Behind the pitching is the suddenly consistent offense, which now includes Hunter Pence, their new right fielder from Houston. He was acquired in a trade that sent pitching prospects Jarred Cosart and Josh Zeid to Houston, along with top outfield prospect Johnathan Singleton. Pence is exactly what the Phillies needed: a legitimate five-hole hitter in the lineup. He has already showed off his skills, seeing that he has hit safely in nine of ten games played on the team, smacking out two home runs. He has reached base safely in all ten games played. (Again, as of August 9th.)

From the get-go of spring training, the pitching was definitely there, but the lineup was questionable due to the "aging veterans" on the team, who have respectfully put up good enough numbers to keep the Phillies ahead of the pack in the National League East, and the Majors for that matter. "Aging veterans" or not, this team will more than likely bring another 'red' October to wit...