

# Cunningham ravages Chicago's defense

## Eagles defeat Bears 30-22 at Veterans Stadium

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It was vintage Randall at the Vet, and the Philadelphia Eagles needed all of it.

Randall Cunningham picked apart Chicago's defense Monday night, passing for 311 yards and three touchdowns as Philadelphia opened a 30-point lead and held on to beat the Chicago Bears 30-22.

Cunningham threw for 250 yards in the opening half, with two touchdown passes to Calvin Williams and one to Maurice Johnson.

And he never cooled off. Cunningham finished 24-of-36 in his 11th career 300-yard passing effort and the first time he has done it in successive games; he had 344 yards in a loss to the New York Giants last week.

Cunningham wasn't the only star on a night when the Eagles did little wrong until the fourth quarter before a raucous crowd of 64,890 at Veterans Stadium. Williams had all six of his receptions in the first half for 85 yards, and Fred Barnett added eight catches for 102 yards.

The defense, meanwhile, shackled the Bears early, holding them to 70 yards and

three first downs in the first 30 minutes. By the time the Bears got their offense in gear, they had to fight back from a 30-0 deficit in the fourth quarter.

Chicago scored on a 22-yard pass from Erik Kramer to Curtis Conway with 12:15 remaining, an 85-yarder to Conway with 5:53 to go — Conway also caught a 2-point conversion — and a 16-yarder to Marv Cook with 3:35 to go.

But then Cunningham connected on two passes on Philadelphia's final possession, enabling the Eagles to run out the clock.

The victory snapped Philadelphia's seven-game losing streak against Chicago, which lost for the first time this summer. The Bears were 4-0 in preseason and beat Tampa Bay in their opener. They've lost only five of 31 meetings with the Eagles.

But they were never really in this one, especially after losing their best cornerback, Donnell Woolford, early in the game with a concussion.

Williams made a reaching catch of a 9-yard pass on a fade pattern for Philadelphia's first score, concluding an 83-yard drive on which Cunningham was 6-for-8.

Williams then beat Mark Carrier to the back left corner of the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

The Eagles' third touchdown was set up by Jeff Sydnor's 47-yard gallop on a punt return. He was stopped at the Bears' 19, and Cunningham found Johnson at the 1 five plays later and he back-crawled into the end zone for a 21-0 lead.

Eddie Murray tacked on a 41-yard field goal with two seconds left in the second period.

The defense, vulnerable at New York, was impenetrable until the fourth quarter, when it nearly blew the game. For 45 minutes, the Eagles didn't miss Reggie White, Clyde Simmons and Seth Joyner at all — they held Kramer to 6-for-15 passing for 54 yards in the first half — but they sure could have used them down the stretch.

Kramer was victimized by Eagles newcomers William Fuller, who had two sacks and plenty of pressures; Burt Grossman, who also had a sack; and Greg Jackson, whose interception and 31-yard return in the third quarter led to Murray's third field goal, from 33 yards. He also had a 29-yarder that made it 30-0.

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polish of an established quarterback, but the A&M product conducts himself professionally.

This was shown Sunday after Bucky was unmercifully driven into the ground by Charles Haley.

Several whistles were blown, calling the play dead, but Haley wasn't flagged for his uncontested cheap shot. The hit wasn't blatant, but it should have been flagged nonetheless.

Bucky popped up, dusted himself off and went back to the huddle. He didn't argue or whine to the refs. After the game, he said he thought a penalty should have been called, but he just described the play as a part of football. This attitude is refreshing in a time when a multi-million dollar quarterback would be crying foul.

Despite Sunday's come, Bucky impressed about everybody in one or another.

His fans will probably insist he start again next week, but Carlson will than likely reclaim starting position.

That's O.K. at this point because Bucky still has more learning to do and Carlson's understudy.

More significant though, critics didn't believe Bucky would ever make as far as he has in league. So for now, Bucky can take his time and learn the ropes.

Someday, Bucky can't regular starter at quarterback.

As Aggie and Oiler can attest to, Bucky has competitive spirit and it to do so. He's tough, he's hungry. Beginning again this week, Bucky be on the sidelines, but they say in the NFL, backup quarterback is a play away.

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