

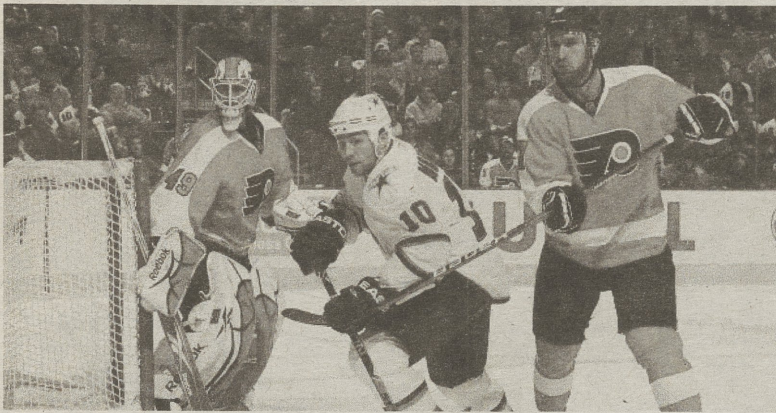
# Eye on Sports

## Slap Shots: Late Season Injuries Begin to Cripple Flyers

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If you thought things could not get any worse for the Flyers this season, back to back losses to the Atlanta Thrashers proved otherwise. Jeff Carter blocked a shot by Atlanta's Clarke MacArthur which, after an MRI, showed a fracture of the navicular bone. The bone is a non-weight-bearing bone near the arch area of the mid-foot at the

out 8 to 10 weeks), the Flyers call upon the next man on the depth chart, Brian Boucher. The Orange and Black are hoping that Brian Boucher will lead them deep into the playoffs, much like he did ten years ago. The Flyers feel optimistic that Boucher can deliver and he is excited to finally get his chance in net.



Michael Leighton and Jeff Carter are both injured for the rest of the season.

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ankle. The injury is expected to keep Carter out of the lineup for 3 to 4 weeks. The best case scenario is that Carter would be back for the start of the playoffs, assuming the struggling Flyers make it that far. Currently they are in sixth place in the Eastern Conference with 82 points.

Another huge concern for the Flyers is the goaltending situation. With the injuries to Ray Emery (left hip surgery) and most recently Michael Leighton (high ankle sprain

These injuries could not have come at a worse time for the Flyers leading scorer, Jeff Carter, and Michael Leighton, who was playing so well in net. The whole team needs to step up and play even better if they want to make the playoffs. With just a handful of games remaining, the team needs to pick up some valuable points in the standings in hopes of avoiding the Washington Capitals or the Pittsburgh Penguins in the first round.

## Eye on the Ball: All Those Tired of McNabb Direct Attention to the Diamond Please

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Attention all local and national media outlets: STOP REPORTING ON DONOVAN MCNABB'S POSSIBLE TRADE RUMORS! It is tiring to go online, open a magazine, or turn on the television and see the same headlines over and over. "McNabb may return next season", "new possible destination for McNabb", "Eagles will only take top 42 pick for McNabb." The Philadelphia Eagles organization has been in the same boat for the last two months. As a fan, I'm tired of hearing about the possible trade rumors. In all likelihood, McNabb will be moved between April 22-25 during the NFL draft. Until then, it is pointless to continuously speculate as to what could happen. It is tiring to us, the fans, to consistently hear the same news over and over. Obviously the franchise refuses to move Kolb and sees him as the quarterback of the future. (Based on rumors the rest of the league seems to agree) Why keep meandering on about McNabb then? To what purpose does this serve? NONE. The city is tired of McNabb, this much is blatantly obvious.

Why not then focus on another local team, the Philadelphia Phillies. They are heading into the season next week looking like a lock to return to the World Series. Top to bottom no team in the league can match up with them. The pitching staff lost Cliff Lee, but added Roy Halladay. So we move from a top tier pitcher to quite possibly the best pitcher in either league, one who dominated the Yankees over the last few years. The lineup added Placido Polanco, an

## Tiger Woods: The Watch Continues

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The soap opera that has become Tiger Wood's life and career continues to turn heads and dominate sports headlines. The latest chapter in this human drama story is Tiger's first public interviews since the car crash that set off a chain of events that has shattered the life and image of the golfing phenomenon. The interviews were granted by Tiger to ESPN and the Golf channel but on Tiger's terms. He would only speak for 5 minutes, would give the interview standing up and would not give answers to all questions he deemed were personal.

"A lot has transpired in my life. A lot of ugly things have happened... I've done some pretty bad things in my life." This was Tiger's response to an ESPN question regarding the difference in the

man Tiger was before and after his fall from grace. "I had gotten away from my core values. I'd gotten away from my Buddhism. And I quit meditating," spoke Tiger. "I quit doing all the things that my mom and dad had taught me." Tiger continued, "I felt entitled, and that is not how I was raised." This self reflection followed a 45 day inpatient treatment in a sex addiction clinic and continued outpatient treatment and therapy. As part of the treatment, Tiger would have to face some of his toughest competition of his career. Sitting down and telling his wife Elin and his mother his transgressions. When asked about Elin's reaction to Tiger's belated honesty, Tiger responded, "She was hurt, she was hurt ... very hurt. Shocked, angry and she had every right to be and I'm as disappointed as everyone else in my own behavior because I can't believe I actually did that to the people I loved"

Tiger delivered his responses calmly and directly but did not shed light on all matters. When pressed on what exactly transpired on the morning of Black Friday last year, Tiger said that the matter is private but referenced the police report as details on what exactly transpired.

The police report shows that Tiger, in the early morning hours that Friday, drove his car over a grassy median, over a curb into a row of hedges, back through the street and over another curb before hitting a fire hydrant and finally coming to a rest at a tree. ESPN's Tom Rinaldi pressed Tiger on what caused him to drive so erratically but Tiger again sidestepped a question by simply stating, "As I said... that's between Elin and myself."

When asked why

issue a public apology for this private matter, Tiger responded by stating "Well, I owe a lot of people an apology. I hurt a lot of people. Not just my wife. My friends, my colleagues, the public, kids who looked up to me. There were a lot of people that thought I was a different person and my actions were not according to that. That's why I had to apologize. I was so sorry for what I had done."

Tiger is now preparing for his comeback to golf and his first tournament in months. First up: the Masters which begin play on April 8th. "I'm a little nervous about that to be honest with you," stated Tiger when asked about the fans expected response to him back on the green. "It would be nice to hear a couple claps here and there ... but also hope they clap for birdies too." Tiger will continue to undergo treatment and is still seeking forgiveness both professionally and personally for his transgressions.

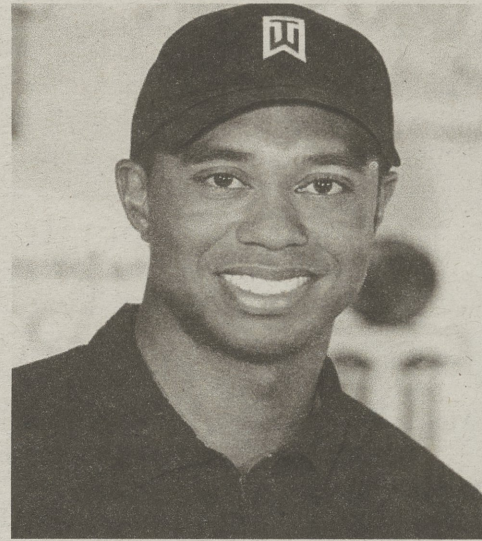


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upgrade at 3rd base over Pedro Feliz and a true number two hitter to hit behind Jimmy Rollins. Running through the field you have Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, and Placido Polanco in the infield, all four of whom have been All-Stars at some point in their careers. In the outfield you have Jayson Werth, Raul Ibanez, and speedster Shane Victorino. Werth is widely regarded as being on the upside of his career and the entire outfield appeared in the All-Star game last year. And behind the plate sits Carlos Ruiz, a dependable catcher who can call a good game and was Mr. Clutch in the postseason last year. This team is a championship contender, one that I can look at every night and be proud to watch. They will win the majority of their games, and the only teams that can even contend with them, the Dodgers, Cubs, and Cardinals, all have major problems. The Dodgers lack pitching depth and leadership. The Cubs are headcases and (if you believe this sort of thing) cursed. The Cardinals are the most serious threat, but lack the player by player talent the Phillies have obtained over the years. When comparing the Phillies to the rest of the NL, and even the American League, they compare favorably with every single team, including the Yankees and Red Sox, everyone's favorites every year. So in the wake of yet another McNabb report, remember Phillies fans, the start of another championship season is right around the corner.