

Eye on Sports

The Four Horsemen

Phillies Welcome Back Lee, Form Intimidating Rotation

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Back in the glory days of professional wrestling (mid to late 80s), no group was as dominate, more acclaimed, and feared as the Four Horsemen: Ric Flair, Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard and Ole Anderson. Separated, they packed a punch. Together, they ran roughshod over all opponents and claimed "that no one has seen such damage caused by four men since the four horsemen of the apocalypse." By bringing back Lee, the Phillies have formed their own Four Horsemen.

Let us take a look at the Horsemen...

Roy Halladay



Career record: 169-86 (ranked 4th in wins among active pitchers)

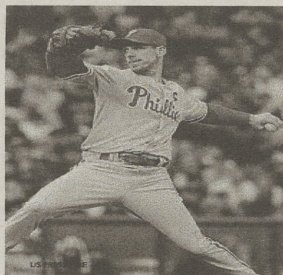
Career Strikeouts: 1714 (ranked 10th among active pitchers)

Career ERA: 3.32 (ranked 6th among active pitchers)

2010 Record: 21-10

Career Highlights: NL Cy Young Award winner, AL Cy Young Award winner, Perfect game, No-Hitter in postseason, 7x All-Star.

Cliff Lee



Career record: 102-61 (ranked 33rd in wins among active pitchers)

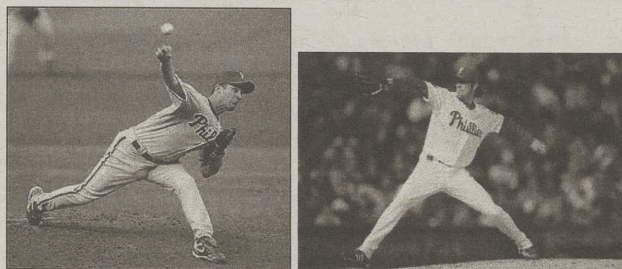
Career Strikeouts: 1085 (ranked 47th among active pitchers)

Career ERA: 3.85 (ranked 20th among active pitchers)

2010 Record: 12-9

Career Highlights: AL Cy Young Award winner, 2x All-Star

Roy Oswalt



Career record: 150-83 (ranked 11th in wins among active pitchers)

Career Strikeouts: 1666 (ranked 11th among active pitchers)

Career ERA: 3.18 (ranked 4th among active pitchers)

2010 Record: 13-13

Career Highlights: NLCS MVP, 3x All-Star

Cole Hamels

Career record: 60-45

Career Strikeouts: 897 (ranked 66th among active pitchers)

Career ERA: 3.53

2010 Record: 12-11

Career Highlights: World Series MVP, NLCS MVP, All-Star

"To bring that kind of pitching to a team that for the most part has been known for its offense, that's pretty special," spoke Roy Halladay. "Sometimes you have one or the other, but not really both. And not to the extent that we do. It's definitely exciting. And now is the time to be excited about it. Once Spring Training comes, I think it's time to bear down on business."

With pitchers and catchers reporting to spring training in just a couple of weeks, it just may be time to start picturing the parade down Broad St. once again.