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# 1982 Philadelphia Eagles Yearbook

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# Leonard H. Tose

Owner and President

**E**ntering his 14th season as the chief executive officer of the Eagles, Leonard H. Tose has already held that position longer than anyone in the 50-year history of the franchise.

Tose purchased the Eagles for a sum in excess of \$16 million in 1969, but his support of the team as a fan and season ticket holder began years before that. His interest in football was nurtured, quite naturally, at the University of Notre Dame, where he was a member of the class of 1937. He has maintained close ties with his alma mater through the years and served on the alumni association's board of directors from 1969 to 1972.

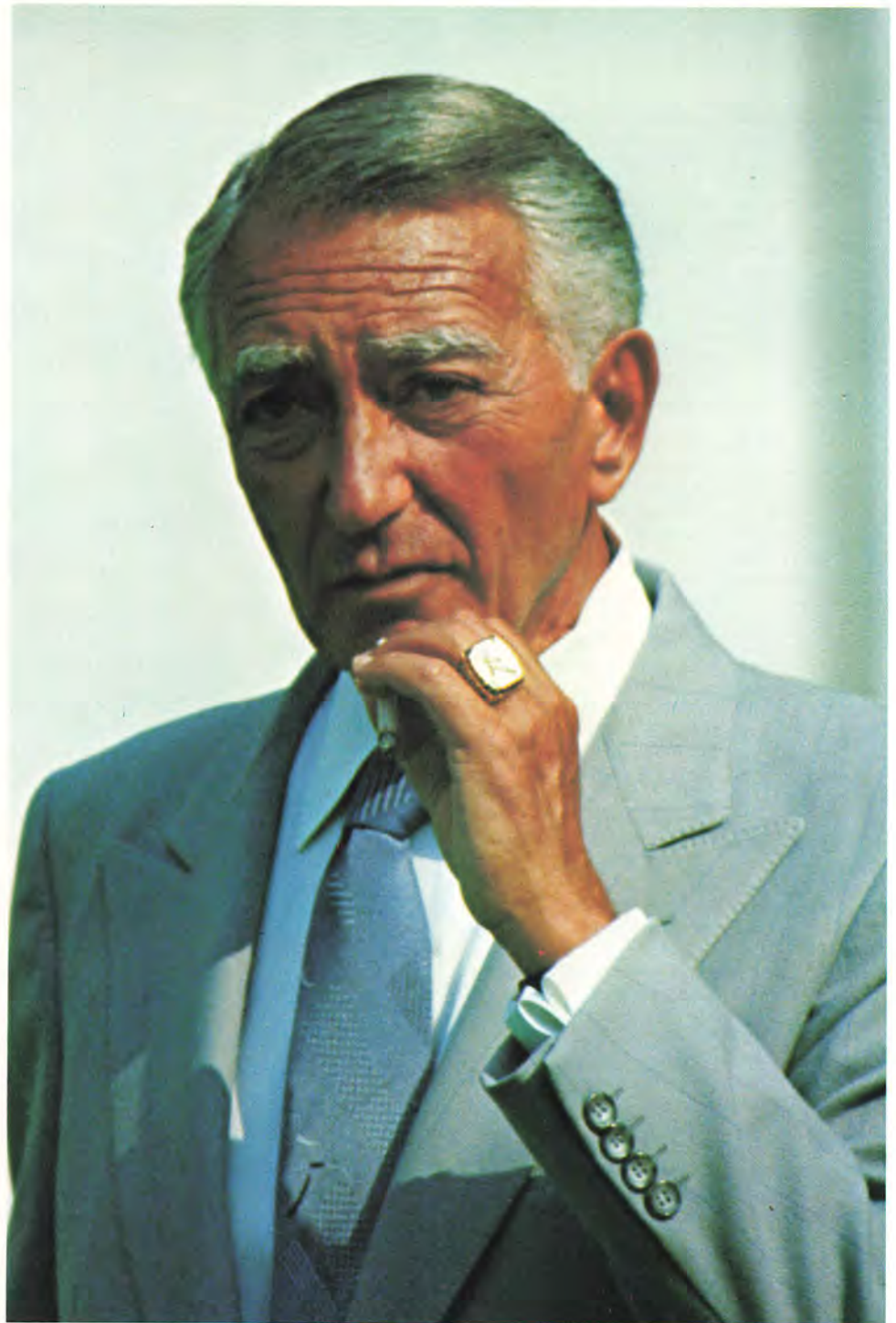
After college and service with the Army's military police, Leonard joined the family trucking business founded by his Russian immigrant father, the late Mike Tose, in his hometown of Bridgeport, Pa. He began working for the company as a truck driver and eventually became chairman of the board. While the trucking and various other business interests occupied much of his time, the Eagles and the National Football League have remained his primary concern during his 13 years as owner. Leonard currently serves on two of the most important executive committees within the NFL structure, the Management Council and NFL Films.

The Eagles' rise to the upper echelon of the NFL is a direct result of Tose's philosophy of hiring competent personnel and then giving them the support they need to get the job done. His administrative expertise was recognized publicly in 1980 when he was named pro football's Man of the Year by the Football News after the Eagles won the NFC championship and appeared in Super Bowl XV. The Eagles' loss in that game only made Leonard more determined to return to football's ultimate showcase and to come out on top.

"There was a time when I said if we ever went to the Super Bowl I'd probably get out," he commented prior to Super Bowl XV. "Now I can see where you might want to do it two or three times."

While coach Dick Vermeil builds the Eagles into a contender on the field, Tose provides the necessary management support, working to solve small problems before they become major ones and providing the "football people" in the organization the tools they have used to build the team into one of the winningest in the NFL over the past four seasons.

Tose's social consciousness and philanthropy are well known in Philadelphia and he feels a strong kinship with the football fans who remained loyal to the Eagles through some lean years. Foremost among the institutions which have benefitted from his generosity is the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Former Eagles' tight end Fred Hill, whose daughter Kim was afflicted with leukemia at the time, began a program called Eagles Fly for Leukemia in 1973. Happy that Hill's teammates rallied to the cause, Tose responded by guaranteeing to absorb all administrative costs of the program and by the completion of the 1982 season, nearly \$2



million will have been generated for Children's Hospital in an ongoing program.

Leonard has also lent his financial and administrative support to the high school football programs in the city of Philadelphia. His personal donation of \$79,000 in 1971 helped insure the survival of the sport in the city's public high school league when monetary problems threatened its existence and in 1975, his contribution helped establish the Philadelphia City All-Star Football Game

to showcase the talents of inner-city players for coaches and scouts from the college level.

"I feel a responsibility to this city, I always have," Leonard says. "These fans supported us when we were winning two games a year and if you don't have feelings for people like that, what kind of man would you be?" The many people and organizations who have benefitted from his generosity know what kind of man Tose is.

# Jim Murray

General Manager

**J**im Murray began his career in professional sports as a minor league baseball executive and entered the NFL as a public relations man, but in the eight years since being appointed general manager by Eagles' owner Leonard Tose, he has played a major role in helping the Birds become one of the most solid teams in football.

In naming him to his current position five years after he joined the organization as assistant director of public relations, Tose recognized perhaps Murray's most prominent quality, his loyalty. "One of the best things I ever did was hire Jimmy," Tose said in 1981 as the Eagles prepared for Super Bowl XV. "He may not have been what other people wanted, but he had two things that count: brains, and a sincere concern for people. And what a friend!"

Murray, 44, is a native Philadelphian and a graduate of this city's West Catholic High School and nearby Villanova University. Immediately after graduation from that school in 1960 he went to work for the Tidewater Tides of baseball's Sally League.

After a stint of active duty in the Marine Corps Reserve, he returned to baseball as assistant general manager of the Atlanta Crackers, an affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. Murray left baseball in 1964 to enter the restaurant business, first in Atlanta and then in Malibu, Cal. Two years later he returned to a sports career as sports information director at Villanova under his friend and mentor, athletic director Art Mahan.

Three years later he joined the Eagles' public relations staff and in 1971 he became an administrative assistant with increased responsibilities. Murray's P.R. background puts him in the company of numerous NFL executives, including commissioner Pete Rozelle.

During his 13 years with the Eagles, Murray has assumed leadership roles in a number of community projects. He helped establish the very successful Eagles Fly for Leukemia campaign and has played a leading role in helping to persuade many of his peers in the NFL to become involved with the unique Ronald McDonald House concept begun in Philadelphia in 1974. McDonald Houses provide temporary residences, at little or no costs, for the families of children undergoing treatment for various illnesses at nearby hospitals.

Jim has also been an active supporter of football on the high school and college levels. In the early 1970's he served as color analyst and executive producer of Villanova University's football network and he has been an advisor to the Philadelphia City All-Star High School Football Game which has helped more than 200 student-athletes receive college scholarship aid since 1975.

In 1979, Murray served as sports chairman of the annual fund-raising drive of the Fellowship Commission of Philadelphia, a human rights organization dedicated to



strengthening people-to-people relationships. On a personal level, that is what Murray does almost every day of his life.

"This sport, because of its intensity, makes a team vulnerable to situations that might upset the tempo," he says. "One letdown and you might be out of it. I try to put myself in the shoes of the players, the coaches, the owner

and the fans. Sure, it's a great deal of pressure, but I also feel that I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

That feeling is also evident in Jim's personal life. He and his wife, Diane, are the parents of five children: Karin, 23; Amy, 14; Jimmy Joe, 12; Brian, 11 and John Paul, 3. The Murrays reside in Rosemont, Pa.

# Dick Vermeil

Head Coach

In the process of word association, only a few coaches in the National Football League come immediately to mind when their teams are mentioned. Say Miami Dolphins, and Don Shula is probably the first person one thinks of. The same goes for the Dallas Cowboys and Tom Landry, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chuck Noll and now, the Philadelphia Eagles and Dick Vermeil.

In terms of longevity with the club and total victories, Vermeil already ranks second in the Eagles' record book to Hall of Fame coach Earle "Greasy" Neale. Neale, who coached in Philadelphia for 10 seasons between 1941 and 1950, compiled a 66-44-5 overall record and two NFL championships. Vermeil, after only six seasons, has guided the Birds to a 54-45 mark and four consecutive playoff appearances since 1978. In that four-year span, only Dallas (47-17) and Pittsburgh (43-21) have bettered Philadelphia's 42-22 regular season record.

Vermeil has been a winner on every level of coaching, from his first high school head coaching assignment in 1960 through the junior and major college ranks and on to the NFL.

Dick was born in Calistoga, Cal. on October 30, 1936 and grew up in that town nestled in the Napa Valley wine country of northern California. His dedication to football began when he starred at quarterback (and in three other sports) at tiny Calistoga High School. In between his scholastic and athletic pursuits, he worked in the auto repair garage still operated by his father, Louis. With his dad setting the standards, Dick eventually became a proficient mechanic while developing the work ethic and devotion to excellence that have marked his coaching career.

Vermeil continued to work in the garage while he attended nearby Napa Junior College and then San Jose State, where he played quarterback and later earned a Master's degree in physical education in 1959.

Dick's first head coaching assignment in 1960 took him to Hillsdale High School in San Mateo, Cal. His three teams there compiled a 17-9-1 record through 1962 before he moved on to become backfield coach at San Mateo Junior College in 1963. The following year he became head coach at his alma mater, Napa College, and turned a perennially losing program into an immediate winner with a 7-2 record in his first season.

In 1965 the major college ranks beckoned and Dick left Napa to join the Stanford staff of John Ralston. He remained there through 1968 when he resigned to become special teams coach under George Allen with the Los Angeles Rams. He returned to college coaching under Tommy Prothro at UCLA the next year but rejoined the NFL the following season when Prothro was named head coach of the Rams. Dick coached the Los Angeles quarterbacks under Prothro and was retained on the staff when Chuck Knox became head coach in 1973.

Vermeil first rose to national prominence during a two-year tenure as head coach at UCLA. His Bruin teams compiled an overall



record of 15-5-3, one Pacific-8 Conference title, and an upset of number-one ranked Ohio State in the 1976 Rose Bowl.

It was the good fortune of both Vermeil and the Eagles that team owner Leonard Tose and general manager Jim Murray were watching that Rose Bowl contest on television. By the end of the game, they had penciled in the personable young coach's name at the top of their list of candidates for the vacant Eagles' head coaching position. On February 8, 1976 he signed a five-year contract (later extended through 1985) to become the Birds' 15th head coach.

Vermeil's first two Eagles' teams posted respective 4-10 and 5-9 records while he established the standards of preparation and effort that have characterized his teams on every level of play. In 1978 the Eagles broke



through to a 9-7 mark that was good enough to win a spot in the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1960. The accomplishment won recognition for Vermeil as United Press International's NFC Coach of the Year for 1978. He won similar honors from the Professional Football Writers of America, the Kansas City 101 Club and the Columbus (Ohio) Touchdown Club for the rebuilding job he had accomplished with a team that had not had a number one or number two draft choice since 1973.

In 1979, with help from a full draft for the first time, Dick directed the Eagles to an 11-5 mark, and a second consecutive playoff appearance. The Birds defeated the Chicago Bears, 27-17, in the wildcard playoff game before being eliminated by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Even that upset loss couldn't tarnish the gloss of the Eagles' most successful season in 20 years. Vermeil's contribution to the surge was recognized most significantly when his head coaching peers in the league voted him the NFL Coach of the Year in balloting conducted by the Sporting News. He was also named NFL Coach of the Year for 1979 by the Football Digest and NFC Coach of the Year for the second consecutive time by the PFWA and the Kansas City 101 Club.

The best of the Vermeil era came in 1980 when the Birds soared to the top of the NFC with a best ever 12-4 regular season record and into Super Bowl XV with a 20-7 win over Dallas in the conference championship game after a 31-16 playoff victory over the Minnesota Vikings. Dick won yet another honor when the Washington (D.C.) Touchdown Club named him NFL Coach of the Year for 1980.

Last year, the Birds appeared to be on their way to defending their NFC title until a late season slump forced them to settle for a 10-6 regular season record and second place finish in the NFC's Eastern Division. Their 4th consecutive playoff appearance was a disappointing one as they were eliminated in the wildcard game by the New York Giants, 27-21. "We were a better team (than the Super Bowl XV edition) but everyone evaluates whether you were a better football team on the basis of wins and losses," says Vermeil. As always, the coach feels that his upcoming team will be improved and he's hoping that improvement will be reflected this year in the record and the standings.

Vermeil's reputation as a workaholic is well deserved, but he manages to find time to help a number of worthy causes in the community, most notably the Special Olympics program, the Eagles Fly for Leukemia campaign, and the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. For relaxation he enjoys hunting, photography and, in a carryover from his formative years, automobiles and auto racing. His father is still active in that sport in northern California.

Dick has been married for 26 years to the former Carolyn (Carol) Drake, his high school sweetheart from Calistoga. They are the parents of three children, Richard, 24; David, 23 and daughter Nancy, 21. The Vermeils reside in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

# Eagles Coaching Staff



Becker



Iman

Gamble

Clausen



Bruney



Hawkins

## **JOHN BECKER, Running Backs**

*John is in his second season as coach of the Eagles' offensive backfield after working during the 1980 season in a research capacity. He has been involved in the coaching profession since his sophomore year of college when he started as a prep assistant at California's Crespi Carmelite High School. He eventually became head freshman coach at UCLA in 1970 and an assistant at New Mexico State in 1971, New Mexico in 1972-73, and the University of Oregon from 1977 through 1979. From 1974 through 1976 he was the head coach at Los Angeles Valley College. He and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of three children and reside in Medford, N.J.*

## **FRED BRUNEY, Defensive Secondary**

*Fred, one of the most respected assistant coaches in the NFL, is in his second tenure with the Eagles after coaching the Birds' secondary from 1964-68 and returning in 1977 after eight seasons with the Atlanta Falcons. His current Eagles' secondary ranks as one of the NFL's best after leading the league in fewest passing yards allowed in 1981. Bruney was a 3rd round draft choice by Cleveland out of Ohio State in 1953, but he was traded almost immediately to San Francisco, where he played one season before a two-year military stint. He returned to the 49ers in 1956 and subsequently saw action with Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and the Boston Patriots. He was an All-AFL selection with Boston in 1960 and coached the Pats' defensive backs in 1962-63. Fred and Louise Bruney are the parents of five children and reside in Medford, N.J.*

## **MARION CAMPBELL, Defensive Coordinator**

*The architect of the NFL's most successful defense over the past five seasons is Marion Campbell, a defensive line star on the Birds' 1960 NFL championship team. Marion joined the coaching staff in 1977 after spending most of the previous three seasons as head coach of the Atlanta Falcons. After winning 1951 MVP honors at the University of Georgia, Marion began his pro career at San Francisco in 1954 following Army service and was traded to the Eagles in 1956. He played in the 1960 and 1961 Pro Bowls and retired after the '61 season to begin a coaching career that has included successful stops in Boston, Minnesota, Los Angeles and Atlanta. His Eagles' defenses have allowed the fewest total points in the NFL over the past five years and led the league in that category in 1981 with a per game average of 13.8 points surrendered. Marion and his wife, June, have two children and reside in Medford, N.J.*

## **CHUCK CLAUSEN, Defensive Line**

*Chuck is one of only two men remaining from Dick Vermeil's original Eagles' coaching staff. He joined the Birds in 1976 after five previous seasons at Ohio State, where he tutored the defensive line under head coach Woody Hayes. Clausen was a three-year letterman in football and wrestling at the University of New Mexico (1961-63). After graduation, he coached on the high school level until 1967 before advancing to New Mexico Military Institute, a junior college, in 1968. The following year he joined the William and Mary staff of current Kansas City Chiefs' head coach Marv Levy and remained there until joining Woody Hayes' Ohio State in 1971. Chuck and his wife, Betsy, reside in Mount Laurel, N.J. with their three children.*



Wampfler

Hill



Campbell



Gillman

Vermeil

**HARRY GAMBLE, Admin. Asst., TE's and Spec. Teams**

After a 25-year coaching career that began at Clayton (N.J.) High School in 1956, Harry joined the Eagles' as a non-paid assistant in 1981 and was appointed to a full-time position in July of 1982 when former coach Lynn Stiles became the Birds' director of player personnel. Gamble, a Rider College graduate, left the South Jersey prep ranks in 1962 to become an assistant coach at the University of Pennsylvania, the same school that he served as head coach from 1971 through 1980. After five years as a Penn assistant, Gamble became a college head coach for the first time at Lafayette, where his 1967 club posted a 7-3 record, their best in 20 years. Harry's collegiate coaching peers recognized his talents in 1972 when he was voted the NCAA's District One Coach of the Year after guiding the Penn Quakers to a 6-3 record. Harry and his wife Joan are the parents of two sons and reside in Haddonfield, N.J.

**SID GILLMAN, Quarterbacks**

Finding that retirement didn't agree with him, Sid has returned to the Eagles to again help Dick Vermeil tutor the quarterbacks and develop offensive philosophy. Gillman's long coaching career began at his alma mater, Ohio State, in 1934. He served other college assistantships at Denison and West Point and was a college head coach at Miami of Ohio (1942-47) and the University of Cincinnati (1949-54) before becoming an NFL head coach with the Los Angeles Rams (1955-59). He was also a head coach of the San Diego Chargers from 1960 to 1969 and the Houston Oilers (1973-74). In addition to his earlier tenure as an Eagles' assistant in 1979-80, Sid also served as an NFL assistant with the Dallas Cowboys and the Chicago Bears. Sid and his wife, Esther, are the parents of four grown daughters. Their permanent home is at La Costa outside of San Diego.

**BEN HAWKINS, Wide Receivers**

Ben is enjoying his first season as an NFL assistant after a great playing career as an Eagles' wide receiver and a five year apprenticeship as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Arizona State. Hawkins caught 32 touchdown passes as an Eagle between 1966 and 1973 and still holds the club record of 1,265 receiving yards in a season set in 1967. He also holds the current Eagles' record for the longest pass reception in club history, a 92-yard touchdown catch from King Hill in 1968 against the New York Giants. After leaving the Eagles and serving a tenure as an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Bell of the World Football League, Hawkins returned to Tempe, Arizona in 1977 where he coached the ASU wide receivers and tight ends in 1977-78 and the tight ends only between 1979 and 1981. Ben is the only bachelor on the Eagles' coaching staff.

**GEORGE HILL, Linebackers**

After eight seasons as defensive coordinator at Ohio State between 1971 and 1978, George joined the Eagles as linebacker coach in 1979. Following service with the Navy, he played college football at Ohio's Denison University. After graduation, he began his coaching career at Findlay (Ohio) College in 1959. Following four years as an assistant at Denison (1960-64), he moved on to Cornell for the 1965 season and then to Duke from 1966 through 1970. Under Woody Hayes, George coached a number of outstanding players at Ohio State, including future pros Randy Gradishar, Bob Brudzinski and Tom Cousineau. George and his wife, Cloyde, reside with their son and daughter in Mount Laurel, N.J.

**KEN IMAN, Offensive Line**

Ken, along with Chuck Clausen, is one of two assistants to have served under Dick Vermeil for all of his six previous seasons in Philadelphia. He joined the coaching staff in 1976 after a 14-year playing career as a center at Green Bay and Los Angeles. He made the Packers as a free agent in 1960 after graduating from Southeast Missouri State College and went on to play in three consecutive NFL title games before being traded to Los Angeles in 1964. He missed the '64 season with a broken ankle but went on after that to play in 140 consecutive games with the Rams. He retired after being traded to his hometown St. Louis Cardinals before the 1975 season. Ken and his wife Joyce, who works in the Eagles' accounting department, make their home in Springfield, Pa.

**JERRY WAMPFLER, Offen. Line and Run. Game Coord.**

Jerry, who coordinates the Eagles' running game and combines with Ken Iman to coach the offensive line, is serving in the fourth year of his second tenure with the Eagles. He previously coached the defensive line under head coach Mike McCormack from 1973 through 1975. For the three seasons after that he worked as an assistant at Buffalo (1976-77) and with the New York Giants (1978). Wampfler, a graduate of Miami of Ohio, coached there in 1963 after gaining experience on the high school level in his native Ohio. In 1966 he moved on to Notre Dame and helped the Irish win a national championship that year. He became head coach at Colorado State in 1970 and remained there until his first stop with the Eagles in 1973. Jerry and his wife Carol are the parents of three children and make their home in Cherry Hill, N.J.

# EAGLES' GOLDEN ERA 1933–1982



CELEBRATING 50 NFL SEASONS



QB Davey O'Brien

By COULT AUBREY  
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**T**hey were born in a time of industrial rebirth and took as their symbol the most majestic of birds, but they flew not with august beauty but as a sparrow with a damaged wing.

The Philadelphia Eagles gained life in a post-Depression era because of another's death and, in retrospect, how could it have been otherwise? Their infancy was symbolically depressing.

Not only did they not fly, but all too often they didn't get off the ground. When they did, they were more likely to flutter than to soar.

The player limit ranged between 18 and 20 — or whatever the owners could afford — and only the elite teams, the Chicago Bears, the New York Giants, the Green Bay Packers and the Washington Redskins, could afford to pay more than that.

Teams like Philadelphia couldn't compete financially, so, despite some outstanding players like Temple backs Dave Smukler and Tom "Swede" Hanson, they remained at the bottom of the pack. Sometimes things got so bad that the Eagles had to dress the water boy. In 1935 they even signed a running back named Alabama Pitts who learned his football in Sing Sing Prison.

In their formative seasons, the Eagles



Bert Bell with members of the 1937 Eagles Squad



Fullback "Swede" Hanson



Fullback Dave Smukler

End Don Looney



had trouble even being competitive. They allowed more than 100 points before scoring for the first time. They once were shut out four games in a row. In one 12-game season they scored only 51 points.

During their first decade in the National Football League they were shut out 25 times, averted shutouts by the margin of a field goal six times, scored a maximum of one touchdown 31 times. For every game they won, they lost almost four. For every touchdown they scored, they gave up almost two.

In that same first decade, the Eagles went without a winning season. They came close in 1938, winning five while losing six, but they had to defeat Pittsburgh and Detroit in their last two games to do it.

Sometimes they lost off the field when it appeared certain they would win. Take the first college draft in 1936, a brainchild of owner Bert Bell, who later would help the league attain unmatched prominence as commissioner from 1946-1959.

The Eagles had the first pick because of their 2-9 record a year earlier and chose Jay Berwanger, a halfback from the University of Chicago who could do just about anything, had won the Heisman Trophy. He chose the world of business.

At the time, it was a smart decision by Berwanger because college football was the big attraction in those days. The NFL was struggling and the salaries were small.

Today, through the efforts of Bell and Pete Rozelle, his successor, the league has become so powerful and successful that Berwanger would have little trouble commanding a \$1 million-plus contract because of his superstar status.

What it comes down to, in essence, is that the Eagles were not an early success, but neither were they an out-and-out failure. Despite their shortcomings on the field and at the gate (crowds sometimes were numbered in the hundreds, not the thousands), they somehow managed to hang onto their tail feathers.

Today, as the Eagles celebrate their 50th NFL season, those tail feathers are worth a shipment of Fort Knox gold.

A franchise that cost all of \$2,500 in 1933, little more than the cost of a new car, now may be worth as much as \$1 million for each of its golden years.

As an offshoot of soccer and rugby, football, from the beginning, quite naturally was a game of brute strength. Certainly there was skill involved, but the old "brawn over brains" image was not unrealistic.

Every team used the single wing and the flying wedge. Each simply tried to overpower the other. Sophistication and the forward pass came into prominence later.

During the 1920s and early 1930s, the Frankford Yellowjackets were a match for any professional team. They played an independent schedule and beat almost everyone. When they were admitted to the National Football League in 1924, they challenged consistently for the championship.

They won that title in 1926 with a 14-1-1 record, a feat made all the more impressive because the Pennsylvania Blue Law kept them from playing Sunday home games. They played at home on Saturday, away on Sunday.

At first the Yellowjackets filled their 5,000-seat stadium regularly, but in money-short 1931, like many of the less financially stable teams, they succumbed to bankruptcy. In 1926 there were 31 pro teams, in 1932 only eight.

When they couldn't meet the payroll in 1931, the Yellowjackets had to forfeit the franchise to the league. Two years later, a group headed by Bert Bell and former University of Pennsylvania teammate Lud Wray paid off existing debts and bought it for \$2,500. They changed the team colors from blue and yellow (the city of Philadelphia's colors) to Kelly green and white and took on the name Eagles because of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's symbol for the New Deal and National Recovery Act.

Roosevelt chose the eagle to symbolize industrial rebirth. It worked for the country, but not for the football Eagles. They lost \$80,000 in the first three years and Bell lost most of his co-owners.

"Things were so bad that Bell couldn't hire an assistant coach," said Matt Guokas Sr., the Eagles' current public address announcer who used to cut the grass with a hand mower before Yellowjacket games. "He was the general manager, scout, ticket seller, promoter and head coach. He did it all."

Like his father John, Pennsylvania's attorney general and a member of the board of trustees at Penn, Bell was persistent and perceptive. Although Philadelphia was a college town (especially Penn) and most people were indifferent to the Eagles, he stopped them on the street and tried to sell them tickets. He thought the best-heeled teams like the Chicago Bears were in control, so he dreamed up a plan whereby the worst team one season would get the first pick of college players the following year.

That was in 1935, and in 1936 the league held its first college draft. In April it held No. 47.

Bell coached the Eagles five years, never had a winner and left Philadelphia for Pittsburgh in 1941 when those cities swapped franchises. In 1946 he became league commissioner, a position he held until Oct. 11, 1959, when he died from a heart attack while watching the Eagles defeat the Steelers 28-24 in Franklin Field.

Bell's successor as owner of the Eagles was Lex Thompson, a man of vision who's first move was one of genius. He hired Greasy Neale as head coach.

In 1943, their 11th season and Neale's third, they had a winning 5-4-1 record. But, they had to share the enjoyment of the moment with Pittsburgh. Because of World War II, they had merged with the Steelers and were known as the Steagles.

The merger was dissolved at the end of that season, and in 1944 Philadelphia posted the first of six consecutive winning seasons under Neale. In that span, the Eagles compiled an incredible 51 victories (they had won only 28 games in

11 previous seasons) compared with 17 defeats and three ties. Three years in a row they played for the world championship.

They lost 28-21 to the Chicago Cardinals in 1947, defeated the Cards 7-0 in Shibe Park during a blizzard in 1948, and shut out the Los Angeles Rams 14-0 in 1949 during a driving rain in the Coliseum. No team before, or since, has won two titles in a row by shutout.

Until the championship season of 1960 and the recent Dick Vermeil era, those were the golden years of Eagle football. A modest halfback out of the Louisiana bayou furnished much of the glitter.



Center Alex Wojciechowicz



Greasy Neale and QB Tommy Thompson



Tackle Al Wistert



Tackle Vic Sears



End Pete Pihos



Center Chuck Bednarik



QB Sonny Jurgensen

On a football field, Steve Van Buren did it all. He had the power and strength to bowl tacklers over. His speed was such that he could change pace to outrun defenders. He could catch the ball and he could block.

Steve Van Buren did so many things well during an eight-year career with the Philadelphia Eagles that in 1965 he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Fans and sports writers who watched the former Louisiana State halfback perform in Shibe Park (later Connie Mack Stadium) lavished him with names like "Wham Bam," "Supersonic Steve" and "Moving Van," but he never became accustomed

to all the attention. Each time he was showered with praise he wanted to hide in embarrassment.

Why? Because Steve Van Buren was modest. He refused to believe that he was special, that he was a better football player than others in the National Football League. He honestly didn't understand why anyone would want his autograph, his picture, a handshake.

But Steve Van Buren WAS someone special. That's why in 1944, Coach Greasy Neale made him his No. 1 pick in the college draft. That's why the Eagles played in three consecutive NFL championship games from 1947-49.

That's why they won two of those three and Van Buren led the NFL in rushing four times from 1944-51.

"Steve was the cog in the wheel," said end Jack Ferrante, a teammate of Van Buren's from 1944-50. "When a guy carries the ball for you three out of every four plays, that should tell you something about his importance. He was the key to our team."

Van Buren was indeed the cog in the Philadelphia wheel of that era, leading the team in rushing six times, closing his career with 5,860 yards gained. But the wheel wasn't bad, either.

Neale had drafted fullback Joe Muha in the first round in 1943, but Muha didn't get to play until 1946, after completing a tour of duty in the Marines. He acquired speedy Bosh Pritchard for the \$100 waiver price. He had two of the finest quarterbacks around in Roy Zimmerman and Tommy Thompson. And, he had outstanding linemen like ends Pete Pihos and Ferrante, tackles Otis Douglas, Vic Sears and Al Wister, guards Duke Maronic, Bucko Kilroy and Cliff Patton and centers Alex Wojciechowicz and Vic Linskog.

Chuck Bednarik was drafted in the first round in 1949 and went on to follow Van Buren into the Hall of Fame.

"We were a close-knit team," Ferrante said of the Eagles that played in the three consecutive title games. "Everybody had a great deal of respect for Neale. He was one of us, our friend as well as our coach. He was an innovative coach, ahead of his time, and devised the 5-2-4 alignment with the four deep backs playing up close. Our defense was as physical as any in football."

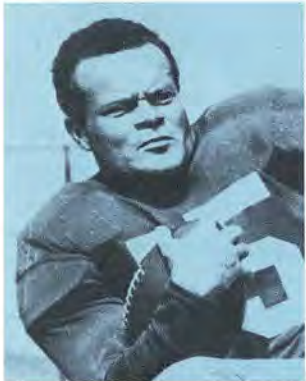
When the Eagles defeated the Rams 14-0 in 1949 during a driving rainstorm in the Los Angeles Coliseum, it gave them 12 victories. That was to remain a team record until 1980, when they won 14 and lost 5 in going to Super Bowl XV.

In 1960, with Bednarik playing 58 minutes at center and linebacker, they defeated Green Bay 17-13 for their third world championship and an 11-2 record.

Despite their on-field success in the late 1940s, there were hard times at the box office. Thompson finally had to sell the franchise to a syndicate headed by James Clark, and, before long, there were salary disputes and dissension and Neale was out of a job. A foot injury to Van Buren in 1950 sent the Eagles reeling to a 6-6 record, and the best they could do until 1960 was a couple of 7-4-1 seasons.

After a Playoff Bowl loss to Baltimore in 1966, the Eagles fell to the lowest level in the NFL, annually finishing at or near the bottom. Frequently they were embarrassed, especially on defense.

Leonard Tose purchased the franchise from Jerry Wolman for \$16.1 million in 1969, employed three head coaches in the



Hallback Steve Van Buren



Hallback Bosh Pritchard



Defensive End Norm Willey



Hallback Tim Brown



End Bobby Walston



QB Norm Van Brocklin



Flanker Tommy McDonald



End Pete Retzlaff



QB Roman Gabriel



Linebackers from different Eagles eras, Bill Bergey and Chuck Bednarik



Wide Receiver Harold Carmichael



Leonard Tose



Dick Vermeil and QB Ron Jaworski



Running Back Wilbert Montgomery and Tackle Jerry Sisemore

next seven years, then hired Dick Vermeil, "my last head coach," in 1976.

The rest is history. Vermeil got rid of players he considered of questionable character, brought in defensive genius Marion Campbell, made the most of free agents and some low draft choices and molded a National Football Conference champion in five years.

As early as his third year in Philadelphia (1978), Vermeil had the Eagles above .500 (9-7) and into the postseason playoffs for the first time in 12 years. They

have been in them four years in a row, have won more regular-season games (44) in that span than any teams except Dallas and Pittsburgh.

Wilbert Montgomery has surpassed Van Buren's single-season rushing record, should pass his career mark this season. Wide receiver Harold Carmichael holds the league record for receptions in 127 consecutive games. Quarterback Ron Jaworski was player-of-the-year in 1980. First round draft choices Jerry Robinson and Roynell Young have already played

in the Pro Bowl.

On July 9, 1933, there was a heavy storm in Philadelphia. An Associated Press wire story reported hail the size of ice cubes. Windows were broken and car roofs pierced. There was some flooding.

But there was no mention of the purchase of a National Football League franchise for Philadelphia by Bert Bell and Lud Wray.

The Eagles were born in virtual obscurity. They are obscure no more.

# OUTLOOK '82

The Eagles are deep and the Eagles are talented. That much coach Dick Vermeil knows for sure. What he still doesn't know is whether the team has regained the "air of hungriness" that it displayed so prominently in winning the NFC championship in 1980 and which was somewhat lacking in 1981 when a 6-0 start of the season turned into a 4-6 ending followed by a quick exit from the NFC playoffs.

In the last four years only Pittsburgh and Dallas have won more games than the Eagles but last year's finish was still somewhat disappointing after a Super Bowl appearance. This year, the Birds hope to maintain a winning edge throughout the season.

"Physically and mentally right now this is the best football team I've ever had," said Vermeil when the Birds opened training camp in preparation for their 50th NFL campaign.

The strength of the team should again be the defense, the unit that has been the most effective in the NFL over the past five years in points allowed after surrendering the fewest (221) in the league last year. "I think our defense will be better, I really do," says Vermeil, confident despite the loss through retirement of end Claude Humphrey and the trade of all-pro nose tackle Charlie Johnson to the Vikings for a high draft choice next year.

Returning starters Dennis Harrison and Carl Hairston, the defensive ends, will flank nose tackle Kenny Clarke, a first time starter who was used mostly as the team designated inside pass rusher for the past few seasons. "I think the nose guard position will be played as well if not better," says Vermeil. "It'll be played better in terms of action passing on first and second downs because Ken Clarke is a little better pass rusher and more natural at it from the nose guard position."

Hairston, the team's best defensive lineman, is a fixture at right end but Harrison has a legitimate challenger in last year's first round draft choice, Leonard Mitchell, healthy again after an injury-plagued rookie season. Greg Brown, last year's second leading quarterback sacker with 7½, returns for his second season at defensive end and will continue to see a lot of action in passing situations.

Competition figures to again make the linebacking corps as good as any in



the NFL. Start inside, where Al Chesley and Frank LeMaster return after tying for the team lead in total tackles last year. LeMaster, after his first Pro Bowl appearance, appears set but Chesley is being pushed by surprising 4th round draft choice Anthony Griggs, an Ohio State product by way of Villanova. At left outside linebacker John Bunting and Reggie Wilkes virtually split the position last year, Bunting starting eight games and Wilkes seven. Reggie is younger, bigger and probably quicker, but Bunting's instincts and experience have made him hard to displace when he is healthy.

The right outside linebacker starter is Jerry Robinson, a first time Pro Bowl performer last year who may become a fixture in that game. He is the quickest Eagle 'backer and is expected to be stronger after a solid offseason conditioning program. Ray Phillips, an outstanding special teams contributor, is

an experienced sub at outside linebacker and can play both sides equally well.

Roynell Young, a starter in the Pro Bowl after his second season last year, heads a secondary that ranks among the best. Last year, the Birds allowed the fewest passing yards in the NFL as the secondary accounted for 19 of the team's 26 pass interceptions. Young, a solid run defender, picked off four passes, one less than team leader Brenard Wilson, the free safety. Wilson was also the leading tackler among defensive backs. Herman Edwards, the right cornerback, is recognized as one of the league's best pass defenders and Randy Logan, starting his 10th NFL campaign, steadies the unit from his strong safety position. Second year man Ray Ellis could also be a factor there while vets Richard Blackmore and John Sciarra and 5th round draft choice Dennis DeV Vaughn, a corner-

back, provide additional depth.

After building the league's stingiest defense with top draft choices, the Eagles opted to strengthen the offense in 1982 and the results, from the pre-season at least, seem encouraging. Immediate help is expected from the first two picks, wide receiver Mike Quick from North Carolina State, and tight end Lawrence Sampleton from Texas. "I like them both very much," said Vermeil in the preseason. "I think Mike Quick is going to be a fine receiver in this league. He's got good hands, not great hands, he's tough, he can catch the ball in a crowd, and he'll knock your helmet off as a blocker. Sampleton also looks like he's going to be a fine football player. He runs 4.6, he's a big physical kid and he works real well. He's looked good out as a wide receiver as well."

The Eagles led the NFC East in scoring last year with 368 points and quarterback Ron Jaworski, running back Wilbert Montgomery and wide receiver Harold Carmichael remain the keystones of the unit. Montgomery was healthy for most of 1981 and the results were predictable. He rushed for 1,402 yards, 4th best in the league, and caught 49 passes for 491 additional yards with 10 total touchdowns. "He is the Eagles' best football player," says Vermeil. Depth behind Montgomery figures to be provided by Louie Giammona, back from 1981 knee surgery, and receiving specialist Billy Campfield. Young Calvin Murray is also in the backfield picture.

Second-year man Hubie Oliver, last year's 10th round draft choice surprise, has apparently retained the starting job at fullback in the face of a challenge from two veterans returning from the 1981 injury list, Leroy Harris and Perry Harrington.

Quarterback Jaworski couldn't match his 1980 statistical performance when he was the NFC's top-rated passer, but he still threw for 3,095 yards and 23 touchdowns last year. He has won more games as an NFL starting quarterback than anyone with the exception of Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw since 1978. Joe Pisarcik returns as Jaworski's seasoned backup.

Carmichael remains Jaworski's favorite target after catching 61 passes for 1,028 yards and eight touchdowns last year, his 10th NFL campaign. Ex-Ram and Charger Ron Smith enjoyed an impressive training camp and figures to start at the other wideout spot with Quick seeing a lot of action as the third wide receiver. Late in training camp, draft choice Tony Woodruff and free agent Mel Hoover were also competitive for spots on the roster.

John Spagnola appears to have won the starting nod at tight end despite the presence of high draft choices Sampleton and Vyto Kab and the emer-



gence of former free agent Steve Folsom. Kab is potentially the best blocker among the Birds' tight ends and Folsom probably has the best hands, but Spagnola is number one when it comes to combining those talents.

The offensive line that opened the way for the second best rushing season in club history and allowed only 22 sacks features a good blend of youth and experience. Pro Bowl right tackle Jerry Sisemore and All-NFC center Guy Morriss anchor a forward wall that includes 11th year offensive tackle Stan Walters and a pair of young guards, Steve Kenney on the left side and Ron Baker next to Sisemore. Kenney missed much of training camp with an abdominal muscle problem and his absence gave former second round draft choices Pete Perot and Dean Miraldi the opportunity to compete for the starting job. The backup tackle is expected to be either second-year man Frank Giddens or 8th round draft choice Jim Fritzsche. Center Mark Slater, the snapper in

## 1982 Schedule

Sun, Sept. 12	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	1:00 P.M.
Sun, Sept. 19at	Cleveland Browns	1:00 P.M.
Sun, Sept. 26	LOS ANGELES RAMS	1:00 P.M.
Sun, Oct. 3at	Green Bay Packers	12:00 N
Mon, Oct. 11at	Pittsburgh Steelers	9:00 P.M.
Sun, Oct. 17	DALLAS COWBOYS	4:00 P.M.
Mon, Oct. 25	NEW YORK GIANTS	9:00 P.M.
Sun, Oct. 31at	St. Louis Cardinals	12:00 N
Sun, Nov. 7	DETROIT LIONS	1:00 P.M.
Mon, Nov. 15at	Atlanta Falcons	9:00 P.M.
Sun, Nov. 21	CINCINNATI BENGALS	1:00 P.M.
Sun, Nov. 28at	Washington Redskins	1:00 P.M.
Sun, Dec. 5	ST. LOUIS CARDINALS	1:00 P.M.
Sat, Dec. 11at	New York Giants	12:30 P.M.
Sun, Dec. 19	HOUSTON OILERS	1:00 P.M.
Sun, Dec. 26at	Dallas Cowboys	3:00 P.M.

punting situations, or young Chuck Commiskey will spell Morriss.

The kicking and punting games remain solid with the return of punter Max Runager and kicker Tony Franklin. Franklin kicked for 101 points and converted 19 of 27 field goal attempts last year inside of 50 yards and Runager enjoyed his finest season, averaging 40.7 yards with a net punting average of 34.9. The Birds are hoping to improve the punt and kick return game after an inconsistent 1981.

"I'd like to believe that we can continue to be a better football team but when I say that I leave myself wide open from past experience because everyone evaluates whether you're a better football team on the basis of wins and losses," sums up Vermeil. "Your record is many times determined by your schedule and our schedule will again be difficult. Barring injuries, I can't see us being anything but better, but with the schedule we play you just never know."



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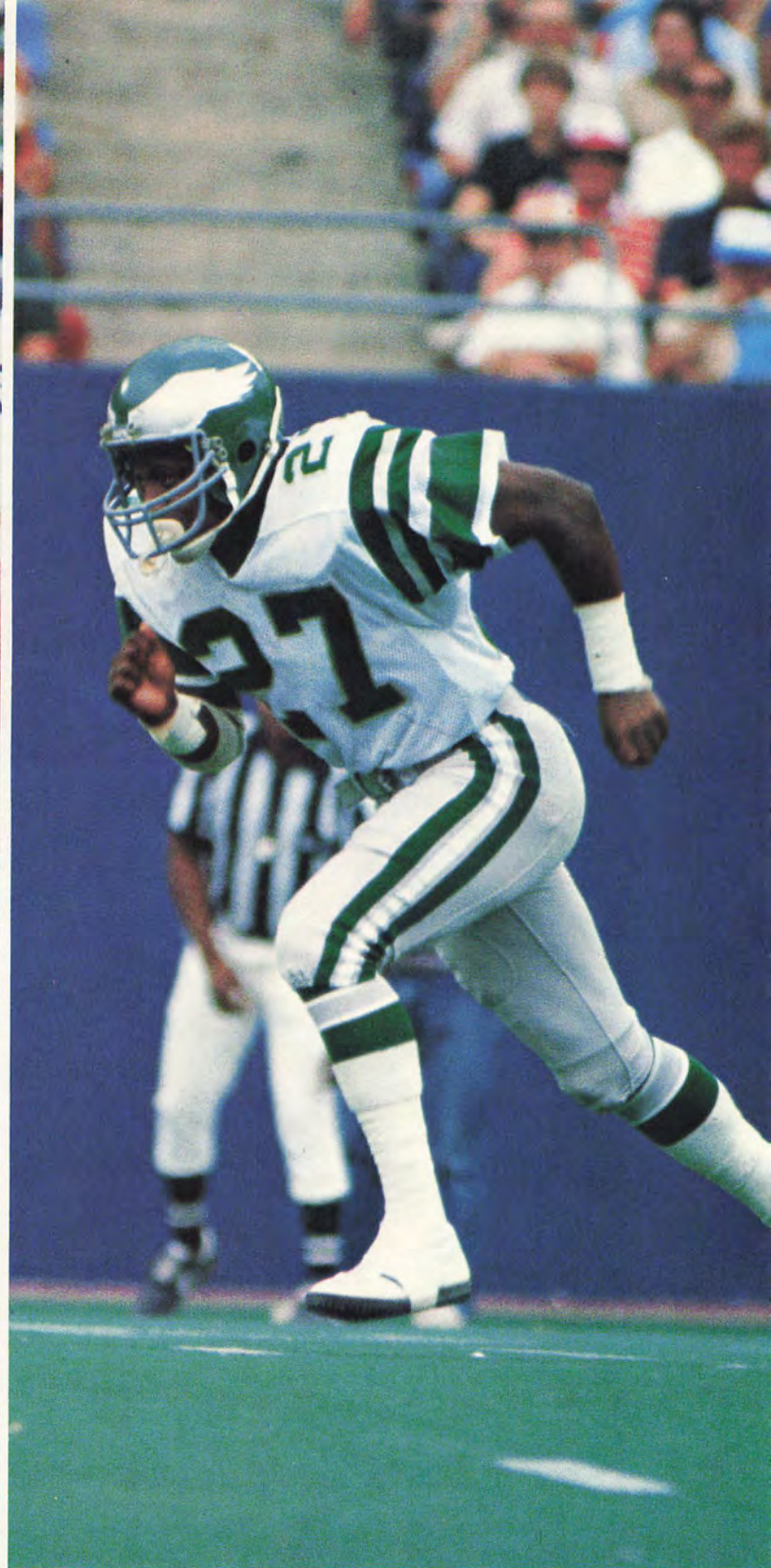
NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	NFL EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Tony Franklin	K	5-8	182	25	4	Texas A&M
4	Max Runager	P	6-1	189	26	4	South Carolina
5	Dave Jacobs	K	5-7	155	25	3	Syracuse
7	Ron Jaworski	QB	6-2	196	31	8	Youngstown State
8	Jim Krohn	QB	6-3	195	25	R	Arizona
9	Joe Pisarcik	QB	6-4	220	30	6	New Mexico State
13	Ron Ingram	WR	5-10	173	22	R	Oklahoma State
17	Harold Carmichael	WR	6-8	225	32	12	Southern
18	Tony Woodruff	WR	6-0	175	23	R	Fresno State
19	Jack Steptoe	WR	6-1	175	26	2	Utah
20	Leroy Harris	FB	5-9	230	28	5	Arkansas State
21	John Sciarra	S	5-11	185	28	5	UCLA
22	Brenard Wilson	FS	6-0	175	26	4	Vanderbilt
24	Ray Ellis	S	6-1	192	23	2	Ohio State
25	Dennis DeVaughn	CB	5-10	175	21	R	Bishop
27	Richard Blackmore	CB	5-10	174	25	4	Mississippi State
28	K. C. Keeler	DB	6-0	192	23	R	Delaware
31	Wilbert Montgomery	HB	5-10	195	27	6	Abilene Christian
32	Booker Russell	FB	6-2	235	26	5	S. W. Texas State
33	Louie Giammona	HB	5-9	180	29	6	Utah State
34	Hubert Oliver	FB	5-10	212	24	2	Arizona
35	Perry Harrington	FB	5-11	210	24	3	Jackson State
36	Ken Jenkins	HB	5-9	183	23	R	Bucknell
37	Billy Campfield	HB	6-0	205	25	5	Kansas
41	Randy Logan	S	6-1	195	31	10	Michigan
42	Calvin Murray	HB	5-11	185	23	2	Ohio State
43	Roynell Young	CB	6-1	181	24	3	Alcorn State
46	Herman Edwards	CB	6-0	190	28	6	San Diego State
49	Andy Cannavino	LB	6-1	228	23	1	Michigan
50	Guy Morriss	C	6-4	255	31	10	Texas Christian
51	Reggie Wilkes	LB	6-4	230	26	5	Georgia Tech
52	Ray Phillips	LB	6-4	230	28	6	Nebraska
53	Aaron Brown	LB	6-2	235	26	4	Ohio State
55	Frank LeMaster	LB	6-2	238	30	9	Kentucky
56	Jerry Robinson	LB	6-2	218	25	4	UCLA
57	Mike Curcio	LB	6-1	237	25	2	Temple
58	Anthony Griggs	LB	6-3	220	22	R	Ohio State
59	Al Chesley	LB	6-3	240	24	4	Pittsburgh
61	Mark Slater	C	6-2	257	27	5	Minnesota
62	Pete Perot	G	6-2	261	25	4	N. W. Louisiana
63	Ron Baker	G	6-4	250	27	5	Oklahoma State
64	Dean Miraldi	G	6-5	254	24	1	Utah
66	George Gilbert	G	6-3	260	23	R	Tulsa
67	Chuck Commiskey	C	6-4	280	24	1	Mississippi
68	Dennis Harrison	DE	6-8	275	26	5	Vanderbilt
71	Ken Clarke	MG	6-2	255	25	5	Syracuse
72	Jim Fritzsche	T	6-8	265	21	R	Purdue
73	Steve Kenney	G	6-4	262	26	3	Clemson
74	Andre Hines	T	6-6	280	24	2	Stanford
75	Stan Walters	T	6-6	275	34	11	Syracuse
76	Jerry Sisemore	T	6-4	265	31	10	Texas
78	Carl Hairston	DE	6-3	260	29	7	Maryland-(E. Shore)
79	Frank Giddens	T	6-7	300	23	2	New Mexico
81	Ron Smith	WR	6-0	185	25	5	San Diego State
82	Mike Quick	WR	6-2	190	23	R	North Carolina State
83	Rodney Parker	WR	6-1	190	29	3	Tennessee State
84	Vyto Kab	TE	6-5	255	22	R	Penn State
85	Melvin Hoover	WR	6-0	185	22	1	Arizona State
86	Steve Folsom	TE	6-4	230	24	2	Utah
87	Lawrence Sampleton	TE	6-5	233	22	R	Texas
88	John Spagnola	TE	6-4	240	25	4	Yale
89	Wally Henry	WR	5-8	180	27	6	UCLA
91	Buddy Moor	DE	6-5	252	23	1	Eastern Kentucky
94	Brad Anae	DE	6-5	250	24	R	Brigham Young
95	John Bunting	LB	6-1	220	32	11	North Carolina
96	Harvey Armstrong	MG	6-2	255	22	R	Southern Methodist
97	Charles A. Johnson	MG	6-1	262	25	3	Maryland
98	George Brown	DE	6-5	240	25	2	Kansas State
99	Leonard Mitchell	DE	6-7	272	23	2	Houston



## Ron Baker, G



Originally a 10th round draft choice of the Baltimore Colts in 1977. . . . Spent the 1977 season on the injured reserve list with an ankle injury, then served mostly as a back-up guard with the Colts for the 1978 and 1979 seasons. . . . Played in 32 games with Baltimore, starting three in 1979. . . . Acquired by Eagles during 1980 training camp for an 8th round draft choice in 1981. . . . Played almost exclusively as a reserve in 1980 before winning a starting job at right guard last season. . . . Started all 16 regular season games and one playoff contest. . . . Total playing time of 448-1/4 minutes was third on the team behind Sisemore and Morriss.



## Richard Blackmore, CB



Signed as a free agent by the Eagles in 1979. . . . Has seen action in 48 consecutive games in his first three seasons, starting three last season at Washington, at Dallas and against St. Louis at home in place of the injured Roynell Young at left cornerback. . . . Recorded interceptions last year against Tampa Bay and at Washington to raise his career total to four. . . . Played a total of 221-3/4 minutes and recorded 25 initial tackles, two assists, nine batted passes and one fumble recovery.

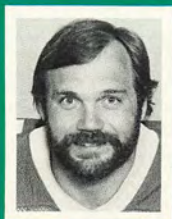


## Greg Brown, DE



Signed as a free agent by the Eagles last year on the recommendation of John Teerlink, his line coach at Eastern Illinois, who happened to meet him in Washington, D.C. where Brown was working in construction after leaving college. . . . Proved to be the Eagles' free agent find of the season, winning a spot on the active roster with a fine training camp showing and going on to appear in all 16 games as a designated pass rusher. . . . Finished with 7-1/2

quarterback sacks, second on the team to Carl Hairston's 8. . . . Also had 17 "hurries," 23 total tackles, three forced fumbles and two recovered fumbles. . . . Picked up a Joe Theismann fumble and scored on a seven-yard run in 36-13 win over Washington. . . . Had two sacks and five hurries in 1981 season opening win over the Giants at Giants Stadium.



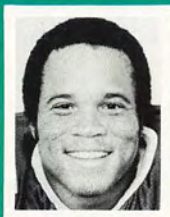
## John Bunting, LB

Eagles' 10th round draft choice in 1972. . . . Ranks second to Harold Carmichael in terms of years experience with Eagles among active players. . . . Started eight of the nine games in which he played last season to bring his career totals to 124 NFL regular season games and 110 starts. . . . All-rookie selection in 1972. . . . Became a fulltime starter in 1974. . . . Underwent knee surgery early in the

1978 season and missed the final eight games that year. . . . Credited with 32 total tackles last season, 17 initial tackles and 15 assists, along with one sack, 10 "hurries," two batted passes, one forced fumble and one recovered fumble. . . . Calls defensive signals from his left outside linebacker spot.



## Billy Campfield, RB



The Eagles' 11th round draft choice in 1978. . . . Again saw action in all 16 games last year, finishing as the team's 4th leading receiver with 36 receptions. . . . Scored on two pass receptions (25 and 5 yards) in 15-13 loss at Washington and on a 29-yard catch in 38-0 win over St. Louis. . . . Also ranked as Eagles' 7th leading rusher in 1981, gaining 115 yards on 31 carries and scoring on a two-yard run in 52-10 victory at St. Louis. . . . Also ranked as the Birds' second leading kickoff

returner in '81. . . . Led team in kickoff return yardage in 1980 with 540 yards on 26 returns. . . . Returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown in 44-7 win over the Detroit Lions in 1979. . . . Scored on a 63-yard pass reception in 1979 NFC wildcard triumph over Chicago. . . . Career bests: Rushing, 22 carries for 92 yards vs. New York Jets, 11/12/78; Receiving, 6 receptions for 69 yards vs. New York Giants, 11/22/81.



## Harold Carmichael, WR

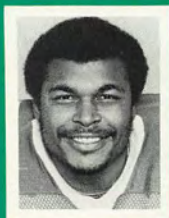


Eagles' 7th round draft choice in 1971. . . . Became a starter in 1973 and has averaged 52 receptions and eight touchdowns a season since then. . . . Enters the 1982 season with 516 career receptions, 1st on the Eagles' all-time list and 9th best in NFL history. Ranking immediately ahead are Bobby Mitchell (521), Lance Alworth (542), Lionel Taylor (567) and Harold Jackson, still active and currently in 5th place with 571 catches. . . . Also ranks as the Eagles' all-time leader in receiving yardage (7,863 yards) and receiving touchdown (72). . . . Holds the NFL record for most consecutive games with a pass reception, 127,

which ended in the regular season finale at Dallas in 1980 when he was sidelined by a first half back injury. . . . Has played in 143 consecutive regular season games since sitting out a meeting at Kansas City with an injury in 1972. . . . Caught 61 passes for 1,028 yards in 1981, the second time he has gone over 60 receptions in a season and the third time he has topped the 1,000 mark. . . . Other career highlights include seven receptions for 84 yards and a nine-yard TD in 31-16 NFC playoff win over Minnesota in 1981 and five receptions for 83 yards in Super Bowl XV.



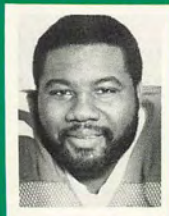
## Al Chesley, LB



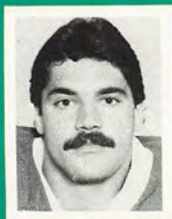
Eagles' 11th round draft choice in 1979. . . . Stepped in as a starting inside linebacker in 1981, his third NFL season, and tied Frank LeMaster for the team lead in total tackles with 133 and initial tackles with 90. . . . Also recorded 4-1/2 quarterback sacks, two "hurries," five batted passes, one forced fumble, two recovered fumbles and pass interceptions against Atlanta and Tampa Bay, both at Veterans Stadium. . . . Played a total of 363 minutes last year, 28 of them on special teams and the remainder with the defensive unit.



## Ken Clarke, MG



Signed by the Eagles as a free agent in 1978. . . . Has played in 64 consecutive games with the Birds, including all 16 last year when he was credited with 21 total tackles, six sacks and nine "hurries" as a pass rush specialist. . . . Moves in at a defensive tackle position when Birds' shift to a four-man defensive line. . . . Was credited with a safety when he tackled Washington's Joe Theismann in the endzone during Eagles' 36-13 victory last year. . . . Played a total of 148-1/2 minutes in 1981, including 22 with the special teams.



## Mike Curcio, LB

Eagles' 8th round draft choice in 1980. . . . Spent that entire season on the injured reserve list but returned healthy in 1981 and won a spot on the active roster with aggressive preseason play. . . . Saw action in all 16 games, playing 43 minutes and being credited with 11 initial tackles and 10 assists, most of them with the special teams.



## Steve Folsom, TE

Originally a 10th round draft choice of the Miami Dolphins in 1981. . . . Released by Miami prior to the 1981 season and signed as a free agent by the Eagles during the '81 season. . . . Spent final four regular season games on the active roster, seeing limited action in contests against Miami and Washington on the road and St. Louis at home. . . . Played a total of 5-1/2 minutes. . . . Placed on injured reserve list prior to NFC wildcard game against the New York Giants.



## Herman Edwards, CB



Signed by the Eagles as a free agent in 1977. . . . Has started 78 consecutive games at right cornerback. . . . Has 22 career interceptions to tie for 4th place on the all-time Eagles' list. . . . Led the club in interceptions with six in 1977 and seven in 1978. . . . Recorded three pass thefts last year, one against New England and two in a 38-0 victory over St. Louis. . . . Also knocked down a team-leading 27 passes. . . . Credited with 23 total tackles, 12 against the pass and 11 against the run. . . . Played

total of 415 minutes, 386 with the defense to lead all defensive players in both categories. . . . Intercepted two passes to help Eagles defeat Minnesota in 1980 NFC divisional playoffs. . . . Most memorable play of his NFL career occurred at Giants Stadium in 1978 when he scooped up a fumble and raced 26 yards for the winning touchdown in the final seconds to give the Eagles a 19-17 victory.



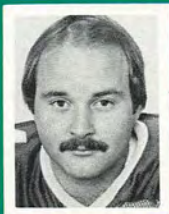
## Ray Ellis, S



Eagles' 12th round draft choice in 1981. . . . Impressed coaches with his pass coverage ability and made the active roster with some good preseason special teams contributions. . . . Played 16 games as a rookie, totaling 64 minutes with the defensive unit and 51 minutes with the special teams. . . . Credited with eight total tackles, one recovered fumble, one quarterback "hurry" and three passes knocked down.



## Tony Franklin, K



Eagles' 3rd draft choice in 1979. . . . Returned to his rookie season form in 1981, converting 20 of 31 field goal attempts and 41 of 43 point after touchdown tries. . . . Kicked field goals of 36, 34, and 43 yards and a point after to help Eagles down Atlanta, 16-13, last year in a nationally televised Monday night game. . . . Boasts club record five field goals of 50 yards or longer as a professional, including a 50-yard success last year at Dallas in a

21-10 Eagles' loss. . . . Had a string of 71 consecutive point after successes in regular and post-season play ended when his attempt was blocked after the Eagles' first score at Minnesota last year. . . . Had a later PAT try blocked at Washington in 1981. . . . Kicked a 59-yard field goal, second longest in NFL history, to help beat Dallas at Texas Stadium in 1979.

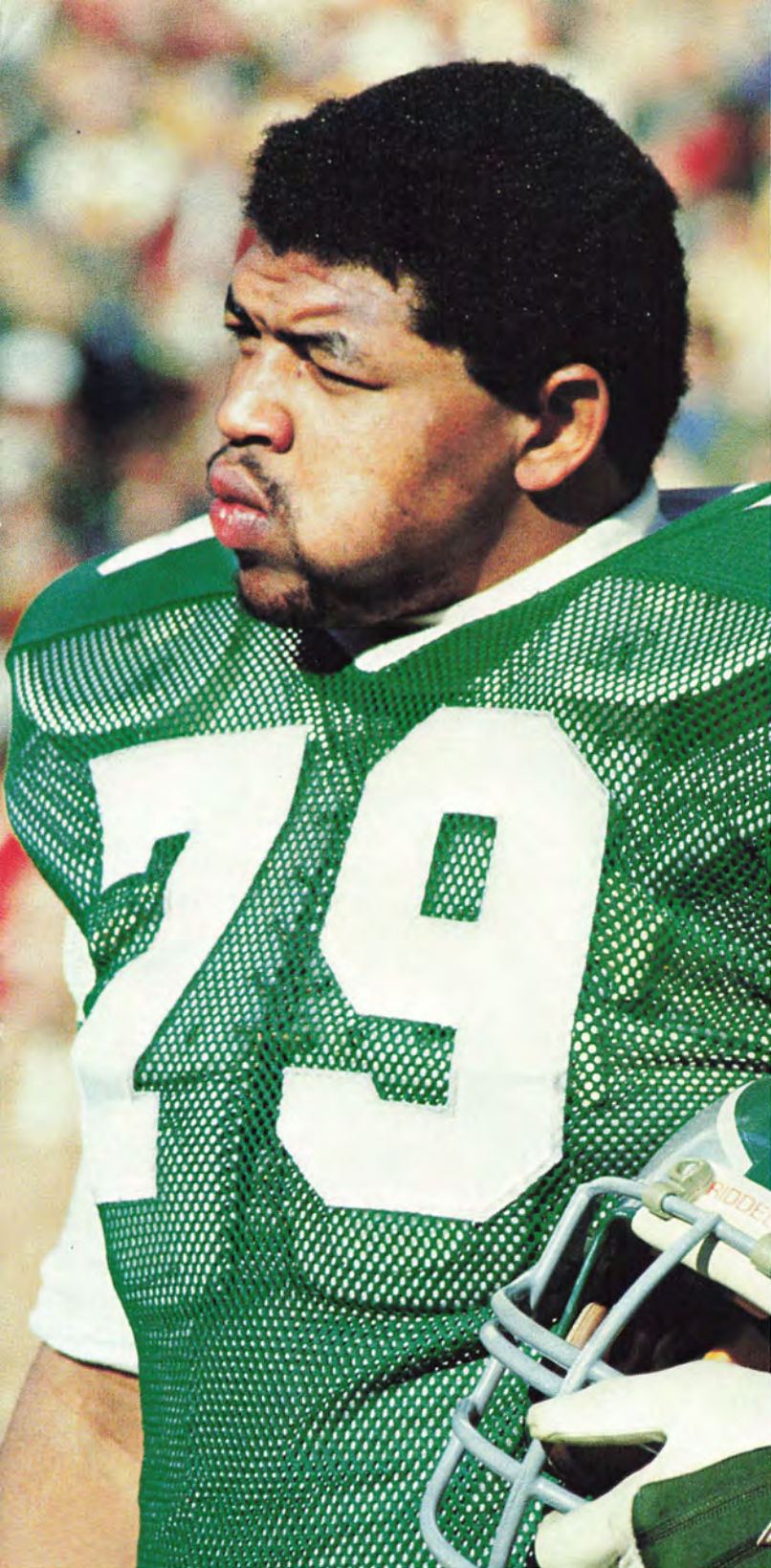


## Louie Giammona, HB



An 8th round draft choice of the New York Jets in 1976. . . . Completed the 1976 season as the Jets' 4th leading rusher and second leading kickoff returner before spending all of 1977 on the injured reserve list with a knee injury. . . . Released by the Jets in the 1978 preseason and signed as a free agent by the Eagles with seven games to play in the '78 season. . . . Enjoyed his finest season in 1980 when he started four games in place of the injured Wilbert Montgomery and helped the Birds win all four. . . . Finished that year as the team's second leading rusher with 361 yards on 98 carries and

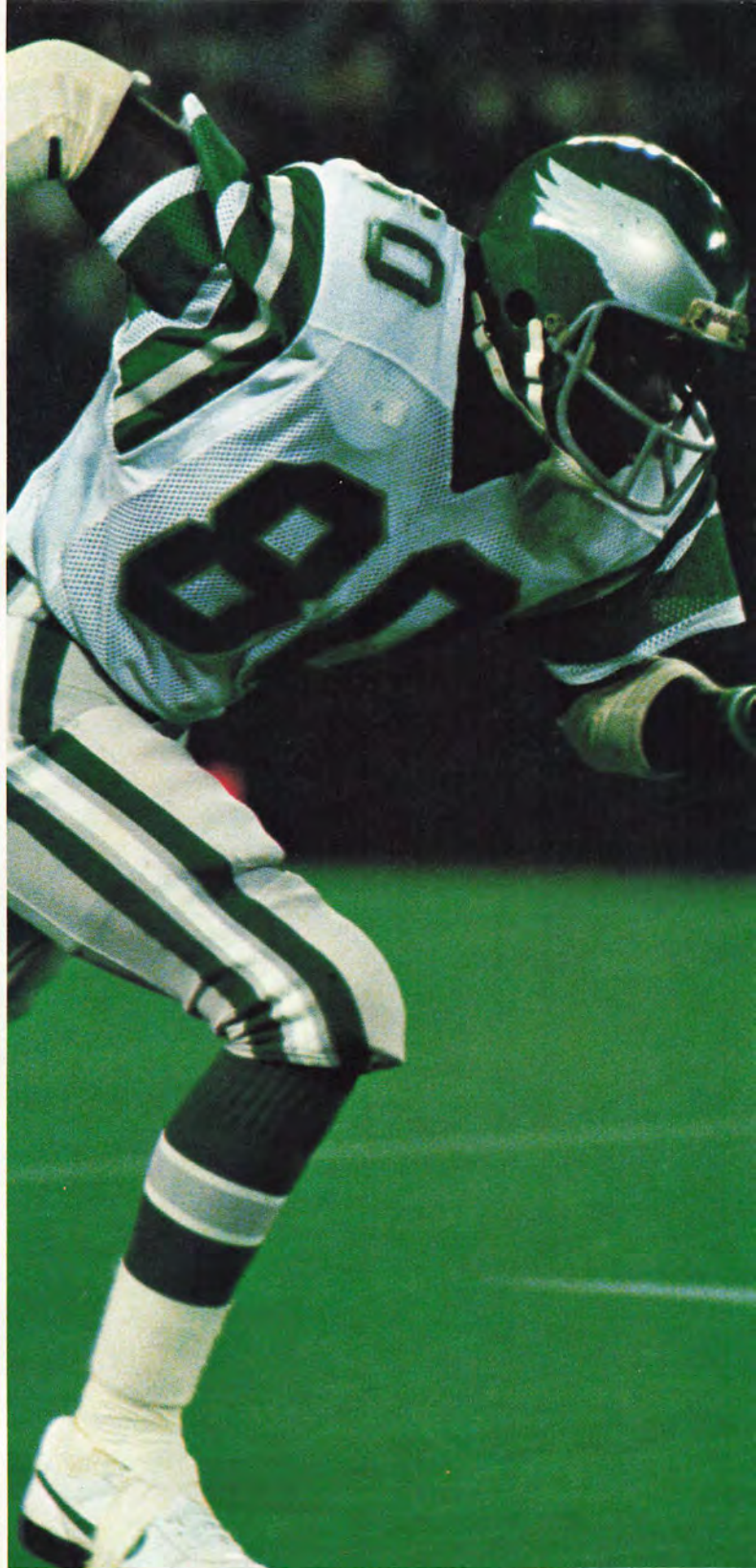
7th in receiving with 17 catches. . . . Scored four rushing touchdowns in '80, one as a receiver and threw a 15-yard TD pass to John Spagnola. . . . Saw action in the first eight games of 1981, starting against Washington, before suffering a knee injury against Tampa Bay that required surgery and forced him to the injured reserve list for the rest of the season. . . . Scored on a one-yard run and a 13-yard pass reception from Ron Jaworski in his best showing of 1981, a 36-13 victory over the Redskins.



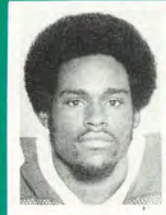
## Frank Giddens, T



Signed as a free agent by the Eagles in 1981. . . . One of only two rookie free agents (Greg Brown is the other) to appear in all 16 regular season games. . . . Played 42 minutes, including 13 as a special teams blocker. . . . Played well at offensive tackle in extended appearances against St. Louis on the road and Baltimore at Veterans Stadium, both one-sided Eagles' wins.



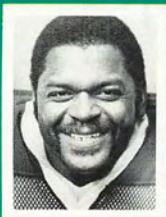
## Alvin Hooks, WR



Signed by the Eagles as a rookie free agent in 1981. . . . Saw action in the first three games of the season before going on the injured reserve list for the remainder of the year with a knee injury. . . . Played a total of 1-3/4 minutes, all with the special teams, but was credited with 3 initial tackles in that short span of time.



## Carl Hairston, DE

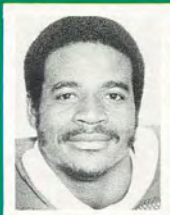


Eagles' 7th round draft choice in 1976. . . . Has started 86 consecutive games with the Eagles, including all 16 last year when he enjoyed another outstanding season. . . . Led the team with 79 initial tackles against the run and finished second in total tackles with 113. . . . Also led the team with eight quarterback sacks and 50 "hurries." . . . Forced

four fumbles and recovered another. . . . Played a total of 393-1/2 minutes, including 24 with the special teams. . . . Elected defensive co-captain by his teammates in each of the past three seasons. . . . Named second team All-NFC by UPI in each of the past two years.



## Perry Harrington, FB

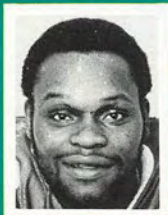


Eagles' 2nd round draft choice in 1980. . . . Started at fullback for the first four games of 1981 before suffering a broken leg in the 4th game against Washington and sitting out the remainder of the season on the injured reserve list. . . . Got off to a solid start before the injury, gaining 51 yards and scoring a touchdown in a season-opening win over

the Giants and adding 60 yards and a six-yard TD the following week in a victory over New England. . . . Played well as a rookie in 1980, averaging a team leading 5.2 yards per carry and scoring a 19-yard touchdown in a win over the Giants at the Meadowlands. . . . Scored on a two-yard run in 1980 NFC divisional playoff win over Minnesota.



## Leroy Harris, FB



Originally Miami's second 5th round draft choice in 1977. . . . Became a starter for the Dolphins for the last five games of his rookie season and retained the starting job in 1978. . . . Joined the Eagles just before the 1979 season in a trade for a 5th round choice in the 1981 draft. . . . Started 28 games with the Birds in 1979-80 before suffering a broken arm in 1981 preseason game against

Pittsburgh that forced him to the injured reserve list for the entire season. . . . Gained 834 yards and scored five rushing touchdowns in his two seasons as a starter with the Eagles. . . . Ran for 60 yards on ten carriers and scored key nine-yard TD in 1980 NFC championship win over Dallas. . . . Set Eagles' club record with 80 yard non-scoring run in 1980 against Green Bay.



## Dennis Harrison, DE

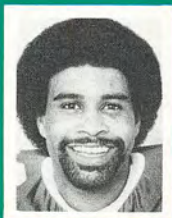
The Eagles' 4th round draft choice in 1978. . . . Played mostly in a reserve role for first two seasons before winning starting job at left end in 1980 and maintaining the job last year. . . . Played in 13 games in 1981, starting 12 and sitting out three others with injuries. . . . Credited with 49 total

tackles, and four sacks, with 13 "hurries," and six passes knocked down. . . . Got two sacks in 13-10 Monday night loss at Miami and was named International Harvester Lineman of the Game on CBS Radio. . . . Played a total of 276 minutes, 260 of them on defense and 16 with the special teams.

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## Wally Henry, WR-PR

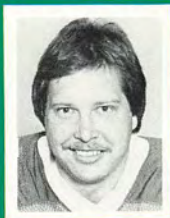


Signed as a rookie free agent by the Eagles in 1977. . . . Enjoyed his first injury-free NFL season last year when he saw action in all 16 games. . . . Finished as the Birds' top punt and kickoff returner with a 7.3-yard average on 54 punt returns and a 21.3-yard average on 25 kickoff returns. . . . The 54 punt returns broke Larry Marshall's club record of 46 set in 1977 and gave him a club record 128 in his Eagles' career. . . . Had his best year as a pass receiver last season, catching nine passes for 145 yards and scoring his first two touchdowns as a receiver, a 20-yarder from Joe Pisarcik in a 52-10

win over St. Louis on November 8 and a 44-yard effort from Pisarcik the following week in a 38-13 victory over Baltimore. . . . Caught a total of three passes for 70 yards, a career high, in the win over the Colts. . . . Won All-NFC return specialist honors from *Pro Football Weekly* and the *Sporting News* in 1979 in addition to playing in his first Pro Bowl game after that season. . . . Helped lead the NFC to victory with an 86-yard punt return for a touchdown. . . . Returned a punt 57 yards for a TD in 1978 season opening loss to Los Angeles.



## Ron Jaworski, QB

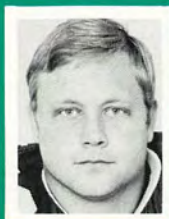


2nd round draft choice of IA in 1973. . . . Rights acquired by Eagles March 9, 1977 in exchange for rights to tight end Charles Young. . . . Set new club record with 461 pass attempts last season and completed at least 250 for the second year in a row. . . . Has attempted more passes (1,280) than any quarterback in Eagles' history. . . . Threw for 3,095 yards in 1981 to join Sonny Jurgensen as the only quarterbacks in club history to go over the 3,000 mark in successive years. . . . Enters the 1982 season with 102 touchdown passes as an Eagle, nine short of tying Norm Snead's club record of 111. . . . Needs 1,710 passing yards to pass Snead

(15,672) for most career passing yards with the club. . . . Ranked 8th among NFC passers in 1981 after leading the conference in 1980 on the way to UPI NFC Player of the Year honors and his first Pro Bowl appearance. . . . Has quarterbacked the Eagles to a 42-23 regular season record as a starter over the past four seasons, a mark surpassed only by Terry Bradshaw in the NFL. His overall record as the Eagles' starting signal caller (including postseason) is 50-35. . . . Threw four TD passes for the first time in his career to lead 52-10 Eagles' victory at St. Louis last season. . . . Has started 78 consecutive games.



## Steve Kenney, G



Signed by the Eagles as a free agent in 1979. . . . Sat out the entire '79 season on the injured reserve list before returning in 1980 to see action in 15 regular season and three playoff games, including Super Bowl XV, as a reserve tackle. . . . Switched to left guard last year and won a starting job, opening there in 11 of the 13 games in which he played. . . . Totaled 343 minutes of playing time, most of it with the offensive unit.



## Frank LeMaster, LB

Eagles' 4th round draft choice in 1974. . . . Has been a fulltime starter since 1975 and has never missed a game in eight seasons. . . . Enjoyed his finest season in 1981, winning Pro Bowl honors and tying Al Chesley for the team lead in total tackles with 133. . . . Also had three forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, 4-1/2 sacks and interceptions against New England at home and St.

Louis on the road, both Eagles' victories. . . . Career highlights include 89-yard pass interception touchdown in final game of 1975 at Washington, a nine-yard TD on an interception against the New York Giants in the finale of 1978, and a 47-yard TD run with a recovered fumble in 1981 at New Orleans.



## Randy Logan, S



Eagles' 3rd draft choice in 1973. . . . Became the starting strong safety as a rookie and has played in 134 games since then, starting 133 of them including all 16 last year. . . . Has a string of 96 consecutive starts since the 11th game of the 1975 season. . . . Was the second leading tackler in the Eagles' secondary last year with 42 initial hits, 29 of

them against the run. . . . Knocked down three passes and intercepted two others (against Baltimore and the New York Giants at home) to raise his career total to 22, tying him for 4th place on the all-time club list. . . . Started in Pro Bowl games following the 1979 and 1980 seasons. . . . Selected second team All-NFC for 1981 by UPI.



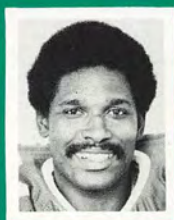
## Leonard Mitchell, DE



Eagles' 1st round draft choice in 1981. . . . Rookie year slowed by ankle and foot injuries which required surgery and limited his preparation time in training camp. . . . Came back to spend the entire season on the active roster, seeing action in all 16 games and playing a total of 42 minutes, 30 of them with the defensive unit. . . . Credited with seven total tackles, including one quarterback sack and three "hurries." . . . Expected to make a strong bid for a starting assignment in 1982.



## Wilbert Montgomery, HB



One of three Eagles' 6th round draft choices in 1977. . . . Finished 4th in NFL rushing statistics (1,402 yards gained) in 1981. . . . Has rushed for over 1,000 yards in three of the past four seasons. . . . An accomplished receiver, finished second on team with 49 receptions for 491 yards in 1981 after leading the team with 50 catches in 1980. . . . Enters 1982 season needing only 766 rushing yards to pass Steve Van Buren as leading Eagles' rusher of all time. . . . Needs 200 carries to pass Van Buren (1,320) for most career rushing attempts as an Eagle. . . . Ran for 100 yards in seven games last year to give him a club record 23 in his career. . . .

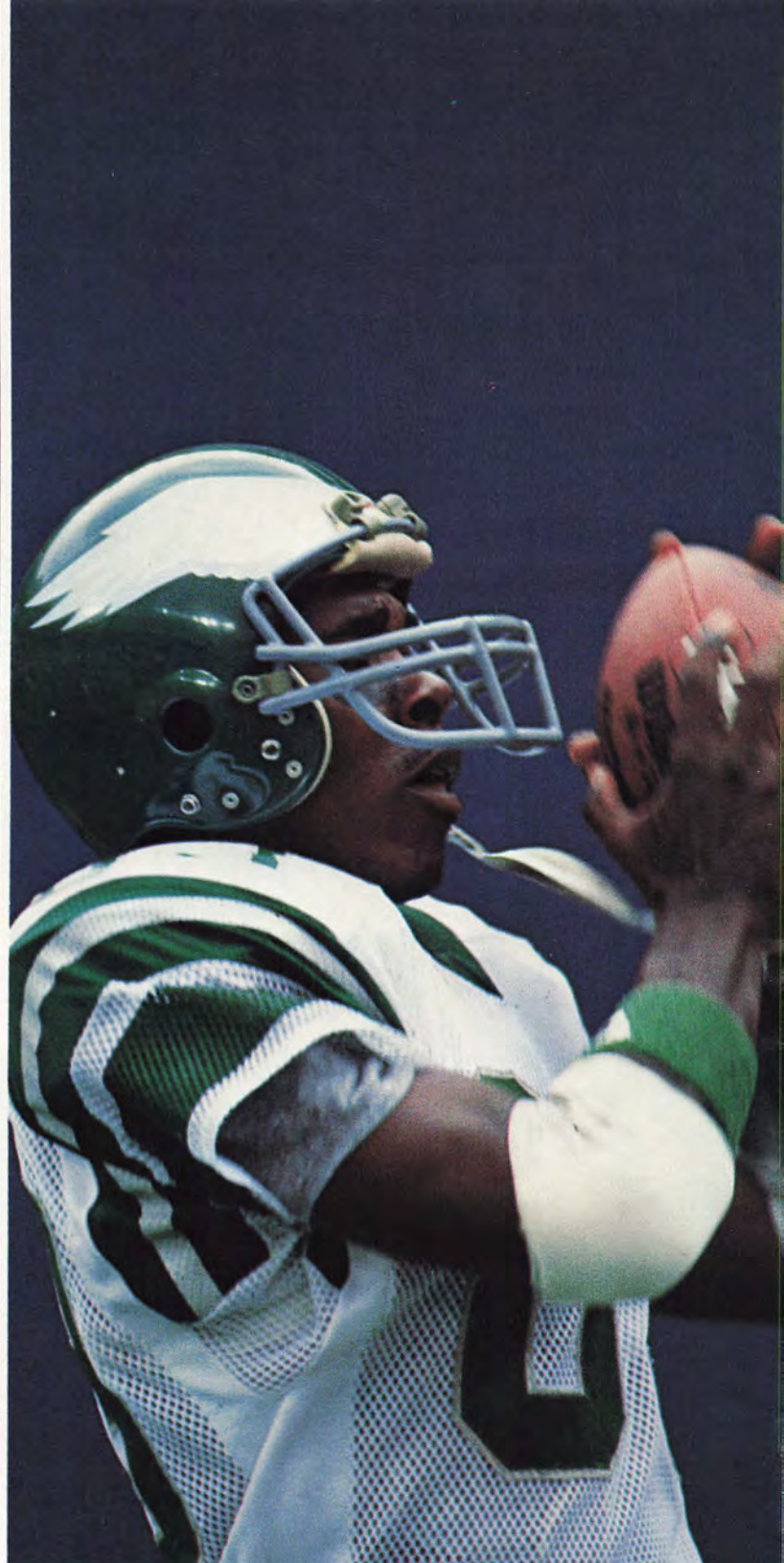
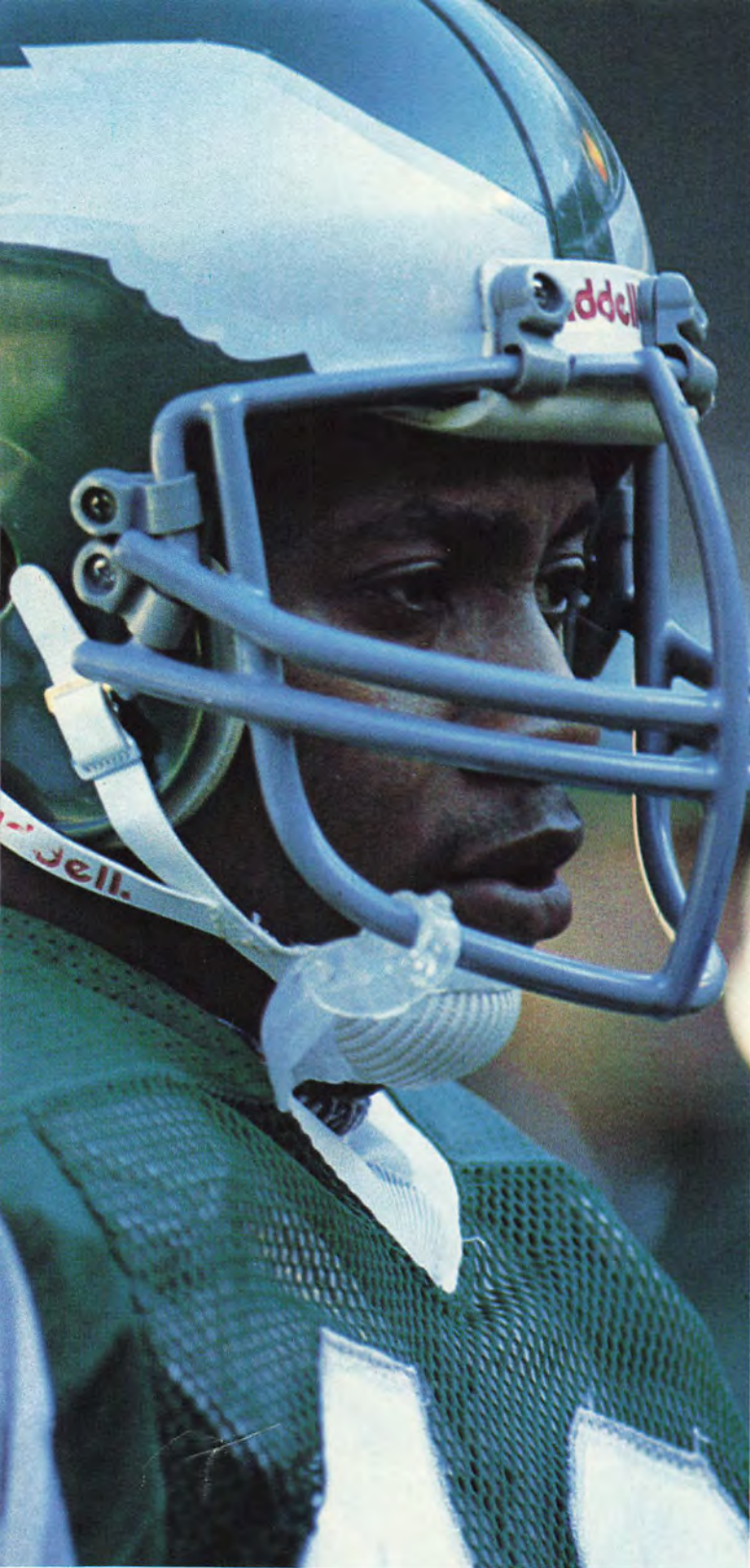
Gained 137 yards in a 13-3 Eagles' victory over New England. . . . Recorded Birds' best one game receiving day of 1981 with 10 receptions for 143 yards and a 35-yard TD in 35-23 loss at Minnesota. . . . Has twice tied a club record of four touchdowns in a game, in 1979 and 1978 against Washington. . . . Gained an NFL season best of 197 yards on 30 carries against Cleveland in 1979. . . . Led Eagles to a 20-7 NFC championship win over Dallas in January 1981 by rushing for 194 yards on 26 carries, including 42-yard score. . . . Began pro career as NFC's top kick returner in 1977, averaging 26.9 yards on 23 returns and scoring on a 99-yard burst against the Giants at Veterans Stadium. . . . Played in Pro Bowl games in 1978 and 1979.



## Guy Morriss, C



Eagles' 2nd round draft choice in 1973. . . . Has been the starting center in 126 of 133 games since his rookie season, including all 16 last year. . . . Enjoyed his finest season in 1981, winning UPI first team All-NFC honors. . . . Played 453 minutes last year, second on the team to Jerry Sisemore's 477. . . . Snaps for all placekick attempts. Elected offensive captain by his teammates in 1981.



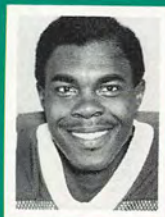
## Calvin Murray, HB

Eagles' 4th round draft choice in 1981. . . . Released just before the start of the regular season but signed as a free agent prior to the 9th game. . . . Saw action in seven of the final eight games and was credited with 32 minutes of playing time, 23 of them with the offensive unit. . . . Saw his most extensive action in 38-0 season finale win over St. Louis, gaining 56 yards on 10 carries and catching one pass for seven yards. . . . Also played well in 38-13 win over Baltimore with 51 rushing yards on only seven carries. . . . Finished as the team's 4th leading ground gainer with an excellent average of 5.8 yards per carry.



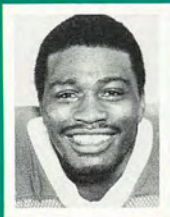
## Rodney Parker, WR

Signed as a free agent in May of 1980. . . . Has been used as a spot receiver in two seasons in Philadelphia. . . . Played in 11 games last year, catching eight passes for 168 yards. . . . Caught 55-yard touchdown pass from Ron Jaworski to help Birds win 1981 season opener over the Giants, 24-10. . . . Added his second TD catch of the season, a 33 yarder from Jaworski, in 52-10 win at St. Louis. . . . Enjoyed his finest NFL game in 1980 with four receptions for 68 yards and a 30-yard touchdown in 35-27 loss at Dallas. . . . Also caught four passes for 31 yards in 1980 NFC championship win over Dallas.



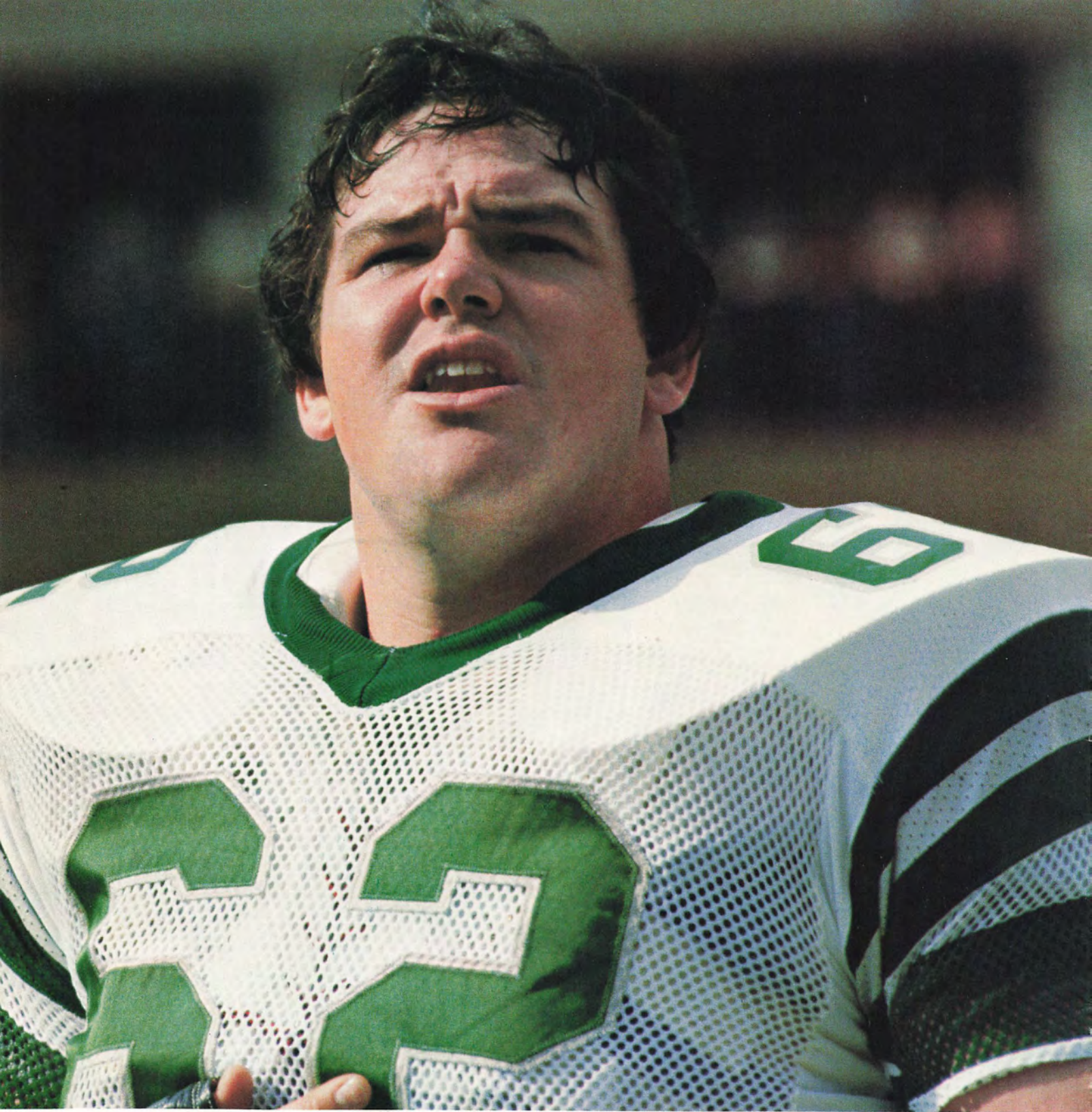


## Hubie Oliver, FB



Eagles' 10th round draft choice in 1981. . . . Most pleasant surprise of the 1981 draftees. . . . Stepped in to start 10 of the 13 games in which he saw action after injuries ended the season of two veteran fullbacks ahead of him on the depth chart, Leroy Harris and Perry Harrington. . . . Started for the first time in a Monday night game on October 5 against Atlanta and helped the Eagles to a 16-13 victory by rushing for 68 yards on 10 carries. . . .

Helped preserve that win with a 39-yard dash late in the game when the Eagles were trying to maintain ball control. . . . Scored his first NFL touchdown on an 18-yard run in season-ending 38-0 Veterans Stadium win over St. Louis. Also caught one pass for 27 yards in that game. . . . Played a total of 214 minutes and finished as the Birds' second leading rusher with 329 yards on 74 carries.



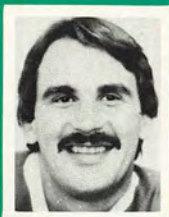
## Petey Perot, G



Eagles' 2nd round draft choice in 1979. . . . Slowed by training camp injuries last year after winning the starting left guard job in 1980 and starting 15 regular season and three post-season games, including Super Bowl XV, that year. . . . Saw action in all 16 games last season, starting at left guard in place of the injured Steve Kenney against Atlanta, at New Orleans, at Minnesota, Tampa Bay and Dallas. . . . Credited with 174-3/4 minutes, 155 of them with the offensive unit.



## Joe Pisarcik, QB

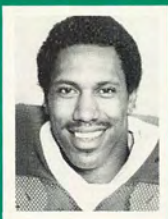


Signed by the New York Giants as a free agent in 1977 after spending the previous three seasons with Calgary of the Canadian Football League. . . . Won starting quarterback job as a Giants' rookie and went on to play 13 games and win UPI All-Rookie team honors. . . . Started 11 games for New York in 1978 and four in 1979 before being traded to the Eagles in 1980 for a 6th round draft choice in 1981. . . . Saw action in seven games with the Eagles last season behind starter Ron Jaworski. . . . Played well in a 17-14 loss to Dallas and in

back-to-back lopsided wins over St. Louis (52-10) and Baltimore (38-13). . . . Threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Wally Henry against the Cardinals for his first TD toss as an Eagle. Followed up with a 44-yard scoring strike to Henry against the Colts. . . . Enjoyed his best NFL season in 1978, throwing for 2,096 yards and 12 touchdowns for the Giants. . . . As a three year starter at Calgary, he threw for 4,467 yards, completing 364 of 651 pass attempts with 23 TD's and 29 interceptions.



## Jerry Robinson, LB



Eagles' 1st round draft choice in 1979 and their first since 1973. . . . Started six games as a rookie, five of them as an inside linebacker, before moving to right outside linebacker in 1980. . . . Has been a fixture at that position since then, starting 16 games in 1980 and 15 last year, missing one game at home against the Giants because of injury. . . . Got off to a slow start last year after a preseason shoulder injury but came on strong to win a place in his first Pro Bowl game. . . . Played 377 minutes and finished with 92 total tackles, five forced fumbles,

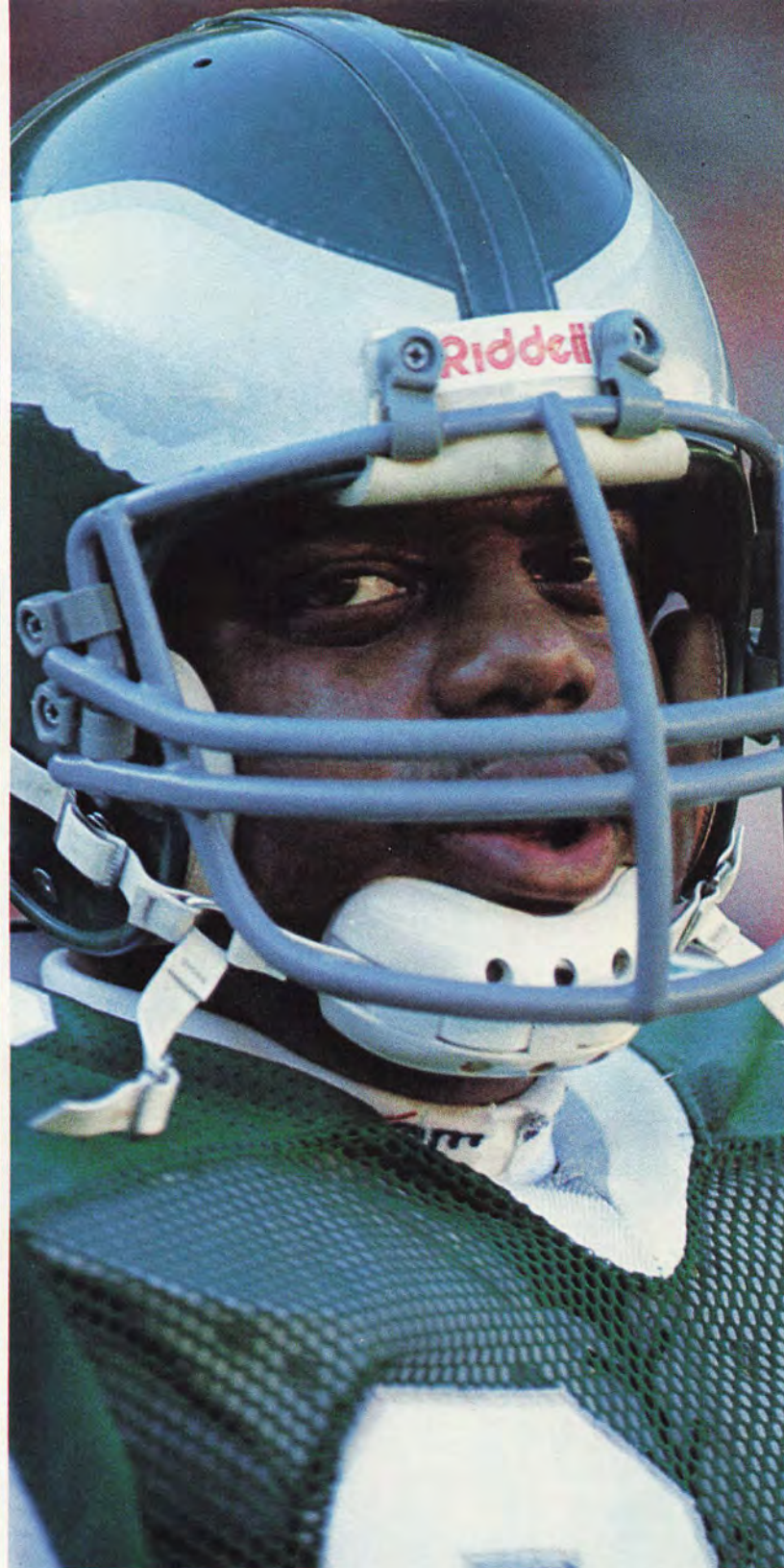
two recovered fumbles, three sacks, four passes defended, and one interception (in a 17-14 loss to Dallas). . . . Career highlights include 59-yard touchdown run with a recovered fumble in 1980 against Washington. . . . Named first team All-NFL by Professional Football Writers Association, second team All-Pro by Associated Press and first team All-NFC by United Press last year. . . . Previous honors include selection as NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year in 1979.



## Max Runager, P



One of two Eagles' 8th round draft choices in 1979. . . . Has been one of the NFL's most consistent punters in three seasons, averaging 39.6 yards as a rookie, 39.3 in 1980 and 40.7 last year. . . . His 1981 net punting average of 34.9 was 6th best in the NFC. . . . Only 34 of his 63 punts were returned last year. . . . Had a career long punt of 64 yards at Veterans Stadium last year against New England. . . . Did not punt at all in Eagles' 38-13 win over Baltimore.



## Ray Phillips, LB

Signed as a free agent by the Eagles for the final 10 games of 1978, starting four at outside linebacker in the regular season and the '78 wildcard playoff game at Atlanta. . . . Has played in 32 games over the past two seasons, starting once last year on November 22 at right outside linebacker against the New York Giants. . . . Credited with 116 minutes of playing time, 72 of them with the special teams which he captained after a season-ending injury to elected captain Louie Giammona. . . . Picked off his first NFL pass interception during the start against the Giants. . . . Involved in 13 total tackles last year.



## Booker Russell, FB

Signed as a free agent by the Eagles prior to the 5th game of 1981. . . . Went on to see action in 12 of the remaining 13 games, playing a total of 75-1/2 minutes. . . . Started at Washington Dec. 6, 1981. . . . Carried 41 times for 123 yards and scored four rushing touchdowns, second to team-leading Wilbert Montgomery's 8 TD's. . . . Scored on two one-yard runs in 31-14 win at New Orleans. . . . Also scored on one-yard runs in a 52-10 win at St. Louis and 21-10 loss at Dallas. . . . Top performance of '81 was eight carries for 28 yards in the victory at St. Louis.



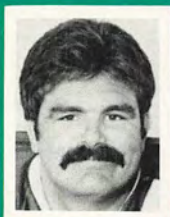


## John Sciarra, S-PR



Originally a 4th round draft choice of the Chicago Bears, but opted to play instead with British Columbia of the Canadian League. . . . CFL's Rookie of the Year in 1976. . . . NFL rights were subsequently transferred to Tampa Bay and then traded to the Eagles in March of 1978. . . . Has seen action at safety, quarterback, punt returner and placekick holder in four seasons with the Birds. . . . Suffered a shoulder injury as a starter at free safety

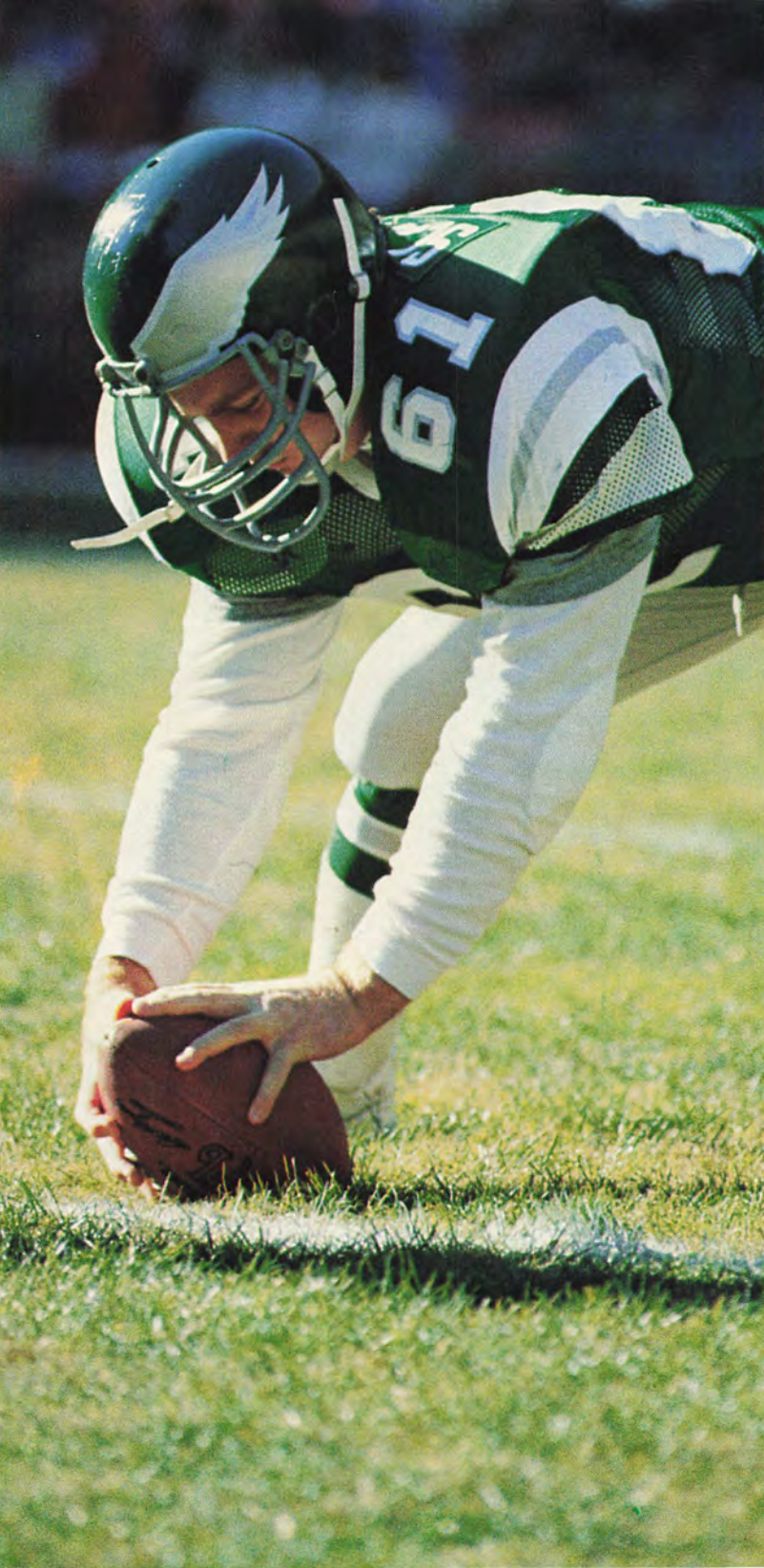
in the first game of 1981 season at Giants Stadium and sat out the next six. . . . Saw action in a total of 10 games last year, playing a total of 71 minutes with the defense and special teams. . . . Credited with a total of seven tackles, five passes defended and a pass interception (in 38-0 rout of St. Louis in regular season finale). . . . Also returned four punts.



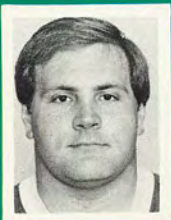
## Jerry Sisemore, T

The Eagles' 1st round draft choice in 1973 and the third player selected in that entire draft. . . . Started at right tackle in his first three NFL seasons, then moved to guard for two years before returning permanently to right tackle in 1978. . . . Played in his second Pro Bowl game following the 1981 season when he led the Eagles in minutes played

with 477. . . . Started all 16 regular season games last year and has opened in all 133 of the games in which he has played during his career. . . . Rated the team's best offensive lineman by Dick Vermeil for the past two seasons. . . . Second team All-NFC choice by UPI last year.



## Mark Slater, C



Originally a 12th round draft choice of the Eagles in 1978. . . . Released by the Birds during his first training camp and eventually signed as a free agent by the San Diego Chargers. . . . Spent nine games during the 1978 season with San Diego before being released during training camp the following year and re-signed as a free agent by the Eagles. . . . Has been the Eagles' number one snapper for punts and an excellent special teams contributor for the past three seasons. . . . Saw action in all 16 games last year, playing a total of 70 minutes. . . . Credited with three initial tackles and three assists.

## Steve Wagner, LB



Originally a 5th round draft choice in the Minnesota Vikings in 1976. . . . Released by Minnesota in September of 1976 and signed as a free agent by the Green Bay Packers later that month. . . . Played with Packers from 1976 through 1979 before being released in 1980 preseason and signed by the Eagles as a free agent. . . . Saw action in four games with the Eagles, mostly with the special teams, in 1980. . . . Suffered a shoulder injury while trying to convert from strong safety to outside linebacker in last year's training camp and sat out the remainder of the year.



## Ron Smith, WR



Originally a 2nd round draft choice of Los Angeles in 1978. . . . Traded by Los Angeles to San Diego in September of 1980 and released by the Chargers in the middle of the 1981 season. . . . Signed as a free agent by the Eagles prior to the 13th game last season. . . . Saw action in the final three games and in the NFC wildcard game against the Giants. . . . Caught three passes for a team leading 69 yards as a sub in 21-10 loss at Dallas. . . . Caught three passes for 31 yards, all in the second half, of wildcard loss. . . . Has a history of big postseason games in both

Los Angeles and San Diego. . . . Scored on a 43-yard reception in 21-19 Rams' win over Dallas in 1979 NFC playoffs and followed up with a 24-yard TD catch in L.A.'s loss to Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XIV. . . . Caught a 50-yard scoring pass from Dan Fouts in San Diego's 20-14 victory over Buffalo in 1980 AFC playoff game. . . . Added a 55-yard non-scoring reception the following week in AFC championship loss to Oakland. . . . Averaged 18.8 yards on 16 receptions for Rams in 1979, his best NFL season to date.



## John Spagnola, TE



New England's 9th round draft choice in 1979. . . . Released by the Patriots late in the 1979 season and immediately signed as a free agent by the Eagles. . . . Slowed by a persistent hamstring problem last year which forced him to miss five games. . . . Played in 11 contests in 1981, starting against Dallas at home and on the road against Dallas and Washington. . . . Limited playing time helped hold

him to six receptions for 83 yards after a fine 1980 season that featured six starts in the regular season and another in Super Bowl XV in a two tight end alignment. . . . Played 118 minutes last year, most of them with the offensive unit. . . . Three career touchdown receptions came against Denver and Atlanta at home and Washington on the road, all in 1980.



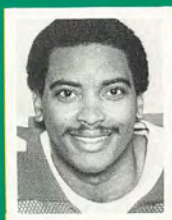
## Stan Walters, T



A 9th round draft choice of Cincinnati in 1972. . . . Came to the Eagles in a July, 1975 trade along with quarterback Wayne Clark in exchange for quarterback John Reaves and a 2nd round draft pick in 1976. . . . Has been an NFL starter since the middle of his rookie season, including 106 consecutive regular season games with the Eagles at left tackle. . . . Credited with 442 minutes of playing time last year. . . . Played in Pro Bowl games following the 1978 and 1979 seasons.



## Reggie Wilkes, LB

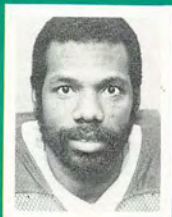


Eagles' 3rd round draft choice in 1978, at that time the Birds' highest pick since 1973. . . . Played in 14 games last year, starting seven at left outside linebacker and another at right outside when injuries sidelined John Bunting and Jerry Robinson, respectively. . . . Credited with 40 initial tackles, 25 of them initial hits against the run. . . .

Also had one sack and pass interceptions against Washington and Atlanta in consecutive games. . . . Credited with 303 minutes played last year, including 49 with the special teams. . . . All-Rookie selection in 1978 when he started 13 games as an outside linebacker.



## Brenard Wilson, S

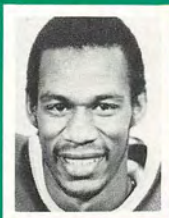


Originally signed by the Eagles as a free agent in 1978. . . . Failed to make the final cut that season but was re-signed and eventually won the starting free safety job for the 1979 season. . . . Has started 45 games since then, including 15 last year after missing the season opener at the New York Giants. . . . Credited with 378 minutes of playing time in 1981 while leading the team in interceptions (5) for the second consecutive season. . . . Picked off

two passes in a nationally televised Thursday night victory at Buffalo and one in home games against New England and Dallas and on the road at Washington. . . . Leading tackler in the Eagles' secondary with 64 total hits and four forced fumbles. . . . 31 of the tackles were initial hits against the run. . . . Also knocked down 12 passes. . . . A consensus all-rookie selection in 1979.



## Roynell Young, CB



Eagles' 1st round draft choice in 1980. . . . Started in 29 consecutive games in first two seasons before sitting out the final three games of 1981 with an ankle injury that was corrected by off-season surgery. . . . Played in the wildcard playoff loss to the Giants and in his first Pro Bowl game as the Eagles' lone starter prior to the surgery. . . . Intercepted four passes for the second year in a row to go along with 35 total tackles, one forced fumble and 22 passes knocked down. . . . Played

354 minutes, including almost 30 with the special teams. . . . Interceptions came against New England and Tampa Bay at Veterans Stadium and away games against New Orleans and St. Louis. All were Eagle victories. . . . Recorded two playoff interceptions against Minnesota and one against Dallas after the 1980 season. . . . Named second team all-pro by Associated Press and the Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA) and first team All-NFC by United Press International.

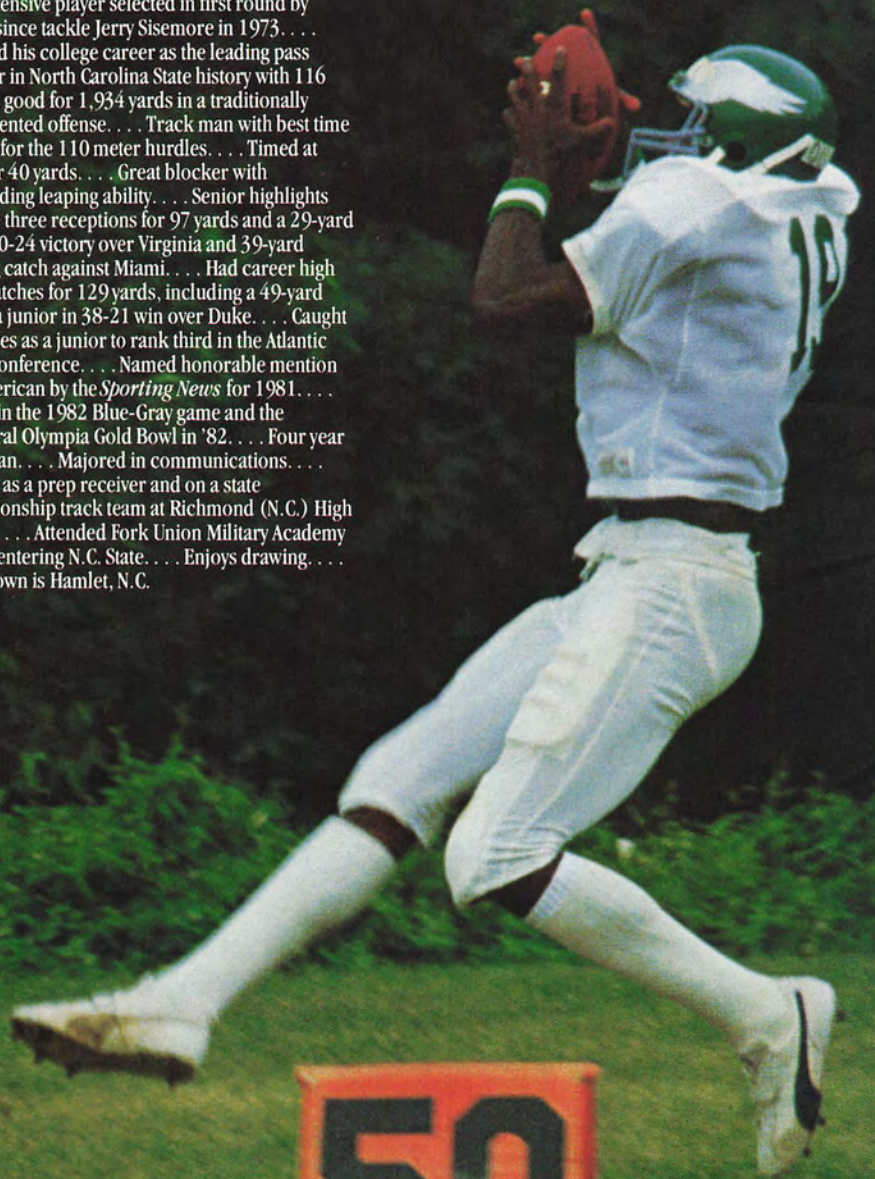
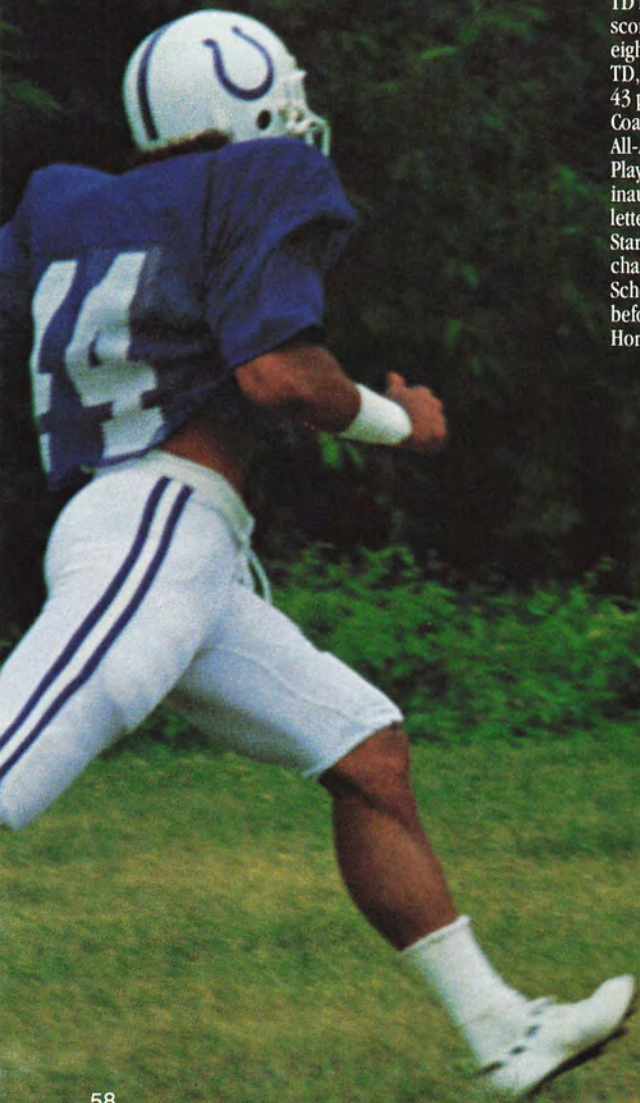
# ROOKIES

## Mike Quick, WR

6-2 186 Draft Choice: 1

Born: May 14, 1959 North Carolina State

First offensive player selected in first round by Eagles since tackle Jerry Sisemore in 1973. . . . Finished his college career as the leading pass receiver in North Carolina State history with 116 catches good for 1,934 yards in a traditionally run-oriented offense. . . . Track man with best time of 13.8 for the 110 meter hurdles. . . . Timed at 4.62 for 40 yards. . . . Great blocker with outstanding leaping ability. . . . Senior highlights include three receptions for 97 yards and a 29-yard TD in 30-24 victory over Virginia and 39-yard scoring catch against Miami. . . . Had career high eight catches for 129 yards, including a 49-yard TD, as a junior in 38-21 win over Duke. . . . Caught 43 passes as a junior to rank third in the Atlantic Coast Conference. . . . Named honorable mention All-American by the *Sporting News* for 1981. . . . Played in the 1982 Blue-Gray game and the inaugural Olympia Gold Bowl in '82. . . . Four year letterman. . . . Majored in communications. . . . Starred as a prep receiver and on a state championship track team at Richmond (N.C.) High School. . . . Attended Fork Union Military Academy before entering N.C. State. . . . Enjoys drawing. . . . Hometown is Hamlet, N.C.





### Lawrence Sampleton, TE

6-6 230 Draft Choice: 2

Born: Sept. 25, 1959 Texas

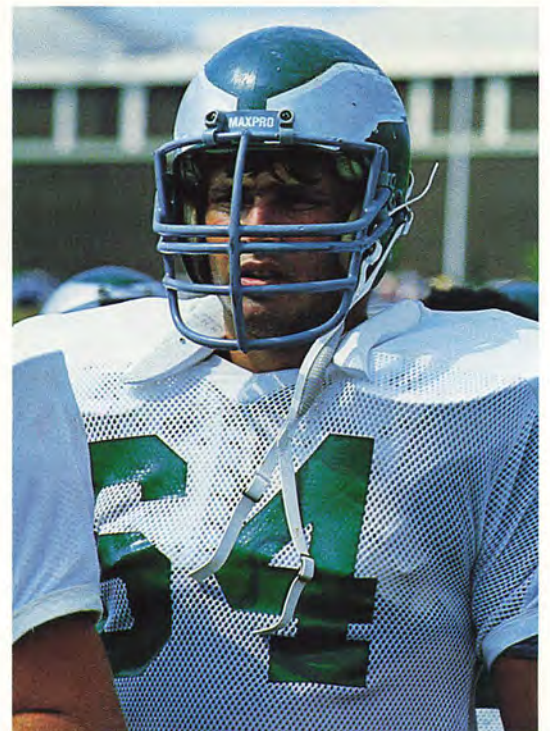
Combines great size with 4.58 speed for 40 yards. . . . Developed a reputation at Texas as a fine one-on-one blocker. . . . Totaled 61 career catches for 1,071 yards and seven touchdowns with an impressive per catch average of 17.6 yards. . . . Won first team All-Southwest Conference honors as a soph on teams selected by AP and UPI. . . . Second team All-SWC by UPI as a junior and a *Sporting News* honorable mention All-American after each of his final three seasons. . . . Made crucial first down catches of 37 and 19 yards in Longhorns' winning touchdown drive as senior in Cotton Bowl game against Alabama. . . . Recorded career high five catches for 65 yards as senior against Arkansas. . . . Finished as team's second leading receiver as a junior with 20 catches for 381 yards and three TD's. . . . Used his speed to turn short screen pass into 73-yard touchdown against Rice. . . . Bench presses 325 pounds and cleans 300. . . . Majored in communications. . . . Prep All-American mention in football and basketball at Seguin (Texas) High School. . . . Finished 4th in state high school 220-yard dash. . . . Resides in Seguin.

### Dean Miraldi, G

6-5 262 Draft Choice: 2 (1981)

Born: May 8, 1958 Utah

Suffered hamstring problems in 1981 training camp which kept him on the injured reserved list for the entire season. . . . Aggressive offensive lineman who began his college career as a 190-pound tight end at Long Beach State. . . . Transferred to Utah when the Long Beach State coaching staff went to that school under head coach Wayne Howard. . . . Gained 65 pounds during college career with intensive weight training. . . . Bench presses over 400 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.8. . . . Tested better than any other athlete in 1981 pre-draft agility drills. . . . Won AP honorable mention All-American honors as a senior and first team All-WAC mention. . . . Also named to the WAC's first team All-Academic squad as a commercial recreation major. . . . Played in the Senior Bowl and East-West Shrine game. . . . Raised in Rosemead, Cal. where he attended Rosemead High School.



### **Vyto Kab, TE**

6-4 244 Draft Choice: 3

Born: Dec. 23, 1959 Penn State

Outstanding blocker whose career at Penn State was hampered by injuries. . . . Caught one pass as a freshman and sat out most of his sophomore year with a knee injury. . . . Came back to catch four passes as a junior sub before winning the starting tight end job with a fine spring showing prior to his senior season. . . . Capped his final spring practice by winning the Red Worrell Award for "exemplary conduct, loyalty, interest, attitude and improvement." . . . Missed three games as a senior with back spasms but played well enough to be selected to the Senior Bowl game. . . . Caught seven passes in 1981, including a 12-yard touchdown reception in 41-16 win over Syracuse. . . . Father, Vyto, Sr., played football at Fordham. . . . Majored in Food Service and Housing Administration. . . . Scholastic All-American at DePaul High School in northern New Jersey where he was a teammate of Miami Dolphin Tommy Vigorito. . . . Last name is pronounced CAB. . . . Resides in Wayne, N.J.



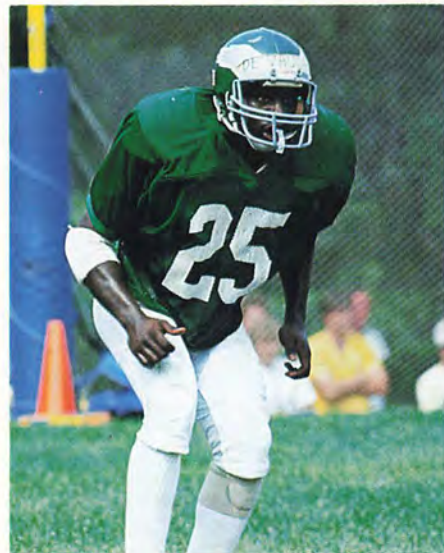
### **Anthony Griggs, LB**

6-2 221 Draft Choice: 4

Born: Feb. 12, 1960 Ohio State

Transferred to Ohio State for his senior season after Villanova, where he played as a starter for three years, dropped football in the spring of 1981. . . . Became a starting outside linebacker for the Buckeyes in the 8th game of the season and went on to finish third on the team in total tackles with 92, 52 of them solos. . . . Also led Ohio State with four

pass interceptions. . . . Helped lead the Buckeyes to a 51-28 win over Navy with 17 tackles in the 1981 Liberty Bowl. . . . Recorded 10 tackles for losses, five of them quarterback sacks. . . . Led Villanova in tackles as a junior with 168, 79 of them solos and 89 assists. . . . Had at least one pass interception in each of his four varsity seasons. . . . Will be tried at inside linebacker with the Eagles. . . . Majored in general arts. . . . Born in Lawton, Okla., but moved to New Jersey as a grade schooler. . . . Played high school football at J. F. Kennedy in Willingboro, N.J. where he makes his home.



### **Dennis Devaughn, CB**

5-10 175 Draft Choice: 5

Born: Oct. 28, 1960 Bishop College

Small college prospect with potential to play in the NFL as a cornerback or free safety. . . . Impressed Eagles' scouts with 4.5 speed for 40 yards and fine hands. . . . Intercepted career total of 14 passes, four as a freshman and junior and three as a sophomore and senior. . . . Has also returned kickoffs. . . . Played for the West team in the Sheridan Broadcasting Networks' Black College All-Star game in January, 1982. . . . Majored in business management. . . . Resides in Dallas, Texas.



**Curt Grieve, WR**

6-4 200 Draft Choice: 6  
 Born: Aug. 23, 1959 Yale

Regarded as the premier receiver in the Ivy League in his final two seasons when he caught a total of 83 passes and scored 20 touchdowns. . . . Broke school receiving records set by Eagles' tight end John Spagnola. . . . Senior statistics of 51 catches for 791 yards were good for 16th place in NCAA final records for 1981. . . . Led Ivy League last year with 32 catches for 532 yards and nine TD's. . . . Acrobatic scoring catch helped Eli upset Navy. . . . Sat out 1979 season to concentrate on studies after playing as a reserve in 1978. . . . Combines good size, outstanding hands and extraordinary leaping ability. . . . First team All-Ivy. . . . Majored in history. . . . Prep football and basketball star at Mt. Lebanon High School in western Pennsylvania. . . . Resides in Mt. Lebanon.



**Harvey Armstrong, DT**

6-3 260 Draft Choice: 7  
 Born: Dec. 29, 1959 Southern Methodist

Finished his college career as a four year starter with 382 total tackles, 27 of them for losses, including 16 quarterback sacks. . . . Broke in at S.M.U. with 147 tackles as a freshman and was named the Southwest Conference's Defensive Newcomer of the Year by Texas Football magazine. . . . Hampered by knee problems as a sophomore. . . . Named first team All-SWC by AP as a junior and senior and first team all SWC by UPI as a senior. . . . Also named Football Coaches first team All-America and Mizlou/Hartford Insurance first team All-America. . . . Played in the Hula Bowl, Japan Bowl and Olympia Gold Bowl following last season. . . . Has size 12-1/2 foot, 16-1/2 neck. . . . Majored in business. . . . Earned letters in football and track at Kashmere High School in Houston, where he still makes his home.



**Jim Fritzsche, T**

6-8 255 Draft Choice: 8  
 Born: Oct. 11, 1960 Purdue

Started 11 games at left tackle for the Boilermakers as a senior after playing as a reserve the previous three seasons. . . . Coached at Purdue by Bill Baker, son of Eagles' talent scout Bill Baker. . . . Biggest player selected by Eagles in 1982 draft. . . . Majored in management. . . . Won three letters and captained the basketball team at Valley Forge (O.) High School. . . . Resides in Parma, Ohio.



### Ron Ingram, WR

5-10 168 Draft Choice: 11

Born: Oct. 27, 1959 Oklahoma State

Swiftest Eagles' draftee of 1982 with career best of 10.16 for the 100 meters. . . . Former Big 8 indoor sprint champion at 60 yards and outdoor champ at 100 meters. . . . Member of Oklahoma State 800 meter relay team that swept to victories in Kansas, Texas and Drake Relays in spring of '82. . . . Recorded 59 receptions for 1,069 yards and seven touchdowns in four varsity football seasons. . . . Also gained experience as a kickoff and punt return specialist. . . . Majored in communications. . . . Played football and ran track at Hillcrest High School in Dallas where he still resides.



### Tony Woodruff, WR

6-0 180 Draft Choice: 9

Born: Nov. 12, 1958 Fresno State

Played two varsity seasons at Fresno State after transferring from Reedley (now King's River) Junior College. . . . Runs the 40 in 4.6 seconds. . . . Totaled 18 receptions for 352 yards and four touchdowns as a senior. . . . Set school record with 88-yard TD grab against Southern Illinois. . . . Also returned six kickoffs for 110 yards as a senior and one punt for 17 yards. . . . Prepped at Roosevelt High School in Fresno. . . . Continues to make his home in Fresno.



### Chuck Commiskey, C

6-5 278 Draft Choice: 9 (1981)

Born: March 2, 1958 Mississippi

Spent entire 1981 season on injured reserve list after suffering preseason shoulder injury. . . . Played offensive guard and center in his career at Ole Miss. . . . Was the starting center in 1977 and part of 1979 after redshirting in 1978. . . . Played mostly at guard as a senior. . . . Played in the East-West Shrine game, Senior Bowl and Blue-Gray game after his final season. . . . Majored in radio-TV. . . . Played his high school football in Pascagoula, Miss. but was born in Kileen, Texas. . . . Married (Estelle) . . . Resides in Philadelphia.

# SPECIAL PEOPLE

Dick Silverman, Owner of Richard Buick-Volvo  
4005 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square, PA.,



Dick typifies the thousands of people in the Delaware Valley who have taken a special interest in the Eagles Fly for Leukemia campaign. Silverman is shown here with three Eagles players who have been active with the drive, (l. to r.) Max Runager, Randy Logan and Reggie Wilkes.

# Love Story

By Steve Hubbard

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This is a story of football players and football teams, but it is not about size or strength or strategy, draft picks or free agents or trades, arms or legs or brains, astroturf fields or muddy fields or frozen fields, mere games or playoffs or Super Bowls.

This is a story of love and compassion, of caring and sharing, of giving, not taking. This is a story of the power of sport, the power of people with a cause.

This is the story of the Eagles Fly for Leukemia campaign, a many-splendored charity unprecedented in sports history. This fund has:

- raised nearly \$2 million locally, including almost \$300,000 by Frito-Lay, Inc. which has contributed \$100 for each point scored by the Eagles since 1975;
- built and equipped an entire hospital wing that otherwise might have been delayed for years;
- spawned the first of the nation's 32 Ronald McDonald Houses, halfway homes that have served more than 50,000 sick people and their families;
- spearheaded the donation of \$35 million to \$40 million for those houses nationally;
- helped fund the research that will eradicate the deadly spectrum of leukemia in our lifetime, perhaps in this decade.

And that is a phenomenal accomplishment. Ten years ago, 99 percent of the children contracting leukemia died, most within one year. Today, 50-60 percent recover to live full, healthy lives.

"It's like a little miracle," says Jim Murray, the Eagles' general manager who was a key idea and detail man behind the fund. "It's the most rewarding thing I've done in my life."

"It's a cry job," says Leonard Tose, the Eagles' owner whose bankroll got the fund off the ground floor and still keeps it moving.

"It's unbelievable," says Fred Hill, the former Eagles' tight end/wide receiver whose daughter's tragedy has turned to triumph, not just for her but for thousands of other leukemia patients like her around the world.

Never expected to see her fourth birthday, Kim Hill is now an active 15-year-old in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

"She's doing great," Fred Hill says. "She hasn't had treatment for nine years. She runs cross country, sings in the choir, rides horseback, is very active. We've always told her she was special. Most kids didn't live through that, and now, look what's happened because she was sick."

What's happened is, well, a miracle.

When Fran Hill brought Kim to watch Daddy's practice back in 1969, Kim kept falling asleep. Not unusual for a three-year-old. But Fred Hill noticed Kim

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*Kim Hill, surrounded by Philadelphia Mayor William J. Green, her parents Fran and Fred, and Eagles' owner Leonard H. Tose, was the guest of honor when the new Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia was dedicated in May of 1981.*

also was abnormally pale and covered with bruises. He told his wife to take Kim to the family physician. The diagnosis was shocking.

"He was crying when he told us," Fred Hill remembers. "He didn't have any hope at all. They didn't have many live in those days. The majority died within six months."

Kim lived, but through three years of hellish treatments, the Hills sometimes wondered if it were worth it all. Fred and Fran stayed with her, sleeping on chairs or benches in hospital hallways, eating vending machine meals. Kim took brutal treatments and suffered their Frankensteinian side-effects.

"It was very, very hard," Fred Hill remembers. "She had spinal taps, bone marrow tests, powerful, damaging drugs. Overnight, all her hair would be gone, and she'd have horrible sores on her hands. The radiation treatments on the brain cooked off all her hair, too."

"It was very frightening. Usually, I told her on the Ben Franklin Bridge if they were going to do the bone marrow test or spinal tap. Then, when she knew, she'd scream all the way to the hospital."

"I had a lot of nagging type injuries (in seven years as an Eagle, until knee, back and hamstring injuries forced his premature retirement in 1971). They hurt as far as my performance. But they were nothing like she had."

"Believe me, I knew. I was the one who had to hold her down while they did it. I'd have to double her up and put her head between my legs and they'd stick a big needle in her spinal column. It's a terrible thing, holding your daughter down while they do something like that."

Within months, Kim went into remission and showed no signs of the dreaded disease, which produces an abnormal number of white blood cells in the tissue and blood. Still, she had to keep taking the drugs for three years. One caused her to gain weight, another to lose hair.

The drugs stopped at age six. Five years later, with no signs of a recurrence, the doctors pronounced Kim Hill cured.

This story could end there. But it doesn't.

Leonard Tose called Fred Hill into his office as soon as he heard about Kim's illness. He offered to help in any way he could. But he didn't know how, and neither did Hill.

Besides, Hill was busy. He was caring for Kim and two other daughters, plus trying to play football and overcome his own injuries. Shy and proud, he was afraid people would feel sorry for him if he asked for help.

So almost two years went by before Hill got his first fund-raiser together, a simple beef-and-ale night with a few Eagles appearing at a local bar, raising \$500 or so for the Leukemia Society of America.

"More important than the money raised," Murray says, "was everybody helping each other. It proved the power of sport for good. It was the start of probably the

most beautiful experience any pro franchise has had."

The beauty burgeoned with a Cherry Hill fashion show, when 11 Eagles wives served as models, a fur coat was raffled off and \$10,000 was raised. The entire Eagles organization was there.

"We didn't even think the owner would come; he was the last to leave," Hill says. "He was thrilled with the whole affair. So he said, 'Any way I can help, I will. The stadium, the ballclub . . . tell me what you want and it's yours.'"

Hill and a neighbor, Stan Lane, then went to the LSA's New York City headquarters to see what more could be done. They were depressed to find LSA couldn't tell them what happened to their money. On the way home, they decided they wanted the money to stay in Philadelphia, where everyone knew exactly what it was accomplishing. They then formed and incorporated Eagles Fly for Leukemia and went to Dr. Lawrence Naiman to offer their money.

Naiman unselfishly suggested that Dr. Audrey Evans, the director of oncology at progressive Children's Hospital, could use the money more. Evans gave them an \$800,000 wish list, and then almost a year after the fashion show, they returned to Tose. They told him they'd like to hold another fashion show in the stadium and asked if they could buy one item on Evans' list.

"Hell, yeah," Tose replied. "We'll do everything on the list."

Thus was born the Philadelphia Eagles Oncology Center at Children's Hospital, costing more than \$500,000. The Eagles pledged another \$300,000 for cancer research labs, and now provide \$150,000-\$200,000 annually for research and the Ronald McDonald House, one of the many items on Evans' original wish list. With that research money, Evans says researchers will "probably" find leukemia's cure in the next few years. With that money, families of sick children can stay near them, without sleeping on hospital benches or \$70-a-night hotel beds.

When Hill and Lane fell behind in selling tickets to the fashion bash, Tose raised \$80,000, selling them for \$1,000 a couple to his friends. Combined with a radiothon and a pass-the-hat affair that day at the stadium, they raised \$125,000.

"From that big function, it just snowballed," Hill says.

The snowball was so big by 1974 that Tose hired Hugh Ortman as the Eagles' special projects coordinator, a euphemism for charity director. Directing the Fly for Leukemia fund was Ortman's fulltime job for two years until he had it organized well enough to begin helping out in the ticket office. Now the Eagles' ticket manager, he says he spends "only" one-third of his time at the Vet on leukemia projects. Of course, that's not counting the many hours in his free time, such as when he and Murray jet all over the country, attending Children's Oncology Services Inc. meetings (Murray is president; Ortman a member of the board), opening Ronald McDonald Houses, spreading the word about how to open more, raising

money and hopes.

Tose underwrites all expenses, so every penny raised goes directly to the fund.

"I'd hate to guess how much Mr. Tose has spent," Ortman says. "But it's important, we think, that there are no administrative costs. Then people know their money's being well-spent. The IRS can't believe it. They say, 'Hey, you filled this out wrong.'"

The reporter introduces himself to Jim Murray and asks to talk with him at length about the leukemia fund sometime soon. He knows the GM is important and busy — this, after all, is playoff week — and is hoping Murray will acquiesce by late that week.

Murray considers his hectic schedule for half a second and says, "How about right now?" He talks passionately for more than half an hour. Then he spots Tose in the hallway, trots out and asks him if he could spare a minute for the reporter interested in the leukemia fund.

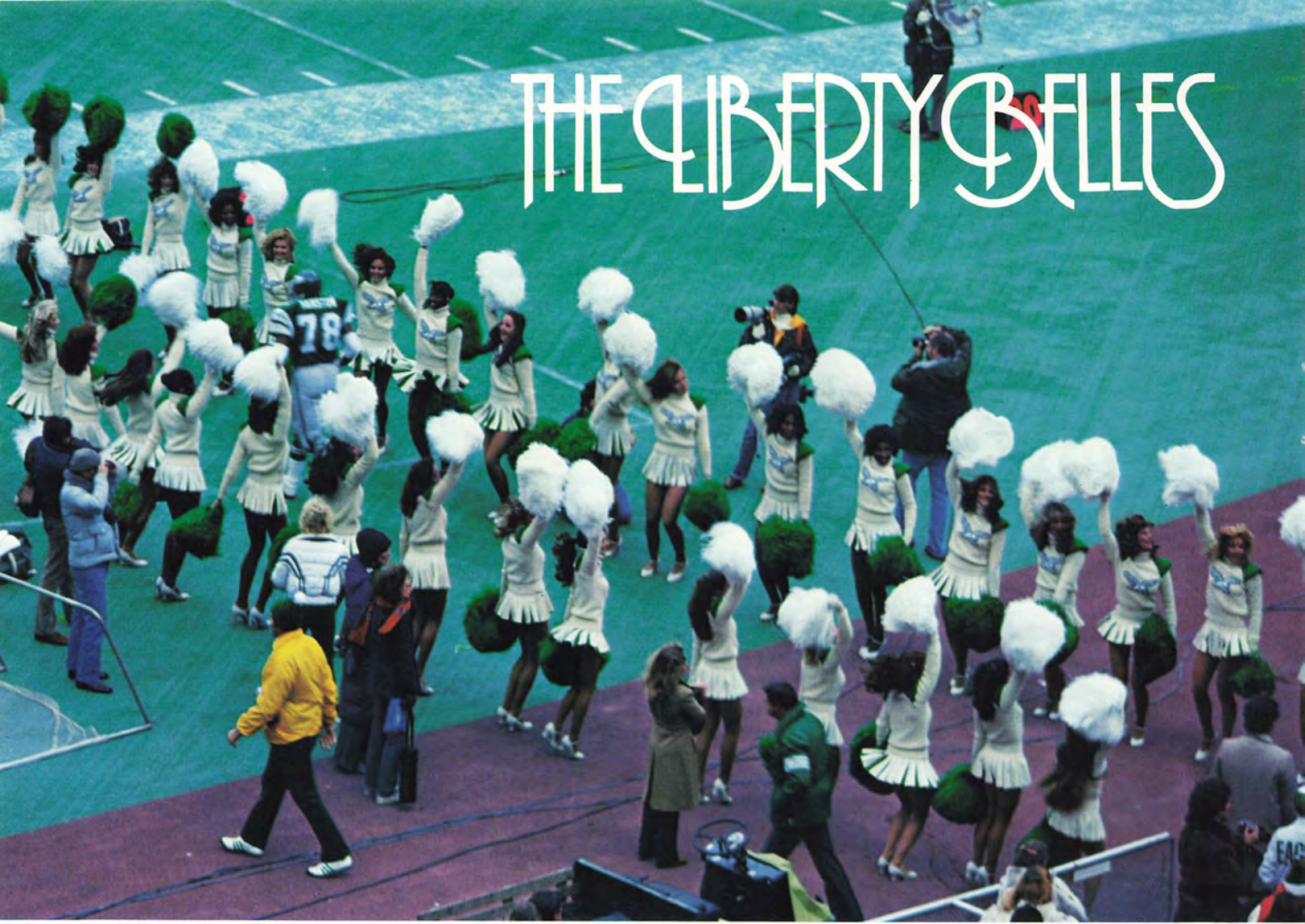
Tose smiles and enters the room. "One minute, 10 minutes, as long as he wants," he says, slipping into a stuffed chair. He fingers his Super Bowl ring, talks about how he and his dad built a single, beat-up truck into a multimillion-dollar empire, and says Eagles Fly for Leukemia is "absolutely" the highlight of his life.

"It's very special to see Kim (Hill) so fully recovered," he says. "It's damn rewarding. It puts some meaning into your own life when you see you can do some good for others."

"I've been told they're close to finding a cure," he says. "That would be a fantastic result, wouldn't it?"

It would, it would.

# THE LIBERTY BELLES



Hundreds of young ladies from throughout the Delaware Valley annually turn out for Liberty Belle tryouts at Veterans Stadium. Here, choreographer Sharon Sweeney, her assistant, Mary Lou Tamarro (seated at left), and director Patricia McDonald tabulate the votes of a celebrity panel of judges.

George Wasco

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Liberty Belle Ann Kilcollum helps collect donations for the Eagles Fly for Leukemia campaign during the annual collection at the Vet.



Although the Liberty Belles are most visible at Veterans Stadium, their many civic contributions do not go unnoticed. Here, Tammy Evernham and Peggy Kelley participate in a fund raiser with a student from the Elwyn Institute.

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Regular is lower octane, Premium is higher octane. Octane is a measure of a fuel's ability to resist knocking. The higher the number, the higher the anti-knock properties. If you hear knocking or pinging, try a higher octane or Premium gasoline. If your car was built after



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## 3 How to read octane numbers.

By law, the octane number is required

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