



# ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

**28** Players who could make their Cardinals debut on Sunday. That total includes 11 rookies, marking just the second time (12 in 2019) in the last 20 seasons that Arizona fielded a roster with 11 or more rookies in Week 1. Of the 28 newcomers, nine are listed as starters entering Week 1.

**125** Meetings between the two teams since 1932 when the Commanders Franchise was founded. Prior to division realignment in 2002, the two franchises spent over 30 seasons as division rivals in the NFC East (1970-2001). Both teams were also a part of the NFL East from 1950-1966.

**147** Receiving yards and two TDs totaled by WR **Hollywood Brown** in his NFL Debut during Week 1 of the 2019 season, both of which are career highs. Brown also had 101 receiving yards in Week 1 of the 2020 season as two of his six career 100-yard games have come in season openers.

**26** Time zones the Cardinals will cross this season. The team will travel 25,126 miles this year, which is the seventh most in the NFL in 2023. With the season kicking off at Washington, over 4,500 miles will be covered in Week 1.



ARIZONA  
CARDINALS

WEEK 1

VS



WASHINGTON  
COMMANDERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

## WITH A WIN...

- The Cardinals would improve to 14-5 against the NFC East since 2014, including a 7-1 mark over the last eight games.
- Arizona would improve to 3-0 in its last three season openers on the road (W, 38-13 at Tennessee in 2021 and W, 24-20 at San Francisco in 2020).
- The Cardinals would claim their first victory under head coach **Jonathan Gannon**.
- Arizona would improve to 4-2 in the team's last six meetings with Washington.
- The Cards would win their first game at FedEx Field since 1998 (W, 45-42).
- The Cardinals would claim their first victory in a season opener against Washington since 1959 (W, 49-21).

## MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

### RB JAMES CONNER

- With 1 rushing TD, Conner would have 45 rushing TDs in his career.
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would have 24 rushing TDs as a member of the Cardinals. That would tie for the most in a player's first 29 games with the Cardinals and place him tied for 10<sup>th</sup> on the franchise all-time list.
- With 2 TDs (of any kind), Conner would have 28 TDs in 29 games with the Cardinals. That would tie David Johnson for the most in franchise history in a player's first 29 games with the team.

### WR MARQUISE BROWN

- With a TD reception, Brown would have 5 TD receptions in five career Week 1 games played dating back to his rookie season in 2019.
- With a TD reception, Brown would also have 25 TD receptions in his career.
- With 100+ receiving yards, Brown would have 100+ yards in three of the five Week 1 games he has played in.

### WR RONDALE MOORE

- With 5 receptions, Moore would have 100 receptions in his career. Moore hauled in at least 5 receptions in five of the eight games he appeared in last season, including 24 receptions in his final three games.

### WR MICHAEL WILSON

- With 100+ receiving yards, Wilson would become just the second player in franchise history and first since WR Anquan Boldin in 2003 to post 100+ receiving yards in his first career game. Boldin had 10 receptions for 217 yards and two TDs in his NFL debut.

### TE ZACH ERTZ

- With a reception, Ertz would have at least one catch in 117 consecutive games. Only three NFL players have longer active streaks. Ertz has been held without a catch in just three of his 144 career regular season games during his 11-year NFL career.
- With three receptions, Ertz (106) would move into fifth place on the Cardinals all-time list for receptions by a TE behind only Jackie Smith, Doug Marsh, Freddie Jones and Rob Awalt.

### LB KYZIR WHITE

- With 13 tackles, White would reach 400 tackles in his career.

### S BUDDA BAKER

- With 10+ tackles, Baker would have at least 10 tackles in four of his seven career season openers. In Week 1 of 2020, Baker matched a single-game career-high with 15 tackles.

### K MATT PRATER

- With 13+ points, Prater would crack the top 20 in points scored in NFL history. Prater (1,674) currently ranks 21st behind Ryan Longwell (1,687).

## ROOKIES READY FOR 'NFL PREMIERE'

Earlier this week the NFL announced the launch of **NFL PREMIERE**, the league's first-ever jersey patch program created to recognize and celebrate each rookie's first game in the NFL.

All rookie players on a 53-man roster to start the 2023 NFL season will wear an exclusive NFL PREMIERE patch on their jersey during Week 1. Subsequently, any rookies making their NFL debut over the course of the season will wear the same patch during their first game. The game-worn jerseys will be gifted to the rookies to further honor their first regular season game.

Arizona currently has 11 rookies on its 53-man roster.



## GANNON LOOKS TO JOIN ELITE COMPANY

Head Coach **Jonathan Gannon** looks to become the first Cardinals head coach to win his first regular season game since Larry Wilson in 1979. Wilson served as Arizona's interim head coach at the end of the 1979 season and finished the year with a 2-1 record.

**With a win Sunday, Gannon would be the first non-interim head coach to win his first game with the Cardinals since Don Coryell in 1973. He would also become the fourth Cardinals head coach in the Super Bowl Era to begin his tenure with a victory.**



Cardinals Head Coaches To Win Their First Game (Super Bowl Era)	Career Record With The Cardinals
<b>Coach</b>	
<b>Charley Winner</b> (1966-1970)	35-30-5
<b>Don Coryell</b> (1973-77)*	42-29-1
<b>Larry Wilson</b> (1979)*	2-1

\*Pro Football Hall of Famer

## ERTZ EXCELS AGAINST WASHINGTON

The Cardinals open the 2023 season with three consecutive games against NFC East opponents for the first time since 1993 when Arizona was a member of the division. For TE **Zach Ertz**, that means facing old divisional foes as the former Eagle will see the Commanders followed by the Giants and Cowboys in Weeks 1-3.

In 16 career games against the Commanders, Ertz has 87 receptions for 867 yards. Both totals mark the most he has against any NFL team. Three of his 12 career games with 100+ receiving yards have come against Washington. Ertz also established a career-high with 15 receptions in a Week 16 matchup with Washington in 2014.



### Ertz Career Numbers vs. the NFC East

Team	Games	Receptions	Yards	TDs
Washington	16	87	867	3
N.Y. Giants	13	70	807	7
Dallas	17	77	735	5
Philadelphia	1	6	48	0

Arizona's Week 17 matchup with Philly will mark Ertz's second career game against his former team and his first since last season. Ertz will face the Giants and Commanders for the first time as a member of the Cardinals, having already faced the Cowboys in 2021.