

AN EXCITING NEW ERA FOR THE EAGLES

Only a day after the 2012 season ended, the Eagles put the wheels in motion looking to point the football team in the right direction. They immediately embarked on an expansive and exhausting and, in the end, highly rewarding search for the next head coach of the franchise.

On January 16, the Eagles announced the hiring of Chip Kelly as head coach after his enormously successful run at the University of Oregon. The decision to hire Kelly ignited the fan base and set off a very busy series of moves to bring the Eagles to this point.

We take a look back at the timeline of the months that shaped the Eagles

as they now prepare for the 2013 regular season.

KELLY HIRED AS HEAD COACH

After compiling a record of 46-7 in the last four years as Oregon's head coach, Chip Kelly became a hot prospect for NFL teams looking for a head coach. The Eagles sent a team of Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Lurie, President Don Smolenski and General Manager Howie Roseman to interview Kelly and the two sides came to terms on January 16, with a press conference on January 17.



RESTRUCTURED CONTRACT FOR QB MICHAEL VICK

After weeks of speculation, the Eagles reached an agreement with quarterback Michael Vick on a restructured contract.

Vick will compete for the team's starting quarterback job in 2013.



GETTING THEIR MAN IN 1ST ROUND

With the fourth pick in the NFL Draft, the Philadelphia Eagles ... stayed patient. They resisted opportunities to move up or down, and with the fourth pick the Eagles selected Oklahoma offensive tackle Lane Johnson. The Eagles selected eight players in the three-day draft, including tight end Zach Ertz in round two and quarterback Matt Barkley in the fourth round. The other five picks were used to bolster the defense.



JANUARY 16

FEBRUARY 8

FEBRUARY 11

MARCH 12

APRIL 25

AND THEN SOME...



COACHING STAFF NAMED

A lengthy search ended as Kelly named his coaching staff that included Pat Shurmur (above) as the offensive coordinator, Bill Davis (below) as the defensive coordinator and Dave Fipp as the special teams coordinator. All three had extensive NFL experience prior to joining Kelly's staff.



“ I am grateful and proud to be a Philadelphia Eagle. ”

– Michael Vick

DECISIVE MOVES IN FREE AGENCY

After retaining long snapper Jon Dorenbos and safety Colt Anderson prior to free agency, the Eagles jumped quickly into the mix by signing five players on the first day of the period, including tight end James Casey, safety Patrick Chung (below) and cornerback Bradley Fletcher (above). In all, the Eagles added 10 players in free agency, traded for wide receiver Arrelious Benn and kept their eyes open for any moves to improve the roster.



“ Obviously for us to get a tackle, football is all about winning the game up front. When you get a guy like that, you can kind of build off of that. To add to the guys that we have, it's a great fit for us. ”

– Chip Kelly on Lane Johnson

There was much more to the offseason, including more roster moves, the announcement that the team's Training Camp location moved from Lehigh University to the NovaCare Complex and Lincoln Financial Field, the release of the regular season schedule and the unveiling of the plan to revitalize Lincoln Financial Field over the next two years.

All of that action brings us to now, when the action is taking up to a new level on and off the field.

AN EXCITING NEW ERA FOR LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD AS WELL

Learn more about the \$125 million revitalization plan which will take place between now and the start of the 2014 season.

“ Every time you come to work there's a standard of excellence that this organization stands for. And I've got to hold that up and I've got to live up to that every single day. ”

– Chip Kelly