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Phillies Look to Make Most out of What They Have

Sports

The 2015 Phillies' year is not looking too promising. They are projected to lose over 100 games (out of 162) and to be the worst team in baseball.

This would be only the third time in the franchise that they would lose 100 games and would go down in the record books as one of the worst teams ever. Yes



that's right, ever!

This is a rebuilding year for the Phillies in the sense that they have the youngest roster in baseball and are looking to trade some of

their older players to get good prospects.

The starting lineup for opening day will be:

1. Ben Revere, Leftfield.
2. Odubel Herrera, Centerfield.
3. Chase Utley, Second Base.
4. Ryan Howard, First Base.
5. Carlos Ruiz, Catcher.
6. Grady Sizemore, Rightfield.
7. Cody Asche, Third Base.
8. Freddy Galvis, Shortstop.
9. Cole Hamels, Starting Pitcher.

This year's opening day line-up is like none other. Fans are not really excited for this year as they would have been in year's past.

"Yeah, I'm not expecting much out of them this year," senior Matt Hook said.

The Phillies will look to make the best out of their season with the line-up that they have. A majority of their players have never played in a Major League game yet.

The Phillies will open up their season against the Boston Red Sox at home in Citizen Bank Park. Despite the grim outlook, some fans are still optimistic.

By Zach Koenig

Matt Masenheimer and Haley Schappell Named April's Students of the Month

Profile



April's students of the month are seniors Matt Masenheimer and Haley Schappell.

After Matt Masenheimer graduates, he plans to attend Temple University for music education. In his free time, he enjoys hanging out with his friends and penny boarding when the weather is nice.

In school, Masenheimer is involved in all of Fleetwood's musical groups, including band, orchestra, chorus, and the high school musical. He plays the saxophone, bass, guitar, and piano. He has also been a member of District 10 and Region V Chorus.

Schappell plans to attend Rowan

University to major in Biomedical engineering. She is planning to earn a Bachelor's degree.

"I eventually hope to design robotic prosthetics or work on designing new medical technology," Schappell says.

Schappell played soccer all four years of her high school career and plans to continue playing sports in college.

"Out of all the subjects in school, I'd have to say my favorite is Chemistry, but I do love all of my science classes," Schappell said.

By Katie Lochman

Berks Jazz Fest Celebrates 25 Years

Entertainment/Art

The annual Berks Jazz Fest is presented by The Berks Arts Council, located in Reading, PA. Their mission is to cultivate, promote, and support the arts in the community. This year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Berks Jazz Fest.

The Jazz Fest takes place from 10 April to 19 April. This includes Jazz, bebop,

blues, funk, fusion, and gospel. There are fifty majorly ticketed concerts and over 125 musical performances.

The Crowne Plaza in Wyomissing is another hot spot for the Jazz Fest. They have an opening night party every year, and this year it featured saxophonist,

Boney James.

Other big headliners include Fourplay, Will Downing, the Billy Cobham Spectrum 40 Band, Kirk Whalum, Yolanda Adams, Dianne Reeves, and Soul of Jazz. Berks Jazz is powered by more than 450 volunteers.

To celebrate the anniversary, a special book has been created. Berks Jazz Fest: Celebrating 25 Years combines photos and memories of the artists who have made the festival an unforgettable time.

"I have never been to Berks Jazz Fest, but I heard it's a lot of fun," sophomore Katie Walbert said.

"My dad used to do security for them every year. He told me that it sounded like an enjoyable music fest and the people really got into the jazz music," Brandywine sophomore Ciara Diehl said.

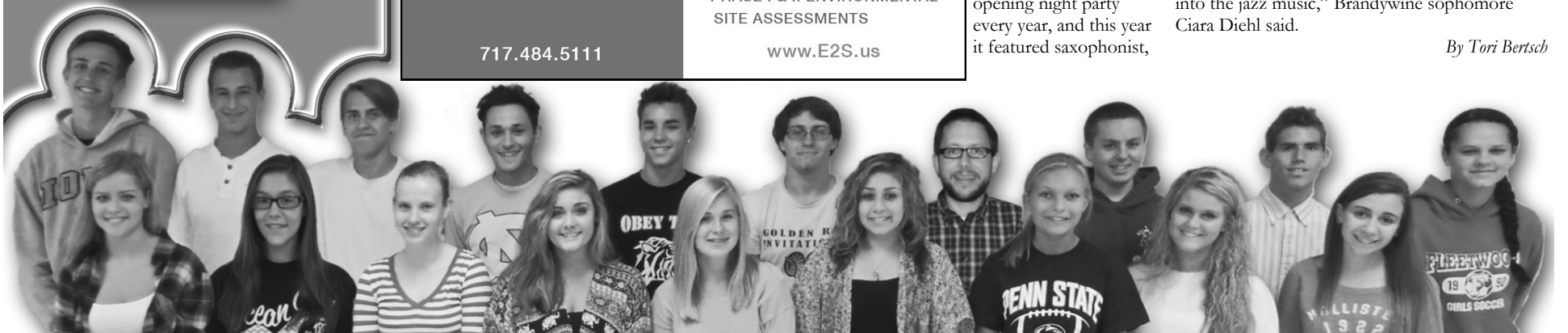
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Tsarnaev Found Guilty on All Counts

Cops & Courts

Dzokhar Tsarnaev was convicted for the 2013 bombing of the Boston marathon. A federal judge found him guilty on Wednesday, 8 April, 2015, for the terrorist attack that killed three people and wounded nearly 260.

Tsarnaev, who is only twenty-one years old, is guilty on nearly thirty verdicts, seventeen of which have the possibility of the death penalty. The counts were:

- 15 counts of use of firearm during a crime of violence. Guilty on all counts.
- 10 counts of bombing or mass weapon destruction. Guilty on all counts.
- 3 counts of malicious destruction of property. Guilty on all counts.

- 1 count of carjacking resulting in serious bodily injury. Guilty on all counts.
- 1 interference with commerce. Guilty on all counts.

"I'm glad that one of them was finally convicted," said senior Matt Hook. Tsarnaev will be facing the death penalty. His older brother, who spearheaded the act, was shot during an altercation with police officers after the bombing.

Tsarnaev will go before a judge soon to see if he will be sentenced to death. He will either be sentenced to death or spend the rest of his life in prison.

"I'm glad the legal system got it right on this one," senior Mitch Kinek said.

By Zach Koenig

Fleetwood Baseball Expects a Strong Season

Sports

The Tigers are expected to place second under Berks Catholic in their division and place in playoffs. With their senior ace pitcher graduating last year, Clay Weidemoyer, among other senior pitchers, the underclassman are going to need to play a bigger role on the team.

"I'm looking forward to coming back from college and watching my old team play baseball. I can't wait to see the type of team they will have this year. A great group of guys are leading that team, and hopefully they lead them to the right things this year," former student and pitcher Clay Weidemoyer said.

Frankie Talarico, Zach Koenig, and Jared Adam joined the Tigers for their senior year. Jared Adam has returned from a shoulder injury. These three seniors, along with the freshmen, will be a nice addition to the Tigers and may help them find their way to another County Championship.

"I'm excited to play at least one year of high school baseball with my older brother Ty. I know I'm a freshman, but out on the field, that doesn't matter. We all need to come together and focus on the positive this season, and take on one game at a time," freshman Luke Emge said.

Tyler Emge, Jared Adam, and Jake Wapinsky are the team captains this year. Tyler was also a team captain last year along with Clay Weidemoyer. They were great team leaders and Tyler will bring that great leadership over to this season along with his fellow team captains, Jared and Jake.

The pitchers this year are Ryan Scepanisky, Jake Wapinsky, Zach Koenig, Frankie Talarico, Ryan Miller, Bryce Hawkins, and Ryan Raudenbush. The Tigers should be pretty decent with the pitching they have this year.

They also have an unstoppable outfield. In right field, there is Frankie Talarico and Zack Koenig (when they're not on the mound), Tyler Emge at center, and Jake Wapinsky at left (when he's also not on the mound).

The infield seems to be pretty solid too. At third base is Ryan Miller, shortstop Edgar Cruz, second base Aaron Dewald, and first base Duncan Cahalan. The team's main catcher, who is back from an injury last year, is Jared Adam.

The Tigers sound like they should have a pretty successful season ahead.

By Kayla Daniels

Meet Freshman Soccer Star Brandi Mahedy

Profile

Brandi Mahedy is a freshman at Fleetwood Area High School. She is fifteen-years-old and was born on 12 November 1999. She also has a stepbrother.

She loves sports more than anything. Mahedy has surfed for three years, and she also used to play basketball. However, her favorite sport in which to participate is soccer.

During her free time, she likes to practice the sport whenever she can. Mahedy will play the game of soccer any chance she can get. She is on three different teams, and she has also played soccer at beach blast.

After high school, Brandi would like to go to college to become an ultrasound technician. She also hopes to play soccer in college. It is very important to Brandi that she always stays active, so she really enjoys adrenaline-fueled activities.

Mahedy's father played soccer for years when he was growing up, which really inspired Mahedy to play and make her dad proud.

"I love playing soccer, and I couldn't see myself enjoying any other sport as much as I do soccer," Mahedy said.



By Brooke Schaeffer

PRIDE Party to Be Thrown for Winning Class

School

This year in the high school, the PRIDE program was introduced. P stands for "Prepared," R stands for "Respect," I is for "Integrity," D is for "Decision-making," and E means "Excel."

Throughout the school year, there are PRIDE days with a bunch of different team-building activities. In addition to those activities, there are different types of activities that are done those days. All of these different activities tie into the five values of PRIDE and are very useful in everyday life.

"I like the idea of the PRIDE days. I think it was a good idea, especially since I heard they are doing this already in the middle school. With me being a senior, it kind of stinks since I only got to experience it one year, but hopefully they continue it so

the younger kids understand it better," senior Dana Snyder said.

Now that the end of the year is right around the corner, there will be a PRIDE party. The class that can attend this party will be the class with the highest amount of points. This includes Tiger Cash and the points that can be earned during the pep rallies. Whichever class has the most points at the end of it all, will be invited to listen to some music and eat some delicious pizza. The class rankings as of 10 April 10th were as follows:

- 1st place: 11th grade – 828 points.
- 2nd place: 12th grade – 741 points.
- 3rd place: 10th grade – 662 points.
- 4th place: 9th grade – 624.

Former Patriot Aaron Hernandez Convicted Of Murder

Sports

Aaron Hernandez, the former New England Patriots tight end, is now a convicted murderer.

Hernandez was sentenced to life in prison last week for the murder of Odin Lloyd, a twenty-seven-year old landscaper and amateur football player.

Hernandez was with Odin Lloyd the night he died along with two other men. Surveillance videos show that Hernandez was also carrying a gun the night of the murder.

According to GPS locations from his car, he was at the dump site of Odin Lloyd's body. Witnesses inside the car say that Hernandez shot and killed Lloyd inside the car for gang-related purposes, then proceeded to dump the body at a remote location.

Hernandez is also still awaiting trial on murder charges on a separate drive-by

shooting incident of two men over a spilled drink in a night club.

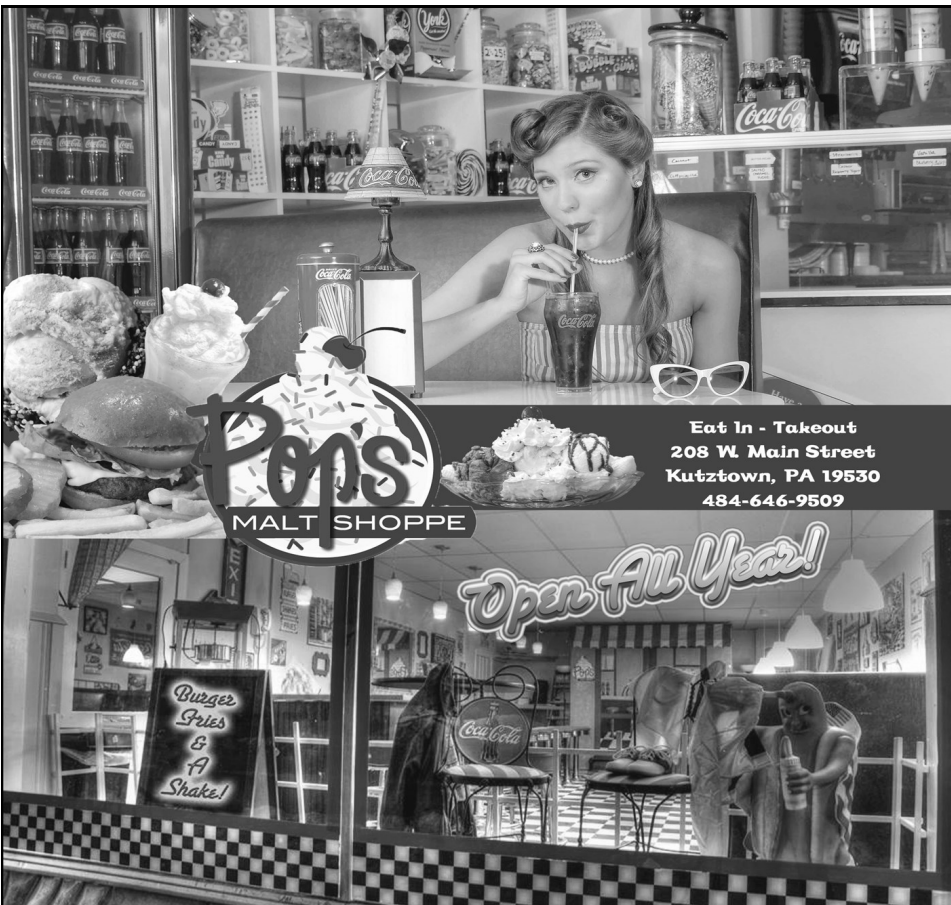
"I think it's crazy that you can go from an NFL star to a convicted murderer," senior Matt Hook said.

Before his arrest in June 2013, Hernandez was one of the NFL's brightest stars. He and Rob Gronkowski were named the NFL's best receiving duo that year.

Over his three year career, Hernandez caught 175 passes, 18 touchdowns, and became a steady target for future Hall Of Fame Quarterback, Tom Brady.

Hernandez was also put on suicide watch from the Massachusetts State Prison, where he is currently being held.

By Zach Koenig



2015 Prom Fashion Previewed

Fashion

Prom 2015 is just around the corner. There are a lot of designers out there to help girls look like a princess.

Blush prom dresses and evening gowns are designed for the woman looking to show off her own unique style.

Sensational designer dresses are typical for winter formals, holiday celebrations, and especially prom. Halter mini dresses and sleek strapless prom gowns in subtle shades of gray or blue or bold beautiful prints are in this year.

With 39 years of experience designing prom dresses, Alyce Paris designs formal dresses for women all over the world and has received several prom dress design awards including 20 DEBI awards, a Chicago Prom Dress Designer of the Year Award, and many other prom dress designer awards.

In a Jovani prom dress or classic evening gown, a woman is ready for the red carpet. When you buy Jovani, you are purchasing a prom dress created by a leading designer of celebrity-styled prom dresses. In the Jovani prom collection, you will find short prom dresses, elegant long evening gowns, and glamorous strapless dresses for any special occasion.

After winning the trend-setting Prom Dresses of the Year award, La Femme prom dresses are not just designed with teenagers in mind. From elegant

evening gowns and short prom dresses to sweet homecoming dresses and vintage dresses, La Femme features all different colors and unique designs. La Femme is one of the leading prom dress designers that is both chic and in style with the hottest trends.

Masquerade prom gowns and party dresses have something for every special occasion and budget. They feature stunning, long strapless prom dresses featuring trendy illusion designs and short lace dresses in dance-ready styles for your homecoming, graduation, prom, or sweet sixteen. For full-on glamor, check out Masquerade's classic strapless ball gowns or ultra-feminine long mermaid dresses. These gowns with open backs and halter-top prom dresses are available in color choices that are on trend and just right for you.

L.A. Glo dresses are perfect for any party or special occasion. L.A. Glo produces short prom dresses and special occasion dresses that are glamorous. Strapless homecoming dresses and dresses for wedding guests with amazing designs are sure to get you noticed. These sensational dresses have shimmering fabrics, sparkling beadwork, and flattering designs that will make you feel as great as you look.

By Olivia Fenstermacher

German Exchange Student Ninja Lehman Visits Fleetwood

Profile

Ninja Lehman was a German exchange student from Hessen, a town in Germany. She stayed with sophomore Alexa Wagner for a month. They visited Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and New York during her stay.

"Alexa has been fun to stay with," Lehman said.

She enjoyed her stay in America very much, but she does miss her friends a lot.

The time difference is six hours ahead in Germany, but she didn't have a hard time trying to adapt to the change.

Her favorite color is blue. She enjoys playing soccer, listening to music, going outside, going to the cinema, and eating her favorite food (strawberries). Her favorite German food is called currywurst. It is sausage with curry ketchup on it, and it is served with fries. Lehman is an only child and felt homesick, but Alexa is making her feel at home.

Lehman's favorite subject in school is Physical Education. The school's hours, and the schools in general, are very different in Germany. For example, the kids stay in

one room all day, and the teachers change. They stay with the same kids all year. Her bus comes at 6:30 a.m. Monday through

Friday, and it takes her one hour to get to school on her bus. On Mondays and Thursdays she goes to school until 5:00 p.m. Fridays, she goes to school until 3:30, and the rest of the week she goes to school until 1:10 p.m. On Thursday, she has two gym classes. In Germany, they do not have baseball or softball. In school, she takes English and French, but she is

more fluent in English.

The main difference between Germany and America is the grocery stores. Lehman was very surprised by how much bigger they are here. She also realized that the names here are also much different than in Germany.

Lehman is very thankful that she was able to experience this trip to America.

By Alyssa Brandt



Puck Drops on Tax Day

Sports

The NHL Playoffs are finally underway. The Playoffs started on 15 April. After an entire season of giving it everything they had, the teams that made the playoffs are playing for a chance to win the Stanley Cup.

"This is easily my favorite time of the year. I love playoff Hockey," senior Ryan Gantz said.

Only sixteen teams are lucky enough to make it: eight teams from the Western Conference and eight teams from the Eastern Conference.

"There's nothing like playoff Hockey. The intensity level is unreal, and you're on the edge of your seat the entire time," Gantz said.

The teams from the Western Conference that have made the 2015 Stanley Cup playoff race are the St. Louis Blues, Minnesota Wild, Nashville Predators, Chicago Blackhawks, Anaheim Ducks, Winnipeg Jets, Calgary Flames, and the Vancouver

Canucks.

"The west is probably the hardest conference to be in with so many good players, and every year they have a lot of the best teams in the league," senior Mike Osenbach said.

The Eastern Conference includes the Montreal Canadiens, Ottawa Senators, Tampa Bay Lightning, Detroit Red Wings, New York Rangers, Pittsburgh Penguins, Washington Capitals, and New York Islanders.

"Being a Red Wings fan, I'm obviously looking for the Wings to make a big run at the cup, but the Lightning are a good team so they'll definitely have their hands full," Osenbach said.

The first game of the 2015 Stanley Cup playoffs was on 15 April in Montreal between the Canadiens and the Senators.

By Frankie Talarico

Brush Up on Your 2015 Hairstyle Trends

Fashion

There are a lot of new trending hairstyles in this year's 2015 collection. The popular hairstyles of both men and women change frequently, especially from lighter colors to darker depending on the season.

According to Bazaar, Boho Waves are very popular. This is more of a Bohemian style. They are waves, mainly for long-haired women with loose curls that can be parted either down the middle or off to one of the sides.

Another style from Bazaar is long tails. It is a sleeked-back ponytail to give off a professional and classic look. It can go with any style, especially with a scarf. From a pony, people wear a style called "Gills," which is a ponytail with individual bands around the hair hanging off the head. This style is worn by a variety of stars and models, from Stella McCartney to Guy Laroche.

A huge trend that everyone is wearing is braids. Most common is the French braid. Some girls have two braids that go to the sides of their heads. This is a

good style because of the hot weather coming up. It can match with many different styles. Another style of braid is the fishtail braid. Although it is difficult to do, it looks impressive after it is finished. People normally wear the braids loose to give it more of a laid back effect rather than having it tight, which can cause a headache.

Another popular style is a bun. Girls wear buns on top of their head, to the side, or even two buns. Like a braid, they keep the hair out of your face, which gives it more of a professional look. Girls can also use sock buns or even a notched bun. If you want more of a messy look to your bun, you can twist your hair into a ball and wrap a ponytail to keep it in place.

Women usually like to have their hair with more of a lighter color because of the sun in the summer. Toward the winter, with the colder weather they tend to have more of a darker effect to their hair.

By Emily Moyer

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Teen Drinking Presents an Excess of Dangers

Health/ Medicine

Each year, approximately 5,000 young people under the age of twenty-one die as a result of underage drinking. This includes about 1,900 deaths from car crashes, 1,600 as a result of homicides, 300 from suicide, as well as hundreds from other injuries such as falls, burns, and drowning. Many minors are suffering the consequences of drinking too much, at too young of an age.

As an outcome, underage drinking is leading to many health problems in this world. In 2003, the usual age for a person's first use of alcohol was about 14, which changed from 1965, when the age was 17. Whatever it is that leads adolescents to begin drinking, once they start, they face a number of potential health risks.

Studies show that young people who drink heavily may put themselves at risk for a range of possible health problems.

Biological and physiological changes that occur during adolescence may promote risk-taking behavior, leading to early experimentation with alcohol. This behavior then forms the child's environment, as he or she chooses friends and situations that support further drinking.

Continued drinking may lead to physiological reactions, such as depression or anxiety disorders, causing even greater alcohol use or addiction.

Perhaps the best way to understand and prevent underage alcohol use is to view drinking as it relates to development. Today, alcohol is widely available and aggressively promoted throughout society. Unfortunately, alcohol use continues to be regarded by many people as a normal part of growing up.

Underage drinking is dangerous, not only for the drinker but also for society, as evidenced by the number of alcohol-involved motor vehicle crashes, homicides, suicides, and other injuries. People who begin drinking early in life run the risk of developing serious alcohol problems, including alcoholism, later in life.

They also are at a greater risk for a variety of adverse consequences, including risky sexual activity and poor performance in school, not to mention just making poor choices in general. Identifying adolescents at a greater risk can help stop problems before they develop.

By Brooke Schaeffer

Summer Means More Kebabs

How-To

Summer is right around the corner, and many people are excited to start eating their favorite foods.

There are many summer recipes out there, but everyone should try these chicken kebabs.

- Ingredients:
- 1 cup plain whole milk Greek yogurt
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 2 teaspoons paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon cumin
 - 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
 - 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 5 garlic cloves, minced
 - 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts
 - 1 large red onion, cut into wedges
 - Vegetable oil, for greasing the grill

1. In a medium bowl, combine the yogurt, olive oil, paprika, cumin, red pepper flakes, lemon juice, pepper, and garlic.

- 2. Add the chicken onto metal skewers, also adding pieces of red onions. Be sure not to cram the skewers.
- 3. Place the kebabs on a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil.
- 4. Spoon or brush the marinade all over the meat and coat them well.
- 5. Cover and refrigerate at least eight hours or overnight.
- 6. Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. To grease the grill, lightly dip a wad of paper towels in vegetable oil and use the tongs to carefully rub over the grates several times until coated.
- 7. Grill the chicken kebabs until golden brown and cooked through.
- 8. Turn the skewers occasionally, every 10 to 15 minutes.
- 9. Transfer the skewers to a platter and serve.

By Katie Lochman

Eagles Acquire Wide Receiver Miles Austin

Sports

The Philadelphia Eagles are still acquiring players this offseason. They recently acquired Wide Receiver Miles Austin from the Cleveland Browns. Austin spent his previous eight seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, the Eagles' division rival.

"The Eagles have been making a lot of moves this offseason. We lost Maclin so we needed to pick up another guy," senior Mike Osenbach said.

Miles Austin played his most recent season with the Cleveland Browns, who struggled last season and faced a few challenges with the Quarterback position. He posted below average stats last season

while only scoring two touchdowns. "He can definitely play. I think him being in Cleveland last year definitely hurt him a little bit from a statistical standpoint due to their ongoing QB controversy," Osenbach said.


Miles Austin stands at 6'2" with a body weight of 215lbs. Although he is 30 years of age, he is a perfect fit body-wise for Chip Kelly's needs at the receiver position.

"Miles Austin is a solid receiver. He might not be a top guy--and most likely won't be the Eagles number one guy--but he will definitely be a big help in trying to solidify their receiving core," senior Tyler Emge

said. With the acquisition of Miles Austin, the Eagles will have some much needed help in their wide receiving core. With the departure of their former number one receiver, Jeremy Maclin, the Eagles will most likely look for help in second-year player, Jordan Matthews, who looks to be very promising.

"I'm very interested to see how the Eagles make out this season with all of their offseason changes," Emge said.

By Frankie Talarico



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What is your favorite food?



Junior Miah Maldonado said, "I would definitely say tacos from Taco Bell."



Junior Tyler Strunk said, "Pizza."



Senior Austin Hottenstein said, "Bacon is my favorite."



Sophomore Matt Roberts said, "Hot wings."



Junior Reilly Smith said, "I like cereal."

By Brooke Schaeffer

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