

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES



POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2025

QUARTERBACKS - Jalen Hurts was a #2 DC out of Alabama/Oklahoma in 2020 and we were not high on his selection. As a rookie he hit just 52% with a 6-4 ratio and 1061 yards. In 2021 he made strides throwing for 3402 (61%) with a 17-11 ratio. 2022 was his coming out party with 4280 pass yards (67%) and a super 25-6 ratio. In 2023 the Eagles were 10-1 and Hurts came back down to earth and finished throwing for 4108 yards (66%) but just a 24-15 ratio. He did have 610 (3.9) rush yards. Last year the interceptions were gone and while the Eagles threw less with Barkley at RB he had 3408 yards and took advantage of defenses having to defend the run and hit 69% with a solid 21-5 ratio and also had 752 rush (4.3). Tanner McKee (#6DC Stanford '23) hit 67% with a 4-0 ratio. They drafted Kyle McCord (#6DC Syracuse) and add Dorian Thompson-Robinson who is 1-4 as a starter with the Browns with a 1-10 ratio but could be used in the run game to take some pounding off of Hurts. It will be tough to match his efficiency from last year but Hurts has proven us wrong on his NFL capability.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2023 the Eagles had D'Andre Swift who rushed for 1083 (4.5) and Kenneth Gainwell (367, 4.2). Last year they spent big bucks to land Saquon Barkley and he was worth every penny. Had he not sat out the final he could have set the NFL rushing record and after the playoffs had rushed for a ridiculous 2447 yards and 6.0 ypc!! Barkley will have a remarkably tough time matching these numbers. They do add AJ Dillon to take some of the load. Dillon is 247 lbs and was a #2DC or Green Bay in '20 and was the #2 rusher there 3 straight years with 828 (4.3), 770 (4.1) and 613 (3.4) and he sat out last year with injury. Will Shipley (#4DC Clemson '24) had 146 (5.4) as a rookie. If Barkley stays healthy all year how do you not call this the top RB room in the NFL?

RECEIVERS - AJ Brown (#1DC '19 Ole Miss) had 1639 (16.2) in '22 and Devonta Smith (#1DC Alabama '21) had 1393 (12.7). In '23 Brown had 1456 (13.7) and Smith 1214 (13.6). Last year the Eagles ran the ball 56% of the time so their numbers were down as Brown led with 1199 (15.8) and Smith 954 (11.9) but also contributing to that was they each missed 4 games. They added Jahan Dotson (#1DC WASH '22 Penn St) in a trade last year but he had just 227 (11.4). TE Dallas Goedert (#2DC '18 South Dakota St) had 922 (14.9) in '21 and has been the #3 receiver the last 3 years with 684 (12.0) last year. TE Grant Calcaterra (#6DC '22 SMU) was #5 (302, 12.1). This year all five return and they add Terrace Marshall (#2DC CAR '21) who was with the Raiders last year and has a high of 490 (17.5) in '22 in his 4 year career. They

would like a #3 WR to emerge but regardless they have one of the NFL's top WR duo's in Brown and Smith.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having Saquon Barkley in the backfield helped but Philadelphia improved to 5.0 ypc rush last year. The Oline did allow 58 sacks (10.7%!) but 13 of those were in the extra 4 playoff games. This year they do lose Mekhi Becton (15 sts). Four starters return in stud RT Lane Johnson (#1DC Temple '13), LT Jordan Mailata (2nd team All-Pro), LG Landon Dickerson (#2DC '21 Alabama, 3 Pro Bowls) and C Cam Jurgens (#2DC Nebraska '22) who took over for the retired Jason Kelce. RG Tyler Steen (#3DC '23 Alabama) started two games last year and could take Becton's spot if they traded for Kenyon Green (#1DC Houston '22) who started 9 games for the Texans. They added depth in the draft with C Drew Kendall (#5DC BCol), T Myles Hinton (#6DC Michigan) and T Cameron Williams (#6DC Texas) so this remains one of the leagues best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This line gained fame in the Super Bowl mauling the KC front (6 sacks). This year they lose DT Milton Williams (7 sts, 5 sk) and DE Josh Sweat who led with 8 sacks. The return DT Jalen Carter (#1DC Georgia '23) and DE Nolan Smith Jr (#3DC Georgia '23) who had 6.5 sacks. Jordan Davis (#1DC '22 Georgia) and Jalyx Hunt (#3DC Houston Christian '24) could fill the openings plus they added two free agents in Joshua Uche (#2DC NENG '20) from the Chiefs and Azeez Ojulari (#2DC NYG Georgia '21) who had 6 sacks with the Giants last year.

LINEBACKERS - Zack Baun (#3DC NORL '20) was an amazing free agent pickup last year and led the team with 150 tackles earning a Pro Bowl berth. Nakobe Dean (#3DC '22 Georgia) was #2 tackler with 128 but tore his patella tendon in the playoffs and is questionable for the start of the year. Jeremiah Trotter (#5DC Clemson '24) got in one start as a rookie. They add in #1DC Jihad Campbell (Alabama) and Smael Mondon (#5DC Georgia) so this unit remains strong even if Dean misses some time.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Eagles were just #27 in our Pass Defense Rankings in 2023 and had two rookie starters last year but rose all the way up to #2 allowing a 28-19 ratio. CB Quinyon Mitchell (#1DC Toledo) was second in DROY voting. Nickel Cooper DeJean (#2DC Iowa) finished #4 in the voting for that award. S Reed Blankenship (UDFA '22 Middle Tenn) started 15 games. This year they do lose CB Darius Slay (14 sts) and S CJ Gardner-Johnson (16 sts, 6 int). They hope to hit another home run in the draft with #2DC Andrew Mukuba (Texas) and also drafted Mac McWilliams (#5DC UCF). CB Adoree Jackson (#1DC TENN '17) had 5 starts last year. CB Kelee Ringo (#4DC '23 Georgia), S Sydney Brown (#3DC Illinois '23) Lewis Cine (#1DC MINN Georgia) add depth. Losing two starters is tough and it will be tough to match last year's #2 ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Eagles have ranked just #28 and #25 in our Special teams rankings. K Jake Elliott was just 1-7 from 50+ last year so dropped to 28-36 on FG's but did hit 10-11 in the playoffs. P Brandon Mann avg 48.8. He had a net of 43.9 (#5) in '23 and 42.1 (#11) last year. Cooper DeJean is a solid punt returner and this unit should move up some in the STR this year.

COACH - Nick Sirianni was the Offensive Coordinator for Indianapolis in 2018-'20 and took over as head man here in 2021. He is an outstanding 48-20 in his four years

with two Super Bowl appearances and one Super Bowl title. He is 6-3 in the playoffs.

OFFENSE - The Eagles were #9 in the NFL in total offense in 2023 and added Saquon Barkley last year and were #8. Offensive Coordinator Kellen Moore left after the Super Bowl so the new OC is Kevin Patullo who has been the pass game coordinator for the Eagles since 2021 and is in his first year as an OC. It will be tough to duplicate last year's powerful rush attack but the Eagles are loaded on the Oline and at WR and have RB Barkley and remain one of the leagues top units.

DEFENSE - Vic Fangio was the DC for Carolina, Indy, Houston, San Fran and Chicago. He took over as Denver's head coach in 2019 and in 3 years was 19-30. He was out of football in 2022 was the Dolphins DC in 2023 (#11 D) and took over the Eagles defense last year and they were #1 allowing just 289 ypg and held foes to 57 ypg below their average which was also #1. They do lose some key pieces this year in LB Josh Sweat, CB Darius Slay, S CJ Gardner Johnson and DT Milton Williams but remain one of the leagues best.

OFFSEASON GRADE D+ - The Eagles lost the Super Bowl in 2022. They were #3 in total offense and #2 in total defense with +5 Close Wins. In '23 they were 10-1 then lost 5 of the last 6 and lost 32-9 in the playoffs. They were -1.8 ypg. The Eagles were -10 in TO's. Jalen Hurts had a 25-6 ratio in '22 and just 24-15 in '23. Last year they added in Saquon Barkley at RB and Hurts had a 21-5 ratio. With the #1 defense in the NFL and Barkley's 2447 rush yards they were +89 ypg (#2) and +11 in TO's and went 14-3 then won 4 playoff games including a blowout Super Bowl win. This year they lose over 4,000 defensive snaps from the defense and it will be tough for Barkley to match '24's remarkable numbers. The Vegas Total is 11.5. They will not match last years 14 wins and only one team has repeated as Super Bowl champ in the last 15 years.

2025 FORECAST - Doug Pederson finally got the Eagles over the hump for their first Super Bowl win in 2017. He had two of three winning years after that but just an overall record of 22-25-1 the next three years. Nick Sirianni took over in 2021 and took step. The first year he as 9-8 (+29 ypg) with a Wild Card Loss to Tom Brady and the Bucs 31-15. In 2022 the Eagles were 14-3 and +93 ypg which was good enough to rank #1 in our Average Game Grades. They got to the Super Bowl and led 24-14 at half but lost 38-35. In 2023 they opened 10-1 and looked dominant but lost 5 of the next 6 games for 11-6 and were booted out in the Wild Card round by Tampa Bay 32-9. They were -10 ypg on the season and just #20 in our AGG. Last year they returned to dominance going 14-3 with 1 & 3 point losses. Philly was +78 ypg and back to being #1 in our AGG. It showed in the playoffs as they crushed Washington in the NFC title game 55-23 and then vanquished the defending champ KC leading 24-0 at half with a 179-23 yard edge in a not as close as the final 40-22 win. They do lose 8 starters off the defense, benefitted from an amazing and not likely to be matched rushing season by Saquon and lose their OC plus face a much tougher schedule. In the last 15 years only one team has repeated as Super Bowl champs and four times the defending champ did not make the playoffs with five not getting to the Conference title game. The Eagles also take on a much tougher schedule this year but still have the talent to be a contender.