

= 2009 Philadelphia Phillies season =

The Philadelphia Phillies ' 2009 season was the 127th season in the history of the franchise . The team , managed by Charlie Manuel , began their sixth season at Citizens Bank Park and defense of their 2008 World Series championship on April 5 . After collecting a third straight Eastern Division championship , the Phillies won their second consecutive National League pennant for the first time in franchise history ; they were defeated by the New York Yankees in the 2009 World Series .

The Phillies posted a second consecutive winning April to open the season with an 11 ? 9 record , but the month was marred by the death of " legendary " broadcaster Harry Kalas . After opening the month of May against the rival New York Mets , the Phillies met President Barack Obama to celebrate their World Series victory the previous season , and had two rookie pitchers win consecutive starts for the first time since 2007 . Starting pitcher Jamie Moyer earned his 250th career win during the month , while first baseman Ryan Howard and outfielder Raúl Ibáñez became the first Phillies teammates to hit 10 home runs in the same month . Echoing their strong run in the middle of the 2008 season , the Phillies compiled a 16 ? 4 record in late May and early June , which was countered by weakness during interleague play in late June .

After the team 's largest victory of the season (22 ? 1 over the Cincinnati Reds) in early July , five Phillies ? Howard , Ibáñez , second baseman Chase Utley , and outfielders Shane Victorino and Jayson Werth ? were selected to the All @-@ Star team . July was the team 's best showing of the season , as they compiled their first 20 @-@ win month since the 2001 season . The Phillies traded for starting pitcher Cliff Lee at the end of the month to bolster their starting rotation , who won his first five starts with the team , and signed free @-@ agent pitcher Pedro Martínez . In August , Eric Bruntlett turned the first game @-@ ending unassisted triple play in National League history , and the second in team history . The following month , the team clinched its third consecutive division championship on September 30 , becoming the first Phillies team to make a third straight playoff appearance since the 1976 ? 1978 Phillies .

Philadelphia defeated the Colorado Rockies in the National League Division Series (NLDS) , 3 ? 1 , and the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Championship Series (NLCS) for the second consecutive year , 4 ? 1 . Howard was named the most valuable player of the NLCS . The Phillies were defeated by the Yankees in the World Series , four games to two .

Statistical leaders in batting for the 2009 team included Victorino (batting average , .292) , Howard (home runs , 45 ; runs batted in , 141) , and Utley (runs scored , 112) . For his season accomplishments , Utley won his fourth consecutive Silver Slugger Award . Pitching leaders included right @-@ handed starting pitcher Joe Blanton (innings pitched , 195 1 ? 3) , left @-@ handed starter J. A. Happ (win ? loss record , 12 ? 4) , and relief pitcher Brad Lidge (saves , 31) . Victorino and shortstop Jimmy Rollins also won Rawlings Gold Glove Awards for their play in the field .

= = Offseason = =

= = = Departures = = =

On November 4 , following the World Series , the Phillies released third base coach Steve Smith . Smith had been with the team for two years . The Phillies were expected to have the remaining coaches to return for the 2009 season . However , bench coach Jimy Williams opted not to return to the Phillies for the 2009 season , notifying the team on November 10 . Charlie Manuel had expected Williams to return for the 2009 season , and was surprised that he declined . However , Williams left the team on good terms , and Manuel stated that he was welcome to come back to the Phillies if he changed his mind . Left fielder Pat Burrell became a free agent at the end of the 2008 season , signing with the Tampa Bay Rays , whom the Phillies had defeated in the World Series , on January 5 . The team did not tender an offer to Burrell following eight seasons . The Phillies also released outfielder So Taguchi on November 5 . Taguchi had served as a pinch @-@ hitter for the Phillies in

2008 , and also replaced Burrell in left field some games . Eric Bruntlett replaced Taguchi for the latter half of the 2008 season . Relief pitcher Tom Gordon also filed for free agency , ultimately signing with the Arizona Diamondbacks .

== = Arrivals == =

On November 3 , the Phillies named Rubén Amaro , Jr. to be the general manager after Pat Gillick retired at the end of a three @-@ year contract . Amaro previously had a long history with the Phillies , serving as a bat boy in the 1980s , a player in the 1990s , and as assistant general manager for the Phillies from 1998 until his appointment as general manager . Gillick remained with the Phillies as an advisor . On November 13 , Sam Perlozzo joined the Phillies as third base coach and fielding / infield coach after spending the 2008 season in the same position for the Seattle Mariners . Perlozzo previously served as the third base coach for the New York Mets , the Cincinnati Reds , and as third base coach , bench coach , and manager for the Baltimore Orioles . Another former manager , Pete Mackanin , was named the team 's new bench coach on November 21 ; he had been interim manager for the Reds when Jerry Narron was fired in Cincinnati in 2007 . On November 28 , the Phillies signed Mike Koplove , a right @-@ handed relief pitcher , was optioned to the AAA Lehigh Valley IronPigs at the end of spring training . On December 16 , Raúl Ibáñez agreed to play left field for the Phillies in a 3 @-@ year , \$ 31 @.@ 5 million deal . South Korean pitcher Chan Ho Park officially signed a one @-@ year contract to join the Phillies on January 6 , after agreeing to a deal in principle in December . Park was originally signed as an insurance policy for the bullpen , as reliever J. C. Romero was assigned a fifty @-@ game suspension after violating the Major League Baseball drug policy , but won the fifth starter 's job in Spring training .

== = Retentions == =

Left @-@ handed reliever Scott Eyre re @-@ signed with the Phillies after becoming a vital part of the bullpen during the stretch run . The Phillies re @-@ signed left @-@ handed starter Jamie Moyer on December 15 after lengthy negotiations . The 46 @-@ year @-@ old Moyer was inked to a two @-@ year contract to return to the world champions and kept a key part of the Phillies ' postseason rotation intact . The team also avoided salary arbitration with first baseman Ryan Howard 's three @-@ year contract .

== = Injuries == =

On November 20 , second baseman Chase Utley had hip surgery and was scheduled to be out for four to six months . However , on December 15 , Utley said in a press conference that he could be ready for Opening Night . Just under four months later , Utley made his first pre @-@ season game appearance in an intersquad game March 14 , and his first appearance in actual game competition the next day against the St. Louis Cardinals . Third baseman Pedro Feliz also had surgery on his back to repair a herniated disc on the same day as Utley . Feliz officially returned to spring training action on March 13 . During spring training , starting pitcher Cole Hamels left training camp on March 16 and flew to Philadelphia to have his left elbow examined by Dr. Michael Ciccotti . Hamels felt tightness in between innings and after he was done pitching for the day . " This will obviously set me back a couple of days , and I don ' t think that should be a big deal " , said Hamels . However , the injury threw his Opening Day start against the Braves into doubt , even though Ciccotti found no structural damage in his arm ; Brett Myers was announced as Hamels ' replacement to start Opening Night .

== = Spring training == =

On November 13 , the Phillies announced their spring training schedule . In addition to their

Grapefruit League games , the Phillies played two games against two of the World Baseball Classic teams . The Phillies defeated Team Canada (with Phillie Phanatic) on March 4 , 9 ? 2 , and lost to Team USA (with Jimmy Rollins and Shane Victorino) on March 5 , 9 ? 6 . The team broke camp April 2 and headed north to play two " On Deck Series " games on April 3 and 4 against the Tampa Bay Rays at Citizens Bank Park ; they split the series , winning 3 ? 2 and losing 9 ? 7 .

The Phillies finished the 2009 preseason with a record of 13 ? 19 , 10 games behind the Grapefruit League @-@ leading New York Yankees . Ryan Howard led all players in Spring Training with 10 home runs . The team set spring training attendance @-@ records for Bright House Field in 2009 . They set a single @-@ game record with 10 @, @ 335 people in attendance on March 15 for a game against the St. Louis Cardinals . The Phillies set the franchise 's total spring training attendance record for Bright House Field , with 133 @, @ 620 attending in 2009 .

= = Regular season = =

= = = April = = =

The Phillies began their 2009 season in front of a sold @-@ out crowd of 44 @, @ 532 at Citizens Bank Park on April 5 , playing against the Atlanta Braves . The Phillies , originally scheduled to play in the afternoon of April 6 , earned the distinction of playing the opening game of the entire 2009 Major League Baseball season after winning the 2008 World Series . They lost the opener 4 ? 1 to the division @-@ rival Braves , whose new ace , Derek Lowe , pitched eight shutout innings . The Phillies lost the next game , and were in danger of losing the following night and dropping to 0 ? 3 before scoring eight runs in the bottom of the seventh inning for a 12 ? 11 come @-@ from @-@ behind win . The Phillies lost their first game in Denver , but came from behind again in their next two games to take the second series from the Colorado Rockies . The Phillies defeated the Washington Nationals in the opener of their third series , just hours after the death of Hall of Fame broadcaster Harry Kalas , but lost the third scheduled game of the series after the second was cancelled due to weather . In their series against the San Diego Padres , the Phillies dropped the first two games as well ; during the second game , closer Brad Lidge blew his first save in a Phillies uniform , breaking his streak of 47 consecutive saves extending back to the 2007 regular season . The Phillies won the Sunday afternoon matinee against the Padres , 5 ? 4 , on a walk @-@ off home run by Ibáñez after trailing the entire game .

The Phillies ' offense benefited from rest due to the postponement of the final game of the Padres ' series , as they defeated the Milwaukee Brewers in the opener of their mid @-@ week series , 11 ? 4 . The next two games did not go as smoothly , as the Phillies were shut out through eight innings in the second game and nearly no @-@ hit by Brewers starter Dave Bush in the third game . Phillies starter Cole Hamels was hit by a line drive in the fourth inning and exited the game ; before departing , he had retired nine out of the ten batters he faced . Hitting the road for a series against the division @-@ leading Florida Marlins , the Phillies were shut out through eight innings in the first game of the series , only to score seven runs in the top of the ninth against power @-@ throwing closer Matt Lindstrom , winning the game , 7 ? 3 , thanks to Shane Victorino 's first career regular season grand slam . The following night 's game offered another come @-@ from @-@ behind win for the Phillies , as they trailed in the ninth again to win in extra innings , 6 ? 4 , and the 13 ? 2 victory on April 26 capped the team 's first series sweep . Hosting Washington for their second series against the Nationals , the Phillies fell behind in the seventh inning before a grand slam by Ibáñez capped their 13 ? 11 victory ; combined with Ryan Howard 's game @-@ tying grand slam in the fifth inning , this was only the fourth time in Phillies history that teammates hit grand slams in the same game . The Phillies split the remaining two games of the series with Washington , finishing with an April record of 11 ? 9 , their second consecutive winning April .

= = = May = = =

The Phillies opened May against the division @-@ rival New York Mets , losing the opening game of the month , 7 ? 4 . Back @-@ to @-@ back walks in the tenth inning of the Saturday afternoon game gave the Phillies their first win of the season over the Mets . After a rainout , the Phillies opened their first series in St. Louis with the Cardinals . They won the first game of the series on Howard 's second grand slam in as many weeks after a pitchers ' duel between starters Kyle Lohse and Joe Blanton and completed the two @-@ game series sweep with a 10 ? 7 victory on May 5 , capped by a Jayson Werth three @-@ run home run and a 4 @-@ for @-@ 5 performance from Victorino . The Phillies ' brief stop in New York was marred by a two @-@ game series sweep ; Phillies hitters were shut down by Mets starters Johan Santana and Mike Pelfrey , and closer Francisco Rodríguez recorded saves in both games of the series . The following series was barely better , as the Phillies dropped two games to the Braves .

On May 12 , Werth stole four bases , including home plate , tying a Phillies record and leading to a 5 ? 3 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers ; however , the series result was the same as the previous one , as the Phillies dropped two games in the set to Los Angeles . Carrying a .500 winning percentage south from Philadelphia to Washington , the team visited the White House and was congratulated by President Barack Obama for their championship the previous season . The visit had been postponed from April 14 due to Kalas ' death . After meeting the President , the Phillies opened the series with a second consecutive extra @-@ inning game , defeating the Nationals in 12 innings . Because pitcher J. A. Happ had to enter Friday night 's game in relief , the Phillies called up right @-@ handed starting pitcher Andrew Carpenter from Reading to start the second game of Saturday 's doubleheader (a make @-@ up of the postponement from April 15) . Carpenter earned his first major league win in the rain @-@ shortened second game after Myers earned the win in the afternoon game . Though Sunday 's starter Park only pitched 11 ? 3 innings , the Phillies swept the series with the Nationals with an 8 ? 6 come @-@ from @-@ behind win , with new call @-@ up Sergio Escalona earning his first major league win . This marked the first time since the 2007 season that rookies had won back @-@ to @-@ back starts for the Phillies (Hamels and Kyle Kendrick) . The Phillies took two of three games in each of their next two series with the Cincinnati Reds and the New York Yankees to finish their road trip with an 8 ? 2 record . Though they lost two games against Florida , the final series of the month against Washington resulted in a second straight series sweep , as the Phillies defeated the Nationals in three consecutive games to finish the month with a 17 ? 11 record ; the last game of the series was Moyer 's 250th career victory . With strong offensive performances in May , Howard and Ibáñez became the first pair of Phillies to hit 10 home runs in the same month .

= = = June = = =

The month of June saw the continuation of the Phillies ' hot streak ; from May 15 to June 4 , the team compiled a 16 ? 4 record , culminating with a three @-@ game sweep of the Padres on the Phillies ' first trip to the West Coast . In that series , rookie Antonio Bastardo made his major league debut , striking out five batters and allowing one earned run in six innings of work to earn his first career victory . Traveling north to Los Angeles for a rematch of the previous year 's playoff series , the Phillies managed a split despite the bullpen 's struggles . Lidge blew two saves in consecutive nights , taking the loss in the first game and allowing the game @-@ tying home run in the other . The series was bookended by the team 's first shutout of the season , a complete game by Hamels , and a second consecutive strong performance from Bastardo , who pitched five innings and allowed only two runs in a game that ended with a final score of 7 ? 2 . The final stop on the road trip was Citi Field , where the Phillies faced off against the Mets . All three games were close , with two one @-@ run wins in the series and two extra @-@ inning victories for the Phillies , won by home runs from Utley and Ibáñez on June 10 and 11 .

The team 's strong stretch did not continue , however , as the Phillies entered the second period of interleague play with five consecutive series against the American League East . While they managed a single win against the Boston Red Sox , it was followed by a six @-@ game losing streak wherein the Phillies were swept by the Toronto Blue Jays and the Baltimore Orioles ;

Philadelphia was outscored 38 ? 19 over the two series . The team showed promise in the first game of their World Series rematch series with the Tampa Bay Rays , winning 10 ? 1 , but were defeated in the last two games of the series and lost a fourth straight game to Toronto on June 26 . However , the Phillies were able to exact a modicum of revenge for both their 1993 World Series defeat and the first series sweep by the Jays by winning the last two games . Happ played the role of stopper by pitching his first career complete game shutout , and Moyer followed by earning his 252nd victory in the following game . To close the month , the Phillies lost the opener of their next series with the Braves to finish the month with a 10 ? 16 record .

= = = July = = =

Struggles continued for the Phillies to open July , as the Braves completed a three @-@ game series sweep in the first two days of the month ; however , a face @-@ off with the Mets over the Independence Day weekend revitalized the team 's fortunes . The Phillies swept their northern rivals as the Mets managed only three runs in three games . During the series , the team 's 2009 All @-@ Stars were announced : Utley and Ibáñez were elected as starters , and Howard was named as a reserve , one of four first basemen selected to the National League squad . It was also announced that Victorino was one of the five " Final Vote " candidates . Though the Phillies had played much better on the road to this point in the season , home @-@ field advantage paid off the next night , as the offense chased Reds starter Johnny Cueto after 2 ? 3 of an inning by scoring nine runs ; the team went on to score 10 in the first inning and 22 in the entire game . Every Phillies starter had at least one hit , Werth hit an eighth @-@ inning grand slam off of Reds infielder Paul Janish , and Rollins and Victorino , at the top of the order , combined to go 7 @-@ for @-@ 9 with three doubles , a home run , nine runs scored , and five RBIs between them . Though closer Lidge suffered a tough loss on July 7 , sacrificing a run in the ninth inning to earn his fourth of the season , the Phillies bounced back with a dramatic ninth @-@ inning win the following night . Victorino hit a walk @-@ off single to drive in Pedro Feliz and solidify his victory in the All @-@ Star Final Vote , which was announced the next day . Werth was named to replace the New York Mets ' Carlos Beltrán on the All @-@ Star roster due to injury ; Victorino replaced Beltrán as the starter in center field .

After the All @-@ Star break ? during which the American League defeated the National League , 4 ? 3 ? Moyer , Ryan Madson , and J. C. Romero combined for a one @-@ hit , complete @-@ game shutout of the Marlins in the first game back , extending the Phillies ' winning streak to six games , and their record to 10 ? 3 in the month of July . The streak was extended to eight straight games as the Phillies swept Florida in three games of the series (one game was postponed due to weather) . Happ raised his record to 7 ? 0 on the season with another seven @-@ inning shutout performance . The streak continued as the Phillies opened a series at home against the Chicago Cubs ; Chad Durbin earned his first save in 11 months by pitching three scoreless innings of relief . Werth 's three @-@ run home run in the 13th inning the next night gave the Phillies a walk @-@ off win for their tenth consecutive , but Chicago ended the season @-@ high streak with a 10 ? 5 defeat on July 22 . The Phillies won three of their next four , and bolstered their rotation by trading for Cliff Lee . The 2008 American League Cy Young Award winner came from the Cleveland Indians along with outfielder Ben Francisco on July 29 ; the Phillies gave up four minor leaguers ? catcher Lou Marson , infielders Jason Donald and pitchers Carlos Carrasco and Jason Knapp . Lee and Francisco joined the Phillies in San Francisco after the Phillies ' series victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks , and both started the final game in July . Lee pitched a complete @-@ game four @-@ hitter on July 31 , allowing one run over nine innings of work . The Phillies finished July with a 20 ? 7 record , their first 20 @-@ win month since May 2001 .

= = = August = = =

The Phillies opened the month of August with three straight losses , but the stopper 's role again fell to the rookie Happ , who pitched his second shutout of the season ? and the second of his career ? against the Rockies on August 5 . He earned the team 's 60th win of the season while allowing four

hits and striking out ten batters for the first time in his career . In accordance with his 8 ? 2 record and strong performances , Amaro announced that Happ would remain in the Phillies ' starting rotation despite the team 's acquisitions of Lee and Pedro Martínez ; rumors regarding Happ 's status had been rampant since Martínez ' signing and during the trade season when Happ was rumored to be the centerpiece of a potential trade for the Blue Jays ' Roy Halladay . New pitcher Lee stifled the Rockies the following day to win the series for the Phillies with a second consecutive strong performance , allowing one run over seven innings and allowing only six hits . In the following series with Florida , however , the Phillies struggled . The Marlins swept all three games of the series , which included Victorino 's first career ejection on several close calls by umpire Ed Rapuano , and a crucial error by Victorino 's center field replacement , Werth , in the final game of the series . Moyer pitched against the Marlins in that game , a team against which he had prior success in his career (13 ? 3 , 2 @. @ 87 ERA in 1001 ? 3 innings pitched) , and allowed two earned runs on eleven singles through five innings ; however , with a rotation @-@ high 5 @. @ 47 ERA , the Phillies demoted Moyer to the bullpen to allow Martínez to start . Francisco hit his second Phillies home run against the Cubs on August 11 ; it came in the 12th inning and scored the game @-@ winning run for the Phillies . It became the first win of a three @-@ game series sweep , which Lee closed out with a third straight dominant performance (eight innings pitched , one run allowed , eight strikeouts) . The Phillies took two of three games from the Braves in their next series , and completed a three @-@ game homestand against the Diamondbacks with a complete game from Lee , who carried a no @-@ hitter into the sixth inning , and eight innings of three @-@ run baseball from Blanton .

Martínez faced off against his former club on August 23 , with the series tied 1 ? 1 . Mets starter Óliver Pérez allowed six runs in the first inning and was pulled in the middle of Martínez ' first at @-@ bat , down in the count 3 ? 0 . Ángel Pagán led off the Mets ' first with an inside @-@ the @-@ park home run after the ball became lodged underneath the outfield wall . Martínez pitched six innings , allowing four runs , but the score was 9 ? 6 by the end of the eighth inning . Lidge allowed another run to score and had runners on first and second , thanks in part to a booted base hit and an error by Eric Bruntlett . The Mets had no outs and Jeff Francoeur was at the plate representing the go @-@ ahead run . Francoeur hit a line drive over the second base bag , where Bruntlett caught it , stepped on second base , and tagged Daniel Murphy coming from first , completing the 15th unassisted triple play in baseball 's modern era and the second in Phillies history (Mickey Morandini) in a game called " the league 's quirkiest of the season " . The Phillies closed the series with a 6 ? 2 win behind Lee 's eighth straight victory (seven innings pitched , no earned runs) . With a win on August 26 , the Phillies claimed victory in the year 's series over the Pirates ; however , the Bucs won two games in a three @-@ night set wherein the game @-@ winning run was scored in the eighth inning or later each night . Andrew McCutchen hit a game @-@ winning two @-@ run home run off of Lidge in the ninth inning of the opener ; Howard hit a game @-@ winning three @-@ run shot for the Phillies in the top of the tenth on August 26 after the Pirates tied it in the ninth on a Brandon Moss home run . Garrett Jones set a Pirates rookie record with his 15th home run off of Happ in the eighth inning of the series finale . The Phillies closed the month by taking two of three games from the Braves . For his 11 home run performance in August , Howard won the National League Player of the Month award .

= = = September = = =

The Phillies opened the month by taking two of a three @-@ game series against the Giants , besting Jonathan Sánchez , who threw a no @-@ hitter earlier in the 2009 season , and Tim Lincecum , who won the 2008 NL Cy Young Award . This was followed by a trip to Texas for a four @-@ game series against the Houston Astros ; the Phillies were unable to muster much offense during the series and were swept . On September 8 , in the first game of the series against the Washington Nationals , Ibañez and Utley each hit their 30th home runs of the season , making them members of the 12th quartet of teammates in major league history to each reach 30 in a single season , joining Howard and Werth . The Phillies offense backed Lee to his sixth win the following

night , with Madson earning his second consecutive save after assuming the de facto closer 's role from Lidge . However , the Phillies could not overcome a pair of three @-@ run home runs by Adam Dunn and Ian Desmond to secure the sweep in the last game of the series , despite Stairs ' grand slam ; it was their third loss of the season to Washington in fifteen games . The Mets came to Philadelphia for their last series of the season , which began on September 11 . The Phillies won game one , 4 ? 2 , but the Mets came from behind in the second game of the series , scoring five runs in the final two innings to win 10 ? 9 . Making up a postponed game from earlier in the season , the Phillies won the first game of a day @-@ night doubleheader behind Kyle Kendrick 's first major league victory in 13 months . Eight shutout innings from Martínez in the nightcap gave the Phillies a 1 ? 0 win , a 3 ? 1 win in the 4 @-@ game set , and a 12 ? 6 win in the season series . Martínez ' eight innings also began a streak of 26 consecutive scoreless innings by Phillies pitchers : Madson followed with a scoreless ninth for his eighth save of the season ; Cliff Lee pitched a complete game shutout against the Nationals the following night ; and Blanton , Park , and Madson combined for eight scoreless innings against Washington on September 16 until Tyler Walker allowed a run in the top of the ninth inning , an RBI single by Willie Harris which scored Justin Maxwell . Hamels closed out the series with a strong performance , perfect through his first five innings and finishing with one run allowed in eight ; with their 15th win over the Nationals , the Phillies matched their best season record against the franchise , set against the 1976 Montréal Expos .

The Phillies continued to Atlanta , where they took two of three from the Braves , with Kendrick 's second win and Lidge 's 30th save in the first game of the series . Martínez was outdueled by Javier Vázquez in the second game of the series , but the Phillies avoided a loss by defeating the Braves , 4 ? 2 , on September 20 . A doubleheader followed against the Marlins ; the Phillies won game one , while the Marlins won game two . In the rubber game , Lidge blew his 11th save after a rain delay to give the Marlins a series victory , keeping the team 's number to clinch the division at five . The Phillies and the Brewers split the next series at two games each , with Philadelphia winning the first and last game of the series . The Phillies returned to Citizens Bank Park for their final homestand to close out the season , opening with a fifth consecutive loss to the Astros . However , the Phillies broke the streak with a 7 ? 4 win on September 29 , thanks to a Feliz grand slam . The following night , the Phillies clinched their third consecutive division title with a 10 ? 3 win over Houston , guaranteeing a split in the series and a playoff berth , and tying the franchise record for consecutive division titles set by Danny Ozark 's teams from 1976 to 1978 . After the clinching game , the Phillies rested most of their regular starters , six of whom had started over 150 games during the season ; they lost four straight games while the regulars regained their strength , but won the final game of the season in extra innings as Paul Hoover hit a walk @-@ off single in the bottom of the 10th inning . The Phillies finished with a record of 93 wins and 69 losses , one game better than their record in the previous season .

== Standings ==

== Record vs. opponents ==

== Game log ==

== Roster ==

All players who made an appearance for the Phillies during 2009 are included .

== Postseason ==

== National League Division Series ==

The Phillies , as the No. 2 seed in the National League , faced off against the wild card Colorado Rockies in the first round of the playoffs . Cliff Lee pitched a complete game in the opener of the series , shutting out the Rockies through 8 2 ? 3 innings before allowing a single run in the ninth . He threw 113 pitches in the game , in addition to getting a hit and a stolen base in his first postseason start . The Rockies evened the series in the second game , as Cole Hamels left the stadium early to be with his wife , who went into labor with their first child . The Phillies staged comebacks twice to bring them within a run of tying the game , but could not close the door as Huston Street saved the game for Aaron Cook .

After Charlie Manuel named Pedro Martínez his Game 3 starter , the game was postponed a day due to the weather forecast of snow and record @-@ low temperatures . The postponement prompted Manuel to change his plans , naming rookie left @-@ hander J. A. Happ the new starter for the game . Happ pitched three innings , allowing three runs , but Manuel brought Joe Blanton out of the bullpen , who pitched 2 2 ? 3 innings and allowed only one run . Brad Lidge , after 11 blown saves during the regular season , preserved the win for the Phillies , a 6 ? 5 victory . In a back @-@ and @-@ forth affair , the Phillies and Rockies traded leads through Game 4 at Coors Field , but the Phillies scored three runs in the top of the ninth to win by one run . Combined with the sweeps in the other three Division Series , 2009 became the first year since the implementation of the wild card in 1995 that all four Championship Series berths were clinched on the road .

Game 1

Game 2

Game 3

Game 4

== National League Championship Series ==

The Los Angeles Dodgers were the National League 's No. 1 seed by virtue of the best record entering the playoffs ; thus , the Phillies traveled to Chavez Ravine for the opener of the playoffs ' second round , the fifth postseason meeting between the two clubs . James Loney opened the scoring for the Dodgers with a solo home run in the bottom of the second inning , but the Phillies answered back with a five @-@ run fifth inning , chasing starter Clayton Kershaw . Manny Ramírez ' two @-@ run home run in the bottom of the inning made the score 5 ? 4 , but Raúl Ibáñez followed with a three @-@ run home run in the top of the eighth . Lidge , appearing in his third consecutive postseason game , notched his third consecutive save . Martínez started the second game for the Phillies , throwing 7 scoreless innings on 87 pitches . After his departure , the Phillies used five bullpen pitchers to get three outs in the eighth inning ; those pitchers allowed three hits and two walks , allowing two runs to score . Jonathan Broxton saved the second game for the Dodgers , as Los Angeles won , 2 ? 1 .

The series moved to Philadelphia for the third game , and the Phillies capitalized on their home crowd immediately , scoring four runs in the first inning of the game . Lee continued his " superb " postseason performance with an eight @-@ inning shutout performance , allowing three singles and a stolen base . Lee and his batterymate Ruiz had higher offensive production in Game 3 (three hits in six at @-@ bats , three runs scored , one run batted in) than the entire Dodger lineup (three hits in twenty @-@ seven at bats , no runs scored) . The Phillies won the game , 11 ? 0 . In Game 4 , Howard continued to slug , hitting a two @-@ run home run off of former @-@ Phillie Randy Wolf in the first inning ; with the run batted in , he tied Lou Gehrig 's Major League record of eight consecutive postseason games with an RBI . The Dodgers came back to score two runs on a defensive miscue in the fourth inning , adding one run in the fifth on a Matt Kemp home run and one in the sixth on a Casey Blake single . The Phillies got one back in the bottom of the sixth on a Victorino triple and a single by Utley , but were held scoreless until the bottom of the ninth . Los Angeles closer Broxton entered the game in the bottom of the eighth ? after George Sherrill allowed two runners to reach base ? and coaxed Werth to fly out . Broxton returned to the mound in the

bottom of the ninth , inducing a ground ball from Ibáñez before walking Matt Stairs and hitting Ruiz . Greg Dobbs pinch @-@ hit for the pitcher 's spot , lining out to third base . With two outs and two runners aboard , Jimmy Rollins hit a 99 @-@ mile @-@ per @-@ hour (159 km / h) fastball to the right @-@ center field gap , scoring Eric Bruntlett (who had pinch @-@ run) and Ruiz . In the fifth game , the Phillies hit four home runs , including two by Jayson Werth , as Hamels allowed three runs in his second start of the series . The Phillies bullpen pitched 4 2 ? 3 innings in the game , allowing only one run as Philadelphia defeated Los Angeles , 10 ? 4 . The win clinched the Phillies ' first consecutive National League pennants in franchise history , and the first back @-@ to @-@ back World Series appearances by a National League franchise since the Atlanta Braves in 1995 and 1996 . Howard was named the MVP of the National League Championship Series .

Game 1

Game 2

Game 3

Game 4

Game 5

= = = World Series = = =

The Phillies played the New York Yankees in a three @-@ game series over the Memorial Day weekend during the regular season in May . Rollins said :

How great would that be ? A World Series here , us against the Yankees ? ? We 've proved we can put on a pretty good show .

The Yankees defeated the Phillies , four games to two , to win the franchise 's record 27th World Series championship . The Yankees had home field advantage for the series , due to an American League victory in the 2009 All @-@ Star Game . In addition to the 27th championship for New York , several records were tied , extended , or broken during the Series , including postseason wins (Andy Pettitte with 18) , home runs in a World Series (Utley with 5) , strikeouts by a batter in a World Series (Howard with 13) , World Series saves (Mariano Rivera with 11) , and RBI in a single World Series game (Hideki Matsui with 6) .

= = = = Game 1 = = = =

The two previous years ' American League Cy Young Award winners started the game : CC Sabathia , for the Yankees ; and Lee , for the Phillies . Sabathia , who had been 3 ? 0 in the postseason to date , pitched seven innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits ; Lee , however , pitched a complete game and allowed no earned runs to go the distance for the second time during the 2009 postseason . The Phillies offense was paced by Utley , who walked in the first inning to set a record of 26 consecutive postseason games reaching base , and hit solo home runs in the third and sixth innings . Philadelphia led 2 ? 0 until the eighth inning , when an Ibáñez single scored Rollins and Victorino , and added two more runs in the top of the ninth inning on a Victorino single and a Howard double . The Phillies allowed an unearned run in the bottom of the ninth when Rollins committed a throwing error , tossing the ball past Howard at first base and into the Yankee dugout .

= = = = Game 2 = = = =

The Phillies scored first for the second game in a row in the second inning ; Raúl Ibáñez hit a ground rule double , and a Matt Stairs single off of A. J. Burnett drove him in . It was the only run allowed by the New York pitching staff . Mark Teixeira tied the game with a solo home run in the fourth inning , and Hideki Matsui broke the tie in the sixth with another , giving the Yankees their first lead . Chan Ho Park allowed an RBI single to Jorge Posada after Martínez put two baserunners on in the top of the seventh . Burnett departed after seven innings , replaced by Mariano Rivera in the eighth . The Phillies put two runners on with a walk to Jimmy Rollins and a single by Shane Victorino with one out in the eighth . However , Chase Utley grounded into an inning @-@ ending double play

ending on a close play at first base that drew controversy . Rivera completed the ninth inning for his 38th postseason save .

===== Game 3 =====

After an 80 @-@ minute rain delay , the Phillies scored first in the second inning with Jayson Werth 's lead @-@ off home run followed by a bases @-@ loaded walk and a sacrifice fly . In the fourth inning , Alex Rodriguez hit a ball down the right field line , which struck a camera at the fence and was ruled a home run after review . Nick Swisher opened the top of the fifth inning with a double and scored on a single to center field by Andy Pettitte . Jeter followed with a single , and both he and Pettitte were driven in by a Johnny Damon double . J. A. Happ replaced Hamels and allowed a solo home run to Swisher in the sixth inning . Werth answered with a second home run of the game leading off the bottom of the sixth . Mariano Rivera recorded his 38th career postseason save to close out the Yankees ' second consecutive win .

===== Game 4 =====

The Yankees opened the scoring in the first inning with two runs , but the Phillies answered with back @-@ to @-@ back doubles by Shane Victorino and Chase Utley in the bottom of the inning . The Phillies tied the game in the bottom of the fourth as Ryan Howard singled , stole second , and scored on a single by Pedro Feliz . Replays showed that Howard did not touch home plate as he slid across ; however , the Yankees did not appeal . Swisher led off the fifth inning with a walk , scoring on a single by Derek Jeter , and Melky Cabrera scored on a single by Damon . Park relieved Blanton in the seventh and held the Yankees scoreless . Chase Utley hit his third home run of the series in the bottom of the seventh with two outs . Dámaso Marte struck out Howard to end the inning . After a game @-@ tying home run by Feliz , Lidge entered the game in the ninth and gave up a two @-@ out single to Damon . With Teixeira batting , Damon stole second and advanced to third as the base was uncovered due to the pull shift against Teixeira . Rodriguez put the Yankees ahead with a double to left field , scoring Damon . Posada added to that lead with a single which scored Teixeira , who had singled , and Rodriguez . Mariano Rivera entered in the bottom of the ninth and notched his second save of the series .

===== Game 5 =====

The Yankees scored first for the second straight game , but Utley gave the lead back to Philadelphia on a three @-@ run home run . Werth and Ibáñez drove in Utley and Howard in the third inning , which chased the starter , Burnett . David Robertson allowed another run to score on a Carlos Ruiz groundout . Eric Hinske , who entered as a pinch @-@ hitter , scored on a ground out by Johnny Damon . Utley tied Reggie Jackson 's record for most home runs in a World Series with a solo home run in the seventh inning , his fifth of the series . Howard struck out for the 12th time in the series , tying Willie Wilson 's 1980 record for most strikeouts in a World Series . Ibáñez hit a solo home run to chase pitcher Phil Coke . After being hit in the hand in the first inning , Victorino was replaced defensively in the eighth inning by Ben Francisco . Lee left the game after allowing two runs to score , and Park gave up a sacrifice fly to Robinson Canó to add another earned run to Lee 's line . Ryan Madson entered in the ninth to close the game , allowing one run on a double play but earning his first career World Series save .

===== Game 6 =====

The Yankees scored first when Matsui hit a two @-@ run home run with Rodriguez on base after a walk . The Phillies responded with a triple by Ruiz , who scored on a sacrifice fly by Rollins in the top of the third inning . Matsui added to the Yankee lead with a bases @-@ loaded single in the bottom of the inning , scoring Jeter and Damon . Martínez was relieved after four innings by Durbin , who

allowed a ground rule double to Jeter , who later scored on a Teixeira single . Durbin hit Rodriguez and was relieved by Happ after recording one out . Happ allowed a two @-@ run double to Matsui , his fifth and sixth RBI of the game which tied a World Series record for most RBI in a single game set by Bobby Richardson in the 1960 World Series .

In the sixth inning , Howard 's home run following a walk issued to Utley brought the game to 7 ? 3 . After Ibáñez hit a double into right field , Joba Chamberlain relieved Pettitte , allowing no further runs in the inning . In the top of the eighth inning , Dámaso Marte struck out Howard , which set a new World Series record for most strikeouts by a batter in a single series (13) . After the strikeout , Marte was relieved by Rivera in a non @-@ save situation , who allowed one hit and one walk before closing out the game and the Yankees ' 27th championship .

= = Awards = =

The 2009 Phillies captured the Warren C. Giles Trophy , as winners of the National League pennant . Baseball America named the Phillies as its Organization of the Year . The Philadelphia Sports Writers Association named the Phillies its " Team of the Year " .

Individual awards were won by Rollins , who won a third straight Rawlings Gold Glove Award at shortstop , Victorino , who won a second Gold Glove in the outfield ; Utley , who won his fourth consecutive Silver Slugger Award at second base ; Werth , who was named the " This Year in Baseball Awards " Unsung Player of the Year , and Howard , who was named the Most Valuable Player of the National League Championship Series . Happ was named the Players Choice Awards NL Outstanding Rookie by his fellow players and the " This Year in Baseball Awards " Rookie of the Year . He also received the Sporting News NL Rookie of the Year Award and was named to the Baseball America All @-@ Rookie Team (as one of five pitchers) and the Topps All @-@ Star Rookie team (as the left @-@ handed pitcher) .

The Philadelphia chapter of the Baseball Writers ' Association of America (BBWAA) presented its annual franchise awards to Ryan Howard (" Mike Schmidt Most Valuable Player Award ") , J.A. Happ (" Steve Carlton Most Valuable Pitcher Award ") , Jamie Moyer (" Dallas Green Special Achievement Award ") , and Brad Lidge (" Tug McGraw Good Guy Award ") .

Rubén Amaro , Jr . , was named the " This Year in Baseball Awards " Executive of the Year and the Philadelphia Sports Writers Association Executive of the Year . He was also inducted into the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame .

The Phillie Phanatic was awarded the " Great Friend to Kids " Award by the Please Touch Museum (the Children 's Museum of Philadelphia) .

On December 9 , 2009 , Sports Illustrated named Chase Utley as the second baseman on its MLB All @-@ Decade Team . On December 22 , Sports Illustrated named Pat Gillick as number 7 on its list of the Top 10 GMs / Executives of the Decade (in all sports) .

= = Regular season player statistics = =

All statistics are current through the 2009 regular season .

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