



POST-GAME NOTES
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES at WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM
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WINNING SEASONS: Philadelphia is guaranteed a winning season for the fourth time since 2017 and 17th time under **Jeffrey Lurie's** ownership. The Eagles' 17 winning seasons since 1995 are tied for the 5th-most in the league, behind New England (23), Green Bay (20), Indianapolis (19), and Pittsburgh (19*). The last time Philadelphia registered at least four winning seasons over a five-year span was from 2006-10 under **Andy Reid**.

- Each of Lurie's five head coaching hires (all first-time NFL head coaches) have posted winning seasons within their first two years – **Nick Sirianni** (first, 9-7 in 2021), **Doug Pederson** (second, 13-3 in 2017), **Chip Kelly** (first, 10-6 in 2013), Reid (second, 11-5 in 2000), and **Ray Rhodes** (first, 10-6 in 1995).

SIRIANNI'S TURNAROUND: With today's victory over Washington, **Nick Sirianni** became just the fourth rookie head coach in league history to produce a winning season after starting 2-5 or worse through 7 games, joining **Frank Reich** (Indianapolis, 2018), **Mike Mularkey** (Buffalo, 2004), and **Mike Holmgren** (Green Bay, 1992).

- Sirianni's 9 wins are the most by any member of the NFL's 2021 head coach hiring cycle right now (L.A. Chargers' **Brandon Staley** also entered Week 17 with an 8-7 record). They are the most wins by an Eagles head coach in their first career season as a head coach (NFL or college) since **Ray Rhodes** in 1995, who finished 10-6 and earned a playoff appearance en route to AP NFL Coach of the Year honors.
- Currently, Reich is the only first-year head coach in NFL history to lead his team to a winning record *and* postseason berth following a 2-5 or worse start through 7 games (Colts opened at 2-5 and finished at 10-6). That season, Sirianni served as an offensive coordinator for the first time on Reich's coaching staff.

HEATING UP IN DECEMBER: Philadelphia has won each of its last 4 games, marking the Eagles' longest streak since the final month of the 2019 regular season (12/9/19-12/29/19), when they won 4 straight divisional matchups to earn a postseason berth and NFC East championship. It is tied for Philadelphia's longest streak since winning 9 in a row during the Super Bowl LII-winning campaign in 2017 (9/24/17-12/15/17).

- The Eagles (6-1 record since Week 10) have totaled 6+ victories during a 7-game stretch for the first time since 11/25/18-1/6/19, which includes the Wild Card victory over Chicago. The Eagles are currently tied with Kansas City (6-1), Miami (6-1), and Tampa Bay (6-2) for the most wins in the NFL since Week 10.

RODNEY TO THE RESCUE: With 30 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter and Washington approaching a first-and-10 from the PHI 20, **Rodney McLeod** (5 tackles, 1 INT, and 1 PD) registered a game-saving INT in the end zone on a pass from QB **Taylor Heinicke** intended for TE **John Bates** to seal Philadelphia's 20-16 victory.

- McLeod, who is one of only two NFL safeties with 10+ INTs (16) and 10+ FFs (11) since 2013 (also **Malcolm Jenkins**), has produced INTs in back-to-back games for the first time since 11/3/19-11/24/19. His 2 INTs this season are tied for his most since 2017, when he totaled a career-high-tying 3 INTs.

BOSTON "TD" PARTY: **Boston Scott** produced his 3rd career game with multiple rushing TDs (also 2 TDs on 10/31/21 at Detroit and 3 TDs on 12/29/19 at N.Y. Giants). He led the Eagles with 86 scrimmage yards (2nd-highest total of the year), totaling 47 yards and 2 TDs on the ground and catching a season-high 4 passes for 39 yards.

- Scott, who has registered rushing TDs in each of the last 2 games (has produced a career-high 7 rushing TDs this season, which are the most by an Eagles RB since **Ryan Mathews** in 2016 (8)).

EAGLES RUSHING RECORDS: Following today's 118-yard rushing performance, Philadelphia has now produced 2,566 rushing yards this season, which is tied with 2013 for the 2nd-highest total in single-season team history. Heading into the 2021 finale, the Eagles are only 42 yards shy of breaking their 1949 record (2,607).

- Additionally, with **Boston Scott's** pair of rushing scores today, Philadelphia has totaled the 3rd-most rushing TDs (24) in Eagles single-season history, trailing only the 1945 (26) and 1949 (25) campaigns.
- The Eagles have rushed for 100+ yards in 11 consecutive games, which is the longest active streak in the NFL as well as the team's longest streak since a 19-game stretch from 11/7/10-11/20/11.

HURTS SO GOOD: **Jalen Hurts** completed 17-of-26 (65.4%) attempts for 214 yards (8.2 avg.) and a 90.9 passer rating and added 44 yards on 7 carries (6.3 avg.) in today's victory. Hurts' 3,928 offensive yards are the 6th-most by

any Eagles QB since the 2000 season, trailing only **Carson Wentz** in 2019 (4,282), **Donovan McNabb** in 2004 (4,095), 2008 (4,063) and 2000 (3,987), and Wentz again in 2016 (3,932).

ELLIOTT'S IMPACT: **Jake Elliott** finished the game converting 2-of-2 FGs (42 and 41 yards) as well as 2-of-2 PATs for 8 points. He kicked a 42-yard, game-winning FG in the fourth quarter with 11:41 remaining to give the Eagles a 17-16 advantage. His 126 points this season are the 7th-most in single-season franchise history.

SMITTY CLOSERS IN ON D-JAX: **DeVonta Smith** (3 catches for 54 yards) leads the Eagles in receptions (61), receiving yards (875) and receiving TDs (5) this season. He is now only 38 yards shy of breaking **DeSean Jackson's** franchise rookie record for receiving yards set in 2008 (912). He has also produced the 3rd-most receptions in Eagles rookie history, trailing only **Keith Jackson** in 1988 (81) and **Jordan Matthews** in 2014 (67).

GOEDERT BREAKS 800 RECEIVING YARDS: **Dallas Goedert** recorded a team-high 6 receptions for 71 yards in today's win. Goedert now has 830 receiving yards this season, which are the 10th-most ever by an Eagles TE.

SWEAT SETS CAREER HIGH: **Josh Sweat** recorded 1.5 sacks against Washington QB **Taylor Heinicke**, bringing his season total to a career-high 7.5 sacks. Sweat has combined for 4.0 sacks in his last 4 games.

- Sweat's first QB takedown was split with **Fletcher Cox**, when the two combined to sack Heinicke for a 7-yard loss that forced a second-and-17 situation that removed Washington from the red zone. Cox now has 58.0 career sacks, which are the most ever by an Eagles DT. He also tied **Justin Tuck** (15.0) for the 3rd-most sacks ever against Washington, behind **Lawrence Taylor** (19.0) and **Michael Strahan** (17.0).
- Sweat's 2nd sack came on third-and-6 and resulted in a 9-yard loss that forced a punt.

KELCE CLIMBS THE CHARTS: **Jason Kelce** tied **Guy Morriss** (158, 1973-83) for the 3rd-most games played by an offensive lineman in franchise history, behind **Chuck Bednarik** (169, 1949-62) and **Tra Thomas** (166, 1998-2008). He also started his 121st consecutive regular-season game (longest active streak among NFL centers).