

## **Sports in Philly: The Rundown**

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We all know about the Eagles, Sixers, Phillies, and the works. Our home teams this year have been doing pretty well so far, excluding the Phillies, sadly. In this article we will explain the stats, feats, and overall performance of the team throughout the year and since the Phillies didn't start their season yet, we will go through last year's stats. Merion sports fans, get ready to be mini experts!

### **The Eagles**

Fly, Eagles, fly! Our home football team is flying through the year really well. With a record of 15 wins and 3 losses we are the number one ranking in the eastern part of the U.S. We are also tied for first place in the entire NFL with two other teams. I don't know which teams the Eagles are tied with, but I do know they are tied with two other teams. During the 2017-2018 season we have been ranked number one for the whole time. We also secured a spot in the playoffs with 10 wins and 2 losses earlier in the season. Our leading quarterback Carson Wentz has a record of 33 touchdowns himself alone for this season. He sadly has a knee injury from a game with the rams where he tore his ACL and he is out for the rest of the year. But Nick Foles, the Eagles second quarterback, has proved himself with the big Vikings game for the NFC championship. We won 38-7. We have a chance to win the Super Bowl. We just have to get past the New England Patriots. A tough team. Be prepared for a battle of wills, with an exciting Super Bowl matchup with our home team!

### **The Sixers**

He shoots! He scores! The 76ers are having a pretty good season with 22 wins and 20 losses. We have star players like Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons. We are ranked number 7 in the eastern division and are hopefully going to make it into the playoffs. We did improve from last season, where we did not make it into the playoffs, losing our final game of last year to the New York Knicks by a single dunk. But this year we played the Knicks on Christmas Day, beating them and getting us another win. We won by five points on Christmas as opposed to two at the last few seconds.

## **The Phillies**

Now comes the bad news. The Phillies are doing plain *terrible*. In 2015 they only scored *ONE* rookie home run. That is the worst of any team out of the whole MLB. Last year we didn't make it in the playoffs as most years. Our full record of last year's season was 66 wins and 96 losses. An absolutely horrible record. We have a decent pitcher (at least for the Phillies): Aaron Nola. He got a few strikeouts and runs, but overall wasn't that good of a pitcher. But next year we can look forward to a whole new season. Anything can happen. The Phillies could come back!

That is the overall stats of the Philadelphia sports, doing a pretty decent job this year, and definitely improving. I think that they are getting close to a big success.