Joe Milton’s First Start for the Eagles — Why Philadelphia Benched Tanner McKee

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Game	New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles, Week 9
Date & kickoff	Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, 1:00 p.m. ET (10:00 a.m. PT), Lincoln Financial Field
TV / stream	FOX (regional); NFL+
New starter	Joe Milton, 26 — first career NFL start
Replaces	Tanner McKee (0-3 as the starter; 63.2% completions, 638 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT)
Eagles record	2-6, six straight losses, last in the NFC East (per ESPN)
Jalen Hurts	On injured reserve with blood clots in both lungs; expected to miss the rest of the season, per ESPN
Milton career (5 games)	37 of 53, 424 passing yards, 2 TD, 2 INT; 15 rushes, 66 yards, 1 TD (per NBC Sports/PFT)
After this game	Week 10 bye

Timeline

1. **2024 NFL Draft:** Patriots select Joe Milton in the sixth round
2. **April 2025:** Patriots trade Milton to the Cowboys
3. **2025 season:** Milton backs up Dak Prescott and appears in four games
4. **2026 training camp:** Milton loses the Dallas backup job to Sam Howell, is waived, then returns to the practice squad
5. **Oct. 11, 2026:** Jalen Hurts' last game, at Jacksonville
6. **Oct. 16, 2026:** Eagles sign Milton off the Cowboys' practice squad
7. **Oct. 17, 2026:** Eagles place Hurts on injured reserve
8. **Oct. 19, 2026:** Team and agent say Hurts is out indefinitely with blood clots in both lungs
9. **Next three games:** Tanner McKee starts; Eagles go 0-3
10. **Nov. 2, 2026 (Mon.):** Sirianni says McKee remains the starter
11. **Nov. 4, 2026:** Reports: Milton will start vs. the Giants
12. **Nov. 8, 2026:** Giants at Eagles, 1:00 p.m. ET, FOX

Sources: ESPN: Slumping Eagles turn to Joe Milton as starting QB vs. Giants (Nov. 4, 2026) · NBC Sports/PFT: Report: Eagles to start Joe Milton at QB this week · NBC Sports Philadelphia: Eagles making the switch to QB Joe Milton for Week 9 · USA Today: Joe Milton to start at QB for Eagles, who bench Tanner McKee · Giants.com: Giants vs. Eagles — how to watch, Week 9. Independent summary; not affiliated with the NFL or any team.