before halftime. This time rookie TE Jason Dunn hauled in his first career TD pass, a 9-yd TD strike. Carolina QB Kerry Collins, however, quickly moved his club to the Eagles 29, setting up John Kasay's 47-yd FG that pulled the Panthers to within 14-3 at intermission ... In the 3rd qtr, Eagles CB Troy Vincent forced a fumble by RB Anthony Johnson that DE Mike Mamula recovered at the Panthers 22, setting up a 46-yd FG by Gary Anderson. Carolina came right back, marching to the Eagles 12 before a 3rd down sack of Collins by rookie DT Hollis Thomas forced the Panthers to settle for another FG and a 17-6 deficit. But an interception off Detmer by Carolina CB Eric Davis minutes later gave the Panthers the ball at the Philadelphia 19. Once again, however, Carolina mustered only a FG. After an Anderson FG put Philly on top 20-9 in the 4th gtr, the Birds held off another Panther march when Vincent again forced a fumble, this one by a scrambling Collins, that was recovered by FS Brian Dawkins at the Eagles 4-yd line.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	7	7	3	3	20
Carolina	0	3	6	0	9

PHI - Watters, 3 run (Anderson)

PHI - Dunn, 9 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

CAR - Kasay, 47 FG

PHI - Anderson, 46 FG

CAR - Kasay, 39 FG

CAR - Kasay, 29 FG

Attendance (65,982)

Weather (Cloudy, 65 degrees) Playing surface (AstroTurf)

PHI - Anderson, 21 FG

	PHILA	CAROLINA
First Downs	16	10
Net Yards Gained	359	300
Rushes/Yards	27/30	26/61
Net Yards Passing	329	239
Passes/Comp/Had INT	38/23/1	34/16/0
Times Sacked/Yards	2/13	1/9
Punts/Avg.	9/42.6	7/38.9
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/2
Penalties/Yards	7/73	6/39

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 21-33-1TD, T.Detmer 4-1, C.Garner 1-(-2), K.Turner 1-(-2) ... PANTHERS - A.Johnson 18-47, K.Collins 4-16, W.Oliver 3-2, H.Griffth 1-(-2)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 7-143, C.T.Jones 5-72, J.Dunn 3-26-1TD, K.Turner 3-14, R.Watters 2-9, E.West 1-29, J.Johnson 1-26, F.Solomon 1-23 ... PANTHERS - M.Carrier 5-82, M.Muhammad 3-45, A.Johnson 2-64, H.Griffith 2-28, W.Walls 2-18, W.Oliver 2-11

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 38-23-342-1-1TD ... PANTHERS - K.Collins 34-16-248-0-0TD

GAME 9 Sunday, November 3, 1996 Philadelphia 31, Dallas 21 Texas Stadium

In a game that featured one of the most exciting finishes in Eagles' history, the Birds defeated the host Cowboys, 31-21, and improved their record to 7-2, good for a share of the NFC East division lead with Washington who stumbled at Buffalo After Gary Anderson's 20-yd FG gave the Birds a 24-21 lead with 3:19 to play, QB Troy Aikman and WRs Michael Irvin and Kelvin Martin marched Dallas to a 1st-ngoal situation at the Birds' 3-yd line. Once there, CB Troy Vincent held RB Emmitt Smith to one yard on a sweep and LB Sylvester Wright threw Smith for a 1-yd loss on 2nd down. Then, on 3rd down and with 0:56 left on the clock, SS Michael Zordich and LDE William Fuller pressured Aikman into an ill-advised pass that was intercepted by MLB James Willis 4 yards deep in the end zone. Despite the fact that the Cowboys were out of timeouts and the Eagles needed only to kneel on the ball, Willis returned it 14 yards before lateralling to Vincent who raced the final 90 yds for a TD (the longest return of an INT for a touchdown in NFL history) In an extremely physical game featuring top-notch matchups like Eagles' LDE William Fuller and Cowboys RT Erik Williams, Eagles CB Troy Vincent vs. Dallas WR Deion Sanders, and Eagles CB Bobby Taylor against Irvin, Sanders was held to just 2 catches and Irvin was shut out in the first half Phila.'s offense was led by QB Ty Detmer, who ran 6 yds for the first rushing TD of his career and went 33-19-217-0-1TD passing while raising his record as a starter to 4-0 since taking over for the injured Rodney Peete. Philadelphia's offensive line also enabled Ricky Watters (24-116-1TD) to become the first back to rush for over 100 yds against Dallas in the 1996 season. Detmer's #1 receiver - for the third straight week - was WR Irving Fryar whose 9-120-1TD effort tied his career high for receptions. With his 120 yds, Fryar also became the first Eagle receiver to notch three straight 100-yd games since Mike Quick did so in 1985 Former Eagle Herschel Walker opened the game with an 86-yd kickoff return that paved the way for Smith's 1-yd TD run. Phila. responded, however, as Watters capped a 74-yd drive with a 5-yd TD run. Then, after Aikman recovered a fumbled snap on 3rd down at the PE1, Dallas had to settle for a Chris Boniol FG and a 10-7 lead. Just before intermission, however, two runs by Watters and 3 Detmer passes (including a 3rd down, 24-yd toss to Mark Seay) set up Detmer's 6-yd QB draw for a TD and a 14-10 lead. It marked the third straight week in which Detmer led the Birds to a TD in the final minutes of the first half After the Cowboys pulled to within one, Detmer capped a 75-yd march with a 14-yd TD pass to Fryar late in the 3rd qtr for a 21-13 lead. Dallas guickly tied the game with a 7-yd TD run by Smith and a 2-pt. conversion toss from Aikman to TE Eric Bjornsen. Minutes later, Aikman rolled to his right and threw a pass that Eagle DB James Fuller hauled in at the D35 for his first career interception. That led to Anderson's go-ahead FG and set the stage for the amazing finish.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	7	7	7	10	31
Dallas	7	3	3	8	21

DAL - Smith, 1 run (Boniol)

PHI - Watters, 5 run (Anderson)

DAL - Boniol, 19 FG

PHI - Detmer. 6 run (Anderson)

DAL - Boniol, 37 FG

PHI - Fryar, 14 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

DAL - Smith, 7 run (Bjornson-Aikman pass)

PHI - Anderson, 30 FG

PHI - Vincent, 90 INT return (Anderson)

	PHILA	DALLAS
First Downs	22	22
Net Yards Gained	347	296
Rushes/Yards	30/130	31/117
Net Yards Passing	217	179
Passes/Comp/Had INT	33/19/0	33/21/2
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	0/0
Punts/Avg.	3/49.3	2/52.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	12/71	3/34

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 24-116-1TD, T.Detmer 5-12-1TD, C.Garner 1-2 ... COWBOYS - E.Smith 24-113-2TD, T.Aikman 3-4, D.Johnston 1-3, S.Williams 3(-3)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 9-120-1TD, C.T.Jones 3-23, M.Seay 2-36, E.West 1-18, J.Johnson 1-9, C.Garner 1-4, K.Turner 1-4, R.Watters 1-3 ... COWBOYS - M.Irvin 7-89, K.Martin 4-42, E.Smith 4-4, E.Bjornson 3-14, D.Sanders 2-24, D.Johnston 1-6.

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 33-19-217-0-1TD ... COWBOYS - T.Aikman 33-21-179-2-0TD

Attendance (64,952) Weather (Clear, 66 degrees) Playing surface (AstroTurf)

GAME 10 Sunday, November 10, 1996 Buffalo 24, Philadelphia 17 Veterans Stadium

For the second straight week, Philadelphia saw a dramatic ending unfold inside the 5-yard line. A week earlier, with Dallas at the Birds' 3-yd line, Eagles' MLB James Willis intercepted a pass by Troy Aikman to preserve a victory. This time, however, Philadelphia's Ty Detmer marched the Birds to the Buffalo 3 only to be sacked by Bruce Smith on 4th down with 0:28 left to play. Although the loss put the Eagles' record at 7-3, Arizona's overtime victory at Washington dropped the NFC East co-leading Redskins to 7-3 as well Against Buffalo, Philadelphia got off to a solid start, scoring a TD on their opening drive for the fourth straight week as Detmer capped a 74-yd drive with a TD toss to FB Kevin Turner. On the Eagles' next possession, however, disaster struck as Gabe Northern blocked a punt by Tom Hutton, chased down the loose ball, and returned it 18 yds for a TD that knotted the game at 7-7. Philadelphia quickly recaptured the lead with a 70-yd drive that ended with a 23-yd FG by Gary Anderson. The lead was shortlived, however, as Buffalo went on top 17-10 late in the first half with the aid of a 5-yd TD run by Thurman Thomas and a 38-yd FG by Steve Christie Midway through the 3rd qtr, Philadelphia had a chance to pin the Bills deep in their own end but a 15-yd punt gave Buffalo the ball at their 26. Fifteen plays and four third down conversions later, Jim Kelly tossed a 5-yd TD strike to WR Quinn Early for a 24-10 Buffalo lead. The biggest of the Bills' third down conversions on that series was a 23-yd run by Thurman Thomas on 3rd-n-13 from the Eagles 34. Overall, Buffalo was successful on 69% its third down plays (9 of 13) while the Eagles were just 5-12 (41.6%) prior to their final drive The Birds did come to life in the fourth qtr with a Detmer-to-Irving Fryar TD pass that brought them to within 7 points. Then with 8:02 left to play, Detmer marched the Eagles 73 yards to the Buffalo 3. There, on fourth down, excellent coverage on Philadelphia receivers gave Smith time to sack Detmer and snuff out the Eagles' comeback effort On the day, Detmer withstood a pounding from the Bills (5 sacks) to throw for 315 yards and 2 TDs. The Birds also got a spark from reserve RB Charlie Garner in the 2nd half. Garner, who saw his most extensive action since opening day, finished the afternoon as the Eagles' leading rusher with 60 yds on 10 carries.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelph	ia 10	0	0	7	17
Buffalo	7	10	7	0	24

PHI - Turner, 23 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

BUF - Northern, 18 blocked punt ret. (Christie)

PHI - Anderson, 23 FG

BUF - T. Thomas, 5 run (Christie)

BUF - Christie, 38 FG

BUF - Early, 5 pass from Kelly (Christie)

PHI - Fyrar, 10 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

	PHILA	BUFFALO
First Downs	25	18
Net Yards Gained	385	252
Rushes/Yards	29/111	37/140
Net Yards Passing	274	112
Passes/Comp/Had INT	44/26/1	22/11/1
Times Sacked/Yards	5/41	0/0
Punts/Avg.	4/24.3	3/46.3
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	5/40	6/40

Attendance (66,613) Weather (Clear, 44 degrees) Playing surface (AstroTurf) **RUSHING:** EAGLES - C.Garner 10-60, R.Watters 19-51 ... BILLS - T.Thomas 22-90-1TD, D.Holmes 10-30, A.Reed 2-16, S.Tasker 1-6, J.Kelly 2(-2)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 8-92-1TD, R.Watters 5-47, K.Turner 5-43-1TD, C.T.Jones 4-60, J.Dunn 1-24, M.Seay 1-19, J.Johnson 1-17, C.Garner 1-13 ... BILLS - S.Tasker 4-46, Q.Early 4-38-1TD, A.Reed 2-22, T.Cline 1-6

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 44-26-315-1-2TDs ... BILLS - J.Kelly 22-11-112-1-1TD

GAME 11

Sunday, November 17, 1996 Washington 26, Philadelphia 21 Veterans Stadium

For the second straight week, the Eagles had an opportunity to pull out a last-minute victory but fell short, this time allowing the Redskins to escape with a 26-21 victory. After being halted on 4th-n-goal at the Buffalo 3 a week earlier, the Eagles, trailing by five, reached the Redskins' 20 with just 24 seconds to play. Four incompletions followed, however, and the Eagles' comeback effort was snuffed out. The loss dropped the Birds (7-4) to second place in the NFC East and put Washington (8-3) atop the division Washington got on board first with a 37-yd FG by Scott Blanton late in the 1st quarter. Both clubs then traded interceptions before Eagles' RB Ricky Watters lost a fumble at the Birds' 25. Six plays later, Gus Frerotte threw the first of his 2 TD passes to tight end Jamie Asher for a 10-0 lead. Philadelphia responded with a 9-play drive capped by Watters' 1-yd TD plunge. But when the ensuing kickoff went out of bounds, Washington took over at their own 40 with two minutes left in the half. Frerotte then led the Skins to another FG and a 13-7 lead In the second half, Washington extended its lead to 20-7 as Frerotte connected with Asher from 7 yards out on the Skins' first drive. Philadelphia came right back as RB Charlie Garner ignited the Birds with three straight runs of 10, 22, and 9 yards, setting up a Ty Detmer-to-Chris T. Jones TD pass. Garner, however, suffered an ankle injury on the third run and was sidelined for the remainder of the game Washington answered the Birds' TD with Blanton's third FG, a 30-ydr. that put the Skins up 23-14. Early in the final stanza, Watters and Detmer led a 79-yd march that brought Philadelphia to within two points. But Blanton's fourth FG in as many tries boosted Washington's lead to 26-21 with 1:20 left to play and set the stage for a dramatic ending. Starting at his own 28, Detmer fired 22 and 19-yd passes to Jones before an 11-ydr to Watters put the Eagles at Washington's 20 with 24 ticks left on the clock. From there, Detmer tried four different receivers but four incompletions resulted and Washington had held off the Eagles On the day, Watters topped the 1,000-yd rushing mark in just the 11th game of the season. That enabled him to tie Wilbert Montgomery and Steve Van Buren as the Eagles to reach 1,000 yards the fastest (Montgomery did so in 11 games in 1979, Van Buren in 1949). Watters also joined Montgomery as the only Eagles to post consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tota
Philadelphia	0	7	7	7	21
Washington	3	10	10	3	26

WSH - Blanton, 37 FG

WSH - Asher, 12 pass from Frerotte (Blanton)

PHI - Watters, 1 run (Anderson)

WSH - Blanton, 22 FG

WSH - Asher, 7 pass from Frerotte (Blanton)

PHI - Jones, 13 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

WSH - Blanton, 30 FG

PHI - Watters, 1 run (Anderson)

WSH - Blanton, 33 FG

	PHILA	WASH
First Downs	27	19
Net Yards Gained	364	300
Rushes/Yards	30/129	31/95
Net Yards Passing	235	205
Passes/Comp/Had INT	33/21/1	33/18/1
Times Sacked/Yards	3/16	2/7
Punts/Avg.	4/44.5	3/49.7
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	1/0
Penalties/Yards	7/52	7/47

Attendance (66,834) Weather (sunny, 49) Playing Surface (AstroTurf) RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 26-87-2TD, C.Garner 3-41, T.Detmer 1-1 ... REDSKINS -T.Allen 25-84, B.Mitchell 3-13, G.Frerotte 2-1

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.T.Jones 7-103-1TD, R.Watters 6-78, I.Fryar 5-40,J.Dunn 1-21, C.Garner 1-6, K.Turner 1-3 ... REDSKINS - J.Asher 5-48-2TD, M.Westbrook 4-39, H.Ellard 3-69, B.Mitchell 2-16, B.Brooks 1-18, S.Galbraith 1-10, T.Allen 1-6, M.Logan 1-6

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 33-21-251-1-1TD ... REDSKINS - G.Frerotte 33-18-212-1-2TD

GAME 12 Sunday, November 24, 1996 Arizona 36, Philadelphia 30 Sun Devil Stadium

In one of the wildest finishes in Eagles' history, Philadelphia overcame a nine-point deficit in the final two minutes and thirty seconds, only to surrender a game-winning touchdown to the host Cardinals with 0:14 to play ... When it was over, Arizona had pulled off a 36-30 win and the Eagles - with a chance to win in the final moments for the third straight week - dropped their third consecutive contest Trailing 29-20, Philadelphia's Derrick Witherspoon returned a kickoff 95 yards for a TD. Seconds later, the Eagles attempted two onsides kicks. After the first such try was negated by a penalty, Johnny Thomas recovered Gary Anderson's second attempt at the Eagles' 41 Three completions by Ty Detmer then moved the Eagles deep into Arizona territory before three running plays forced the Cardinals to use up all of their timeouts. Gary Anderson then drilled a 32-yd FG that put Philadelphia on top 30-29. After the ensuing kickoff, Arizona took over at its own 34 with 45 seconds to go. Cardinals' QB Boomer Esiason calmly led a 6-play drive, however, capped by a 24-yd TD strike to Marcus Dowdell for a 36-30 lead with 14 ticks left on the clock. For the Eagles, it was the 4th consecutive game decided in the final minutes The loss dropped the Eagles' record to 7-5 and was even more difficult to accept when division-rivals Washington (8-4) and Dallas (7-5) both lost On the day, the Eagles' defense surrendered a season-high 447 total yards. Esiason's 43 passes, 24 completions, and 367 passing yards all marked season-highs against Philly as well. WR Rob Moore was Esiason's #1 target, hauling in 9 catches for 156 yards Phila. had jumped out to a 7-0 lead after MLB Joe Kelly, starting in place of the injured James Willis, forced a fumble by LeShon Johnson that Phila. recovered at the Cards' 22. Arizona then got a FG from Kevin Butler but had a subsequent attempt in the 1st gtr blocked by Kelly. It was the first FG blocked by the Eagles since 11/13/88 After Anderson's 2nd FG put Philly on top 10-3, Esiason's 26 and 35-yd passes to Moore set up a 4-yd run by Leeland McElroy that tied the game. Two more Butler FGs gave Arizona a 16-13 lead entering the final stanza. In that breathtaking 4th qtr, Arizona would record TDs on all three of its possessions while the Eagles would get a TD from their offense, a kickoff return for a score, and a successful onsides kick that led to a go-ahead FG. Arizona's 3rd and final TD of the quarter, however, proved to be the biggest On the day, WR Irving Fryar (7-131) posted his fourth 100-yd game of the year and moved past Drew Hill and into 13th place on the NFL's career receiving yardage list with 9,868 yds.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	7	3	3	17	30
Arizona	3	10	3	20	36
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PHI - Watters, 1 run (Anderson)

ARZ - Butler, 21 FG

PHI - Anderson, 44 FG

ARZ - McElroy, 4 run (Butler)

ARZ - Butler, 36 FG

PHI - Anderson, 25 FG

ARZ - Butler, 27 FG

ARZ - Carter, 6 pass from Esiason (PAT failed)

PHI - Watters, 4 run (Anderson)

ARZ - Centers, 2 pass from Esiason (Butler)

PHI - Witherspoon, 95 kickoff return (Anderson)

PHI - Anderson, 32 FG

ARZ - Dowdell, 24 pass from Esiason (Butler)

	PHILA	ARIZ
First Downs	22	27
Net Yards Gained	359	447
Rushes/Yards	26/67	29/107
Net Yards Passing	292	340
Passes/Comp/Had INT	38/21/1	43/24/0
Times Sacked/Yards	4/30	3/27
Punts/Avg.	4/36.3	3/40.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/1
Penalties/Yards	11/105	3/25

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 25-64-2TD, K.Turner 1-3 ... CARDINALS - L.Centers 13-45, B.Esiason 3-32, L.McElroy 7-16-1TD, L.Johnson 6-14

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 7-131, K.Turner 4-40, F.Solomon 3-54, R.Watters 3-36, M.Seay 2-28, J.Dunn 1-32, E.West 1-1 ... CARDINALS - R.Moore 9-156, F.Sanders 6-90, P.Carter 3-46-1TD, L.Centers 3-29-1TD, M.Dowdell 2-42-1TD, A.Edwards 1-4

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 38-21-322-1-0TD ... CARDINALS - B.Esiason 43-24-367-0-3TDs

Attendance (36,175) Weather (Sunny, 73) Playing surface (Grass)

GAME 13

Sunday, December 1, 1996 Philadelphia 24, New York Giants 0 Veterans Stadium

The Eagles snapped a three-game losing streak and raised their record to 8-5 with a 24-0 victory over the visiting New York Giants. The shutout, the Birds' first since they blanked Denver, 30-0, on Sept. 20, 1992, enabled Philadelphia to move into a tie atop the NFC East division alongside the Cowboys and Redskins, both of whom moved to 8-5 after Dallas' Thanksgiving Day victory over Washington Philadelphia was led by QB Ty Detmer, who completed 25 of 33 passes for 284 yds and 3 TDs despite a driving rain. Wideouts Irving Fryar and Chris T. Jones and tight end Jason Dunn were on the receiving end of Detmer's TD strikes. Fryar, who was 6-59-1TD on the day, topped the 1,000-yd mark for the season and raised his career reception total to 635. His six catches also moved him past Raymond Berry (631), Don Maynard (633), and Drew Hill (634) and into 12th place on the NFL's all-time reception list. On the ground, RB Ricky Watters turned in his sixth 100-yd effort of the year, going 29-104 ... The Eagles' defense, a unit that had struggled in recent weeks, turned in its best effort of the year, registering five sacks and four takeaways while limiting New York to 121 yards of offense. Rookie LLB Ray Farmer forced two fumbles and notched an INT, a sack, and a fumble recovery all in the first half. LDE William Fuller chipped in two sacks The Eagles, who took the opening kick and marched to the NY 12 before losing a fumbled snap, took a 3-0 lead minutes later when Farmer's INT off Dave Brown set up a 44-yd Gary Anderson FG. That boot, Anderson's 12th straight successful FG, enabled him to tie a club record set by Sam Baker in 1966-67. Later in the 1st qtr, back-to-back completions of 36 and 17 yards to Watters set up the 14-yd Detmer-to-Dunn scoring toss that upped the Birds' lead to 10-0. Then, after Mark Seay muffed a punt and New York took over on the Eagles' 9, Farmer sacked Brown and forced a fumble that Fuller recovered. Early in the 2nd stanza, Farmer forced and recovered a fumble by RB Tyrone Wheatley in Giants' territory. Two plays later, Detmer fired a 19-yd TD pass for a 17-0 lead. Philadelphia then closed out the half with a 15-play TD drive that chewed 7:57 off the clock. Detmer's 2-yd TD bullet to Chris T. Jones capped the drive After intermission, the Eagles had three straight scoring opportunities but came up empty each time. Early in the 3rd qtr, Troy Vincent returned an INT off Brown to the NY 13 but Philadelphia was stopped short on 4th-n-goal from the 1. The Eagles then saw a 44-yd FG try by Gary Anderson sail wide and, early in the final stanza, marched to the NY 9 before CB Jason Sehorn picked off a Detmer pass in the end zone New York's Brown was 11-3-31-2-0TDs passing in the first three quarters before giving way to Danny Kanell, who fared no better, going just 13-4-47-0-0TDs through the air.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tota
Philadelphia	a 10	14	0	0	24
NY Giants	0	0	0	0	0

PHI - Anderson, 44 FG

PHI - Dunn, 14 pass from Detmer (Anderson)
PHI - Fryar, 19 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

PHI - Jones, 2 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

	PHILA	NYG
First Downs	24	9
Net Yards Gained	410	121
Rushes/Yards	43/139	21/84
Net Yards Passing	271	37
Passes/Comp/Had INT	33/25/1	24/7/2
Times Sacked/Yards	2/13	5/41
Punts/Avg.	2/45.0	7/43.0
Fumbles/Lost	3/2	3/2
Penalties/Yards	5/29	2/20

Attendance (51,468) Weather (Heavy rain, 60) Playing surface (AstroTurf) RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 29-104, C.Garner 6-36, T.Detmer 5-(-1), K.Turner 3-0 ... GIANTS - T.Wheatley 9-39, R.Hampton 8-20, D.Kanell 1-13, D.Brown 3-12

RECEIVING: EAGLES - R.Watters 6-77, I.Fryar 6-59-1TD, C.Jones 5-36-1TD, J.Dunn 3-33-1TD, M.Seay 2-36, E.West 1-18, J.Johnson 1-17, C.Garner 1-8 ...GIANTS - C.Calloway 2-26, C.Way 2-10, L.Dawsey 1-17, H.Cross 1-14, K.Alexander 1-11

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 33-25-284-1-3TDs ... GIANTS - D.Brown 11-3-31-2-0TD, D.Kanell 13-4-47-0-0TD

GAME 14 Thursday, December 5, 1996 Indianapolis 37, Philadelphia 10 RCA Dome

In a Thursday night contest televised nationally by ESPN, the Eagles picked a bad time to play their worst game of the year. The result was a 37-10 drubbing at the hands of the host Indianapolis Colts. In fact, the final score, made closer only by an Eagles' TD with 0:05 left to play, was not indicative of the dominance displayed by the Colts Indianapolis, playing without a number of injured starters including QB Jim Harbaugh - took a 7-0 lead on their first possession and never looked back. Turnovers were a huge factor in the game as the Birds, under relentless pressure from the blitzing Colts, committed three. Indianapolis, meanwhile, committed none A 31-yd FG by Gary Anderson brought Philadelphia to within 7-3, but Indy went on to rip off 30 straight points, including three field goals and a TD in the second stanza. The second gtr. was also costly for the Eagles as CB Troy Vincent (strained knee) and FS Brian Dawkins (strained groin) were sidelined for the remainder of the game After the first of Cary Blanchard's three 2nd qtr. boots put Indy up 10-3, FS Jason Belser intercepted a Ty Detmer pass that went off the hands of WR Irving Fryar and returned it 44 yards for a score. Six plays later, blitzing LB Steve Morrison deflected a Detmer pass that fellow LB Trev Alberts INTd and returned to the Birds' 38. Moments later, Blanchard booted a 42-yd FG. On the ensuing Philadelphia drive, Detmer was intercepted for the third time in as many series, this time by Belser again. That INT set up a 51-yd FG by Blanchard as the Colts took a 23-3 halftime lead In the 3rd qtr, the Eagles went 3-plays-and-out on their two possessions. Meanwhile, Indy QB Kerwin Bell came on in relief of Paul Justin (shoulder), who had started in place of Harbaugh and gone 23-14-144 passing in only his 3rd career start. Bell, seeing his first action as a pro, went on to complete all 5 of his passes, throwing for 75 yards and one TD, a 20-yd strike to rookie WR Marvin Harrison. Colts' RB Marshall Faulk led his club in both rushing (16-101-2TD) and receptions (7-40), while Harrison finished with 6 catches for 106 yds and one TD. Midway through the 4th qtr, Eagles' backup QB Mark Rypien saw his first action of the year, replacing Detmer for the final two series. Rypien closed out the scoring with an 8-yd. TD toss to Fryar.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	3	0	0	7	10
Indianapolis	7	16	7	7	37

IND - Faulk, 13 run (Blanchard)

PHI - Anderson, 31 FG

IND - Blanchard, 30 FG

IND - Belser, 44 INT return (Blanchard)

IND - Blanchard, 42 FG

IND - Blanchard, 51 FG

IND - Harrison, 20 pass from Bell (Blanchard)

IND - Faulk, 7 run (Blanchard)

PHI - Fryar, 8 pass from Rypien (Anderson)

	PHILA	INDY
First Downs	18	19
Net Yards Gained	330	361
Rushes/Yards	15/76	34/151
Net Yards Passing	254	210
Passes/Comp/Had INT	47/27/3	28/19/0
Times Sacked/Yards	1/4	1/9
Punts/Avg.	6/45.8	4/42.8
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	6/84	4/25

Attendance (52,689) Weather (indoors)

Playing surface (Astro Turf)

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 7-33, C.Garner 6-32, T.Detmer 2-11 ... COLTS - M.Faulk 16-101-2TD, V.Workman 13-38, P.Justin 1-6, M.Harrison 1-4, C.Groce 2-3, K.Bell 1-(-1).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 6-44-1TD, C.Jones 5-70, K.Turner 5-56, F.Solomon 3-39, R.Watters 3-22, C.Garner 3-18, M.Seay 2-9 ... COLTS - M.Faulk 7-40, M.Harrison 6-106-1TD, S.Dawkins 3-45, A.Bailey 1-13, B.Stablein 1-10, V.Workman 1-5.

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 34-17-182-3-0TD, M.Rypien 13-10-76-0-1TD ... COLTS - P.Justin 23-14-144-0-0TD, K.Bell 5-5-75-0-1TD.

GAME 15 Saturday, December 14, 1996 Philadelphia 21, New York Jets 20

Giants Stadium

In a nationally televised encounter with the Jets, the visiting Eagles trailed all afternoon before staging a fourth guarter rally and a 21-20 come-from-behind victory. The win upped the Birds' record to 9-7 and, coupled with Washington's loss at Arizona the following day, put Philadelphia into the playoffs as a wild card team for the second straight season In the first half, New York capitalized on the two takeaways registered by its defense while the Eagles, who twice took over inside New York territory following Jets' miscues, came up empty both times. First, Jets' DB Marcus Coleman intercepted a Ty Detmer pass when WR Freddie Solomon slipped, then the New Yorkers recovered a fumble by Ricky Watters. They then turned those takeaways into a 46-yd Glenn Foley-to-Keyshawn Johnson TD pass and a 27-yd Nick Lowery FG, respectively Shortly after intermission, Philadelphia got on the board when SS Mike Zordich's INT off Foley set up a 40-yd TD strike from Detmer to WR Irving Fryar. On that play, Fryar logged his 82nd catch of the year and etched his name into the Eagles' record books, surpassing Keith Jackson and Keith Byars, who had shared the club record for receptions in a single season. Moments later, however, CB Aaron Glenn stepped in front of a slanting Fryar, picked off a Detmer aerial, and raced 13 yards for a score. Just three plays later, Chad Cascadden sacked Detmer, forcing a fumble that DE Hugh Douglas recovered at the Eagles' 28. The resulting Lowery FG upped New York's lead to 20-7 at the close of the third quarter. Philadelphia's defense, however, soon caught fire. After struggling in four of the five previous games, the Birds' D made big plays when it counted most After Detmer fired 24 and 31-yd completions to Fryar and TE Jimmy Johnson, respectively, he capped an 80yd drive with a 2-yd TD pass to WR Chris T. Jones and set the stage for the defense. Two plays later, Zordich gave the Eagles the ball at the NY 18 when he stepped in front of a Foley pass and logged the first 2-INT day of his career. Detmer then fired a TD strike to Fyar (4-92-2TDs on the day) and Gary Anderson's extra point kick put the Birds on top 21-20 with 5:18 left to play. Although New York returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 44 and moved into Eagles' territory, the Birds' sealed the game when LB William Thomas INT'd a tipped Foley pass and RB Charlie Garner ripped off a 46-yd run to run out the clock.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	0	0	7	14	21
NY Jets	7	3	10	0	20

NYJ - Johnson, 46 pass from Foley (Lowery)

NYJ - Lowery, 27 FG

PHI - Fryar, 40 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

NYJ - Glenn, 13 INT return (Lowery)

NYJ - Lowery, 29 FG

PHI - Jones, 3 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

PHI - Fryar, 14 pass from Detmer (Anderson)

	PHILA	NYJ
First Downs	15	14
Net Yards Gained	323	244
Rushes/Yards	33/151	23/71
Net Yards Passing	172	173
Passes/Comp/Had INT	34/17/2	26/16/4
Times Sacked/Yards	4/26	2/13
Punts/Avg.	7/37.0	5/48.0
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	1/1
Penalties/Yards	10/87	8/41

Attendance (29,178) Weather (Rain, 39 degrees) Playing surface (Artificial) RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 17-75, C.Garner 8-58, T.Detmer 7-12, K.Turner 1-6 ... JETS - A.Murrell 18-46, G.Foley 5-25

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 4-92-2TD, C.T.Jones 4-39-1TD, R.Watters 3-13, K.Turner 3-11, C.Garner 2-12, J.Johnson 1-31 ... JETS - K.Johnson 4-77-1TD, W.Chrebet 4-59, K.Brady 3-15, W.Slaughter 2-30, R.Anderson 2-3, A.Murrell 1-2

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 34-17-198-2-3TDs ... JETS - G.Foley 26-16-186-4-1TD

GAME 16 Sunday, December 22, 1996 Philadelphia 29, Arizona 19 Veterans Stadium

The Eagles closed out the regular season with a 29-19 victory over the visiting Arizona Cardinals. The win boosted the Eagles' record to 10-6 and sealed a second place finish in the NFC East division for the second consecutive season. (The 10-6 Dallas Cowboys, who fell at Washington on the season's final weekend, had clinched the division title a week earlier on the basis of a better record versus common opponents) A solid effort by the Birds' defense, including 3 sacks by Pro Bowl DE William Fuller, and a 5-5 effort on field goals by Gary Anderson were the keys to Philadelphia's victory. Defensive end Mike Mamula got the Birds started when, on the second play of the game, he sacked Arizona QB Kent Graham at the Card's 4-yd. line, recovered the loose ball and returned it for a touchdown. Philadelphia then booted 3 straight FGs. The first two of those FGs were set up by long drives; the last was set up when SS Mike Zordich returned an interception off Graham 28 yards to the Cards' 19. For Zordich, it was his third INT in two weeks. The Eagles then allowed Arizona a FG before RB Ricky Watters capped a 77-yd drive with a 1-yd TD run that put Philadelphia on top 23-3 at halftime Boomer Esiason replaced Graham in the 3rd gtr. and led a FG drive in his first series at the helm. The Eagles responded with FGs on their next two drives and took a commanding 29-6 lead early in the final stanza. Arizona fought back, however, with a 22-yd Esiason TD pass to RB Leeland McElroy. Then, on the Birds' subsequent possession, CB Aeneas Williams intercepted a Detmer pass and raced 65 yds to a TD that cut Philadelphia's lead to 29-19. Moments later, Butler, who had already missed one PAT kick, was off the mark on a 38-yd FG try that would have set up a dramatic finish With 17 points on the afternoon, Anderson upped his season total to 115, second best in club history only to the 116 scored by kicker Paul McFadden in 1984. For Anderson, it was the third 5-5 FG game of his career. Watters, with 31 attempts for a game-high 99 rushing yards, raised his season total for carries to 353 and topped the old club mark of 338 set by Wilbert Montgomery in 1979. The 3-sack effort by Fuller upped his teamleading total to 13 for the second consecutive year.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tota
Philadelph	nia 13	10	3	3	29
Arizona	0	3	3	13	19

PHI - Mamula, 4 fumble return (Anderson)

PHI - Anderson, 23 FG

PHI - Anderson, 22 FG

PHI - Anderson, 43 FG

ARZ - Butler, 41 FG

PHI - Watters 1 run (Anderson)

ARZ - Butler, 41 FG

PHI - Anderson, 26 FG

PHI - Anderson, 39 FG

ARZ - McElroy 22 pass from Esiason (PAT failed)

ARZ - Williams, 65 INT return (Butler kick)

	PHILA	ARIZ
First Downs	22	15
Net Yards Gained	343	229
Rushes/Yards	40/127	16/71
Net Yards Passing	216	158
Passes/Comp/Had INT	32/20/1	41/16/1
Times Sacked/Yards	0/0	4/26
Punts/Avg.	3/44.0	3/39.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	3/1
Penalties/Yards	7/67	10/67

Attendance (63,658) Weather (36 clear)

Playing surface (AstroTurf)

RUSHING: EAGLES - R.Watters 31-99-1TD, C.Garner 7-21, K.Turner 1-5, T.Detmer 1-2 ... CARDINALS - L.McElroy 9-45, L.Centers 5-28, L.Johnson 1-3, F.Sanders 1-(-5).

RECEIVING: EAGLES - C.Jones 5-65, K.Turner 4-49, I.Fryar 4-48, R.Watters 2-14, C.Williams 2-8, M.Seay 1-15, F.Solomon 1-9, C.Garner 1-8 ... CAR-DINALS - L.Centers 6-43, A.Edwards 3-41, F.Sanders 3-30, L.McElroy 2-28-1TD, McWilliams 1-21, R.Moore 1-21.

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 32-20-216-1-0TD ... CARDINALS - B.Esiason 26-12-138-0-1TD, K.Graham 15-4-46-1-0TD.

NFC Wild Card Game Sunday, December 29, 1996 San Francisco 14, Philadelphia 0 3Com Park

As the fifth of six seeds in the NFC playoffs, the Eagles (10-6, 2nd in the NFC East division) met the fourth-seeded 49ers (10-6, 2nd in the NFC West) at San Francisco's 3Com Park ... On a day dominated by constant rain and winds reaching up to 51 miles per hour, the Birds' inability to produce points once inside the 49ers' 20-yd line proved costly. The result was a 14-0 loss for Philadelphia and the first ever shutout registered against the Eagles in post-season play ... On the game's opening drive, Philadelphia marched 43 yards to San Francisco's 14. There, however, LB Lee Woodall registered the first of the Niners' three sacks vs. Eagles quarterbacks. Woodall threw Ty Detmer for an 8-yd. loss and forced the Birds to settle for a 40-yd FG attempt by Gary Anderson that was pushed wide left by the qusting winds. Thus had begun a trend of red zone futility that would plague the Eagles all afternoon ... Early in the second stanza, QB Steve Young got the 49ers going, engineering a 74-yd drive comprised of short passes to five different receivers. Young then put San Francisco on the scoreboard first by capping the drive with a 9-yd TD run on a quarterback draw. But Young paid a price for his TD, suffering badly bruised ribs on the play when he was hit by DE Darion Conner. The subsequent pain would make it difficult for Young to throw as the game wore on. On the Birds' next possession, Detmer moved the offense to the SF 7, where, when faced with a 3rd-n-1 situation, the 49ers blitzed again. This time, MLB Ken Norton came up the middle and forced Detmer to throw the ball away. But Norton got enough of Detmer's throwing arm that the ball fluttered and was intercepted by CB Marquez Pope in the end zone ... Just before the half, the Eagles came up empty once again when, at the SF 5, a Detmer pass intended for WR Chris T. Jones was picked off by DE Roy Barker ... On Philadelphia's first possession of the 2nd half, misfortune struck once again as QB Ty Detmer was forced to exit the game after sustaining a pulled hamstring when sacked by DT Bryant Young. Mark Rypien, seeing action for only the second time in '96, took over the QB reins for the remainder of the contest The only scoring in the second half came midway through the 3rd qtr when Young capped a 61-yd drive with a 3-yd TD strike to WR Jerry Rice for a 14-0 lead. A 36-yd Young-to-Rice connection set up the TD ... Strong defense by both clubs and poor weather conditions dominated the last stanza. On the games final play, Forty Niner SS Tim McDonald closed out the game and the Birds' 1996 season by intercepting Mark Rypien's "Hail Mary" pass.

1	st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0
San Fran.	0	7	7	0	14

SF - S.Young, 5 run (Wilkins) SF - Rice, 3 pass from S.Young (Wilkins)

	PHILA	SF
First Downs	16	17
Net Yards Gained	283	279
Rushes/Yards	26/71	34/118
Net Yards Passing	212	161
Passes/Comp/Had INT	33/19/3	21/14/0
Times Sacked/Yards	3/13	1/0
Punts/Avg.	5/35.8	6/37.2
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	3/20	4/38

Attendance (56,460) Weather (Rain, 59 degrees) Playing surface (grass) **RUSHING:** EAGLES - R.Watters 20-57, C.Garner 3-10, K.Turner 3-4 ... 49ERS - S.Young 11-65-1TD, T.Kirby 16-43, W.Floyd 5-13, D.Loville 2-(-3)

RECEIVING: EAGLES - I.Fryar 5-62, R.Watters 5-45, J.Johnson 3-37, C.Williams 2-40, C.T.Jones 2-23, K.Turner 2-18 ... 49ERS - J.Rice 4-50-1TD, W.Floyd 4-41, T.Kirby 2-24, B.Jones 2-22, A.Cooper 1-17, T.Owens 1-7

PASSING: EAGLES - T.Detmer 21-14-148-2-0TD, M.Rypien 12-5-77-1-0TD ... 49ERS - S.Young 21-14-161-0-1TD