

Eye on Sports

Cliff Lee in Philly

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On July 29th, starting pitcher, Cliff Lee, was traded to the Philadelphia Phillies along with an outfielder, Ben Francisco, in exchange for a few young prospects. Cliff Lee, as many know, is the 2008 American League Cy Young award winner and almost every Phillies fans was pleased with the trade. The trade makes Lee the sixth Cy Young winner to be traded following the following season.

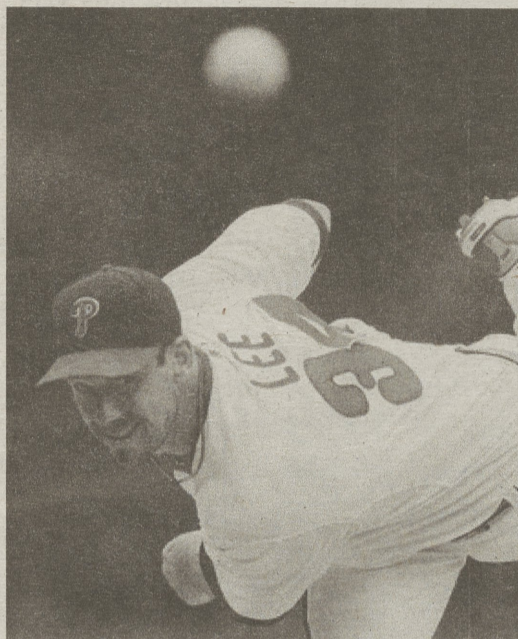


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Lee was impressive in his first start with the Phillies, for he pitched all nine innings and recorded his first win with the team by defeating the San Francisco Giants. Following the game, Lee had this to say about his first start, "The first few times with a new team, you're going to try to prove your worth, and prove who you are and what you do."

Lee pitched his first game at Citizen's Bank Park, on August 6th, and ran onto the field to a standing ovation

from the crowd. The left handed pitcher did not disappoint the

fans and pitched seven strong innings against the Colorado Rockies, striking out 9 batters and cruising to his second win with the team.

The success continued from there as Cliff Lee won his first five starts with the Phillies, while achieving an unprecedented 0.94 era over that span.

From there, Lee had a couple of rough starts and took two losses.

However, Lee seems to be back on track and is again pitching with authority. So far, Cliff Lee has been a great addition to the team and the Philadelphia Phillies will be looking for Cliff Lee to help them down the stretch of the season and to contribute in the playoffs.

This Week's Phillies Schedule:

- 9/23 Phillies @ Marlins 7:10
- 9/25 Phillies @ Brewers 8:05
- 9/27 Phillies @ Brewers 2:05
- 9/24 Phillies @ Brewers 8:05
- 9/26 Phillies @ Brewers 7:05
- 9/28 Phillies vs. Astros 7:05
- 9/29 Phillies vs. Astros 7:05
- 9/30 Phillies vs. Astros 7:05

Mike Vick in Philadelphia

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There were a lot of mixed feelings when the Philadelphia Eagles announced that they have signed Michael Vick on August 14, 2009. Many fans thought he would ruin the image and reputation of, not only the Eagles, but also the city of Philadelphia.

The acquisition was shocking to say the least and many fans, along with animal rights movements, protested to not have him on the team. Part of the deal was to have Michael Vick do numerous hours of activities in the community and share the horrific actions of dog fighting and how he is sorry for his actions. There was more to the signing than just playing football for Michael Vick. He had to change his lifestyle and share with others how deeply sorry he was for his actions.

Michael Vick was eligible to play in the third preseason game against the Jacksonville Jaguars. To some surprise, Eagles fans showed a lot of love and support for Michael Vick at Lincoln Financial Field and there were numerous number seven jerseys in the crowd. Michael Vick was inserted in the second play of the game to a standing ovation from the crowd. The Mike Vick "experiment" seemed to be a success after his preseason debut. Obviously, it will take time for Vick and the

team to develop chemistry together on the offense, but with all the weapons that the team has, the opposing defensive coordinator will have a hard time shutting the Eagles down. With two games completed, Mike Vick's suspension from the NFL Commissioner is over and he is now eligible to play for the Eagles against Kansas City on Sunday.

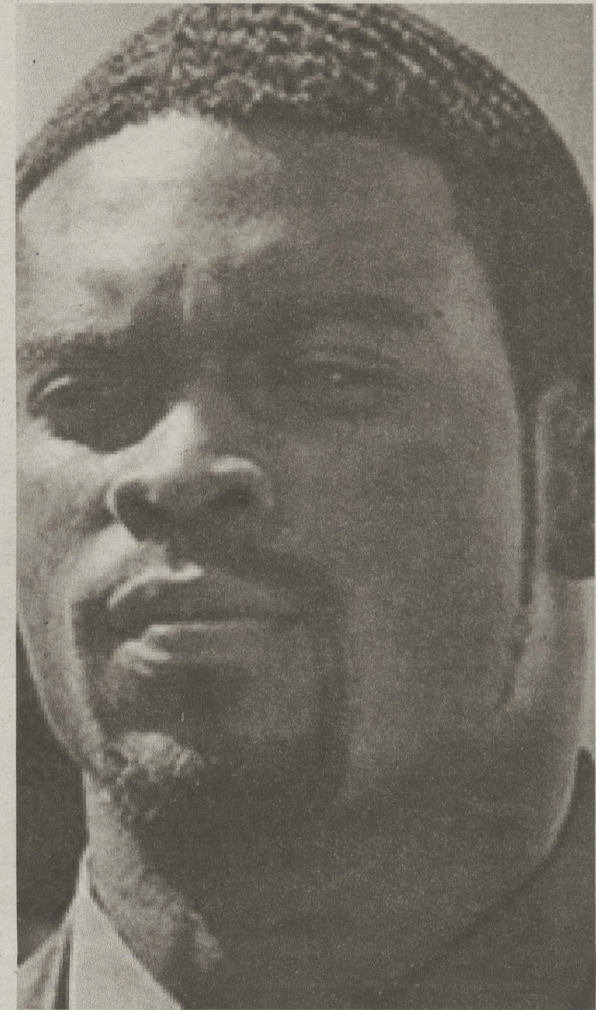


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Upcoming Eagles Schedule

- 9/27 Eagles vs. Kansas City
- 10/4 Eagles Bye Week
- 10/11 Eagles vs. Buccaneers

Philadelphia Flyers: Is this the Year?

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The Philadelphia Flyers had a disappointing finish to last year's promising season. After going to the Eastern Conference Finals the season before, the orange and black were dismissed from the NHL playoffs in just the first round. The organization, players and fans were all disappointed and knew that changes needed to be made. General Manager, Paul Holmgren, started with the acquisitions of defenseman, Chris Pronger and goaltender, Ray Emery. Now, heading into the 2009-2010 season, Flyers fans have much look forward to.

Chris Pronger was traded from Anaheim, where he led the Ducks to a Stanley Cup victory in 2007, for winger Joffrey Lupul, Luca Sbisa, and two first round draft picks. Pronger is a hardnosed defenseman that is capable of shutting down talented opposing forwards such as Alexander Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby. In 2000, Chris Pronger was awarded the Norris Trophy for being the NHL's best defensive player. Some speculate that the Flyers gave up too much for the aged Pronger, but as an elite player in the NHL, Anaheim was not going to give him away for nothing.

The Flyers have also signed controversial goaltender, Ray Emery, during the offseason to a one year deal. Emery was the Ottawa Senators' goaltender in 2005 and led the team to the Stanley Cup Finals in 2007. During the following season, Emery started showing up late for practice and having conflicts with teammates. Emery was released in the summer of 2008 and played

for a Russian hockey team last season. When Emery is focused on winning games, he can be an outstanding goaltender and the organization feels that he is worth the gamble.



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Heading into the season, the Philadelphia Flyers will also look for major production from forwards Danny Briere and

Claude Giroux. Briere was hurt most of last season with a reoccurring groin injury and had only 25 points in 29 games last year. Briere is looking to make up for lost time and help contribute to the team consistently once again. Twenty one year old, Claude Giroux, is looking forward to a complete season in the NHL. Last year, Giroux was called up from the Philadelphia Phantoms and played just 42 games for the orange and black last year. Giroux has excellent vision of the ice and is a very talented playmaker. Down the stretch, Giroux was one of our best players last year. Briere and Giroux are hoping to make up for the point production that was lost in the departures of Mike Knuble and Joffrey Lupul.

The Philadelphia Flyers have great depth in every position and also have the leadership and experience needed to be a successful team. A few weeks ago, The Hockey News chose the Philadelphia Flyers, led by captain Mike Richards and sniper Jeff Carter, to win the Stanley Cup this season. With the moves made over the off season, it is very possible that there could be a championship parade next spring. The Flyers start their season on October 2nd in Carolina.

Flyers Preseasons Schedule

- 9/24 Flyers vs. Devils 7:00
- 9/26 Flyers @ Devils 7:00
- 9/29 Flyers vs. Wild 7:00