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By and large, the fans were fairly well-behaved, in part due to the horse patrol that escorted the team down Broad Street. Carpenter says with a laugh, "I learned how effective a horse could be in managing crowds.

"Police were up on horses on each side of our wagons," he says. "And when a couple of fans who were obviously inebriated attempted to jump on, [the police] just took those horses and just kicked their rear ends around. When the horses hit those people, it was as if they were run over by Chuck Bednarik."

Noles remembers that the fans "just went crazy." The fans would shout up at the players, "Hey, you want a beer?" But when the players said yes, dozens of beer cans would be propelled up at them. Noles says he could not believe his eyes when he looked out on the crowd.

"Every 20 seconds you were more naturally high than you were the 20 seconds before," says Noles. "I remember saying again and again, 'Look at these people! Look at these people! I probably said it 150 times."

Noles says that Philadelphia sports fans are "unlike any other in America.

"They feel it here," he says. "And when you saw them out there on the parade route, the only thing you could say was 'Wow.'

"And what you realize is, you are not just playing for yourself or your organization but for them. And you realize how important they are."

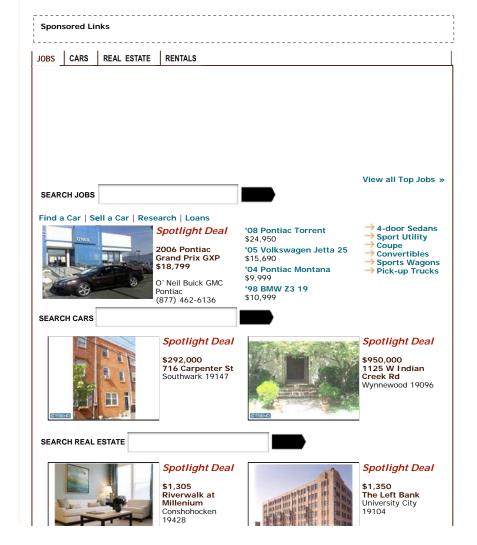
Noles says he could not possibly explain any of this to the 2008 Phillies.

They will have to experience it themselves.

"It took me days to even comprehend what happened," he says. "Nothing can prepare you for it, but if I could tell the players one thing, it would be this:

"It will be magical.

"And something to remember." *



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