

Eagles Facts and Trivia: Puzzlers for the Bird-Brained

Second Edition

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Preface to the Second Edition

It has been over a decade since I wrote the first edition of this book, and it is time for a new one. Some questions and answers in the first edition became outdated as the history of the team has rolled along in its own quirky fashion. It is time to update our look at the local pro football team that has such a hold on us.

In the Preface to the first edition of *Eagles Facts and Trivia*, I noted the Eagles' disappointing overall record for their first 73 seasons. Now it's been 84 seasons, and the team still has an overall losing record. Despite attaining 23 winning seasons to just 14 losing ones since 1978, overall the Birds have posted 38 winning years, 41 losers and five at .500. They are still six or seven good seasons away from breaking even in their all-time record.

But Eagle fans are diehards and soldier on, knowing that next championship is coming, right? It's a new era with a new franchise quarterback in Carson Wentz. Jeff Lurie's owned the team for over 20 years, and he came in promising multiple Super Bowls. The Broad Street parade is just about to start, isn't it? In the original Preface, I cautioned, "Let's hope we don't have to wait 60 years to see the next championship." It's getting very close to 60 years since 1960, though.

And forget all that stuff I said about the magic of 60 in Eagle lore, explaining why there were 60 quizzes in that book. Chuck Bednarik, iconic number 60 in Eagle green, has passed on. For this edition, let's think Tra Thomas, number 72. (Please do not let your mind wander to Halapoulivaati Vaitai.) This new edition features the same overriding structure, but now with 72 quizzes. That's eight entirely new quizzes and four holdovers that have been split into two quizzes each. Essentially, 12 entirely new quizzes. Furthermore, each of the legacy quizzes has at least one new question so that with the 132 new questions for the dozen new quizzes there are roughly 200 new questions in the new edition. Dig in.

