

# 5 REASONS

## The Eagles will win

## The Cowboys will win

### 1. LeSean McCoy

1. If the league's leading rusher plays the part once again, the Cowboys defense will not be able to contain him. His dynamic cuts and jukes will give Dallas fits, and he will run his team into a playoff spot.

### 2. Nick Foles

2. Foles had the worst game of his young career the first time out against Dallas. He is at the top form that has led the Eagles to this point, and he picks apart the Cowboys secondary for his own personal revenge against the worst pass defense in the league.

### 3. Offensive line

3. The offensive line that has been solid all season continues to protect Foles, and creates gaping holes in the Dallas defensive front for McCoy to run through. If they are a force to be reckoned with once again, the Eagles will win.

### 4. Secondary

4. If the Eagles secondary, which has had its ups and downs, has one of their up games, the Eagles will win. If they take the ball away from Kyle Orton and contain Dez Bryant, the Birds will march into the playoffs.

### 5. Front seven

5. The front seven of the Eagles defense can cause much havoc, especially against the Cowboys. They had just two sacks of Tony Romo in the first matchup. If they improve on this, and get consistent pressure while limiting the run game, the Eagles will win their 10th game of the season.

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WHETHER THE EAGLES win or lose in Dallas on Sunday, they have surpassed expectations in Chip Kelly's first season at the helm. Not many predicted that they would have a shot at the NFC East title come Week 17, but here they are. The question is, which Eagles will show up in Jerry's world? The ones who rattled off five wins in a row or the ones who could only manage three points in the first meeting with the Cowboys?



LeSean McCoy

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Dez Bryant

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### 1. Dez Bryant

1. He is one of the most dynamic receivers in the league, and has the ability to take over games. His size can give the Eagles secondary trouble, and could score a few touchdowns. He is averaging 13.3 yards per catch, and could expand on that number against a tumultuous Eagles secondary.

### 2. Demarco Murray

2. Murray did not play in the first matchup at Lincoln Financial Field, and is ready to get in on the action. He is a 1,000-yard rusher averaging 5.4 yards per carry. He could give the Eagles front line trouble bringing him down, especially on the quick turf at Cowboys stadium

### 3. Turnovers

3. The Cowboys have a plus 10 turnover ratio, and have picked off opposing quarterbacks 15 times so far this season. Their defense gave Foles trouble in the first game and could force him to turn the ball over in the biggest game of his life so far.

### 4. The defense

4. The Cowboys held the Eagles to three points in their first game. While it could be an outlier, it cannot be ignored. Foles was 0-for-8 on passes more than 15 yards in the first game, and McCoy was held to 55 yards rushing. The Cowboys defense has the ability to shut people down, but will be without leader Sean Lee.

### 5. Kyle Orton

5. With Tony Romo done for the season, Dallas will rely on backup QB Orton, who has appeared in three games and thrown just 15 passes in two seasons behind Romo. How will he fare making his first start since 2011?



DeMarco Murray

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