

Bruce Springsteen’s Philly show to hit streaming this week.^{A3}

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Swoop rides atop a Philadelphia Eagles helmet during a pep rally Sunday on the Ocean City Boardwalk. The Eagles open their season next Sunday at home against the Washington Commanders.

Eagles get fans ready week before season kicks off

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OCEAN CITY — The Philadelphia Eagles have yet to play a snap of regular-season football.

Still, on the Ocean City Boardwalk on Sunday, die-hard fans swooped in for a pep rally with hopes of a division title and a trip to the Super Bowl

Eagles green, from its signature dark green to the fan-favorite Kelly Green, filled the Boardwalk as fans decorated golf carts and bicycles from Fifth Street to 14th Street. Former Eagles wide receiver Fred Barnett, who played in Philadelphia from 1990-95, mascot Swoop and Eagles cheerleaders led the charge.

The Eagles approached Ocean City with

the idea for the event to generate excitement ahead of the season, Mayor Jay Gillian said. Fans responded with flags, green-and-white balloons, handmade signs, jerseys and plenty of early predictions about what Philadelphia could accomplish this fall.

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Dellanoce leads Hermits in Del.

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WILMINGTON, Del. — Dylan Dellanoce is adjusting to varsity football.

He’s also adjusting to coach Bill Belton.

So far, so good.



Dellanoce

Dellanoce threw three TD passes as the St. Augustine Prep football team improved to 2-0 under its new coach with a 30-20 win over Atlantic City in a West Jersey Football League American Division matchup in Delaware.

The Hermits rallied from a 14-3 deficit. They took the lead for good in the third quarter when Dellanoce found a wide-open Zehkiy Dejesus for a 37-yard TD to go up 17-14.

Dellanoce finished 14 of 23 for 229 yards. The sophomore

quarterbacked St. Augustine’s junior varsity last season.

“It’s been a big jump,” Dellanoce said. “Coach Bill has really helped me, and the offensive line has given me time to throw the ball. Coach Bill is my coach, but he’s my guy also. He’s going to push me.”

The game was played under sunny, steamy conditions at Abessinio Stadium as part of the Mid-Atlantic Pigskin Classic. It was supposed to be the Vikings’ home game, but they shifted it to Delaware because coach Keenan Wright wanted to give the Vikings a college-like road trip.

St. Augustine is No. 4 in The Press Elite 11. Atlantic City is No. 5.

Belton, who led Winslow Township to back-to-back state Group IV titles the past two seasons before taking the St. Augustine job this spring, asks a lot from his quarterbacks.

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NEW JERSEY

Ospreys far from cleared of danger

Scientists report worst breeding season in 30 years

USA TODAY NETWORK

Just months after ospreys were removed from New Jersey’s list of endangered species, scientists went on to document the worst breeding season in more than 30 years.

Now, the 2026 season is looking to be even worse, according to Ben Wurst, senior wildlife biologist with Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey and lead of the New Jersey Osprey Project.

Ospreys were officially removed from New Jersey’s list of endangered species in January 2025, a significant milestone reflecting decades of successful conservation efforts

for a population that was once nearly depleted.

However, during the breeding season that followed, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey saw statewide osprey productivity fall by 56% compared to the previous five-year average, and 57% of monitored nests failed to produce any young.

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CAPE MAY COUNTY

Ground could break soon on new complex

Sports facility to go in at airport

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LOWER TOWNSHIP — A 100,000-square-foot indoor sports complex planned at the Cape May County Airport could break ground within six months, its developer said.

The Aviation Sports

Complex, more than two years in the making, has grown from an initially proposed 80,000-square-foot dome to a 100,000-square-foot facility. The project still needs various state and county approvals before it can break ground.

James “Jamie” Sutton II, co-owner of Aviation Sports Complex LLC, said the larger design followed market research and consultations

with operators of similar facilities along the East Coast.

“We just felt like the layout of the courts, and the number of courts, would be better if it was a little larger,” Sutton said.

The expansion also has driven the project’s estimated cost above an earlier \$7 million projection, Sutton said. The larger dome, additional

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