



# ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

**18** Current members of the Cardinals Ring of Honor at State Farm Stadium. On Sunday, former owner **Bill Bidwill** - whose association with the team spanned eight different decades - will become the 19<sup>th</sup> when he is inducted at halftime.

**6-0-1** Combined record for Cardinals head coach **Kliff Kingsbury** (2-0-1) and Chiefs QB **Patrick Mahomes** (4-0) in Week 1 games since coming to the NFL.

**1,339** Combined receptions for AZ TE **Zach Ertz** (635) and KC TE **Travis Kelce** (704). Selected 28 picks apart in the 2013 NFL Draft (Ertz at 35<sup>th</sup> overall; Kelce at 63<sup>rd</sup>), both rank in the top-10 all-time in career receptions by a tight end.

**551** Total distance - in yards - of the 11 TD passes between QB **Kyler Murray** and WR **Marquise Brown** during their time together at the University of Oklahoma. Those TD connections averaged 51.0 yards, with seven covering 50+ yards and only one covering fewer than 20 yards.



KANSAS CITY  
CHIEFS

WEEK 1

VS



ARIZONA  
CARDINALS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

## WITH A WIN...

- Arizona would improve to 12-4-1 in season openers at State Farm Stadium.
- The Cardinals would improve to 3-0-1 in season openers under head coach **Kliff Kingsbury**.
- The Cardinals would improve to 9-5 against teams from the AFC under Kingsbury, including a 5-1 record dating back to 2021.
- Arizona would improve to 3-1 in its last four home games against the Chiefs.

## MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

### QB KYLER MURRAY

- With a passing and rushing TD, Murray would join Babe Parilli (1961-63 w/ Boston Patriots) as the only players in NFL history with a passing and rushing TD in three consecutive season openers.
- With 3+ passing TDs, Murray would become the first player in franchise history to have 3+ TD passes in a season opener multiple times. Murray had 4 TD passes in the opener at Tennessee in 2021.

### RB JAMES CONNER

- With a TD (of any kind), Conner would have 19 TDs in 16 regular season games with the Cardinals. In NFL history, only Hall of Famers RB Gale Sayers (24 w/ Bears), WR Randy Moss (23 w/ Patriots), RB Jim Brown (20 w/ Browns) and RB Eric Dickerson (20 w/ Rams) would have more TDs in their first 16 games with a team.
- With two rushing TDs, Conner would have 17 rushing TDs in 16 games with the Cardinals. Only Hall of Fame RBs Jim Brown (18 w/ Browns) and Eric Dickerson (18 w/ Rams) would have more rushing TDs in their first 17 games with a team.
- With 100+ rushing yards, Conner would become the first Arizona RB with 100+ rushing yards in a season opener since Edgerrin James (100) in 2008 at SF.

### DL J.J. WATT

- With a sack, Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes would become the 42<sup>nd</sup> different QB Watt has sacked in his career. It would also give Watt a sack in a season opener for the first time since 2015.

### WR MARQUISE BROWN

- With a TD reception, Brown would have four TD receptions in four career Week 1 games played dating back to his rookie season in 2019.
- With 100+ receiving yards, Brown would have 100+ yards in three of the four Week 1 games he has played in.
- With two receiving TDs, Brown would become the first Cardinals player with multiple TD catches in his first game with the team since WR Anquan Boldin had two in his NFL debut at Detroit on 9/7/03.

### LB MARKUS GOLDEN

- With a sack, Golden would have 10.0 sacks in his last 12 games played during the regular season.
- With 2.0 sacks, Golden would have four games with 2.0+ sacks dating back to last season. Only Pittsburgh All-Pro DE T.J. Watt (6) would have more such performances in that span.

### WR A.J. GREEN

- With a TD reception, Green would have seven career TD receptions in season openers. Among active players, only WR DeAndre Hopkins (9) would have more.
- With 100+ receiving yards, Green would have more 100-yard performances in 17 games with the Cardinals (3) than he had in his final 32 games with Cincinnati.

### TE ZACH ERTZ OR MAXX WILLIAMS

- The last Cardinals tight end to have 100+ receiving yards in a game was Rob Awalt (105) on 11/12/89 vs. Dallas.

## CARDS NAME TEAM CAPTAINS

Earlier this week the Cardinals unveiled the eight players - as voted on by teammates - who will serve as team captains in 2022.

**Kyler Murray - D.J. Humphries - Rodney Hudson - James Conner - J.J. Watt Budda Baker - Jalen Thompson - Dennis Gardeck**

Of the Cardinals eight captains, six served in the role with Arizona last season: Murray, Humphries, Hudson, Watt, Baker and Gardeck.

Murray, Baker and Gardeck are all serving as team captains for the third consecutive season.

Conner and Thompson were both named team captains for the first time in their careers.



## FIRST OF THREE STRAIGHT VS. 2021 PLAYOFF TEAMS

After facing the Chiefs on Sunday, Arizona travels to Las Vegas to play the Raiders in Week 2 before returning home to take on the defending Super Bowl LVI Champion Rams in Week 3.

*The Chiefs (AFC West title), Raiders (AFC Wild Card) and Rams (Super Bowl) earned postseason berths in 2021. The Cardinals are the only team in the NFL to start the 2022 campaign with three straight games against teams that made the playoffs last season.*



## 23 WINS BETWEEN THEM IN 2021

*The Cardinals (11) and Chiefs (12) combined for 23 wins during the 2021 regular season. In Week 1, only the Bucs-Cowboys matchup (25) on Sunday Night Football features two teams that combined for more wins last season.*

### Week 1 Games - Most Combined Regular Season Wins in 2021

Teams	Total Wins
Tampa Bay (13) at Dallas (12)	25
<b>Kansas City (12) at Arizona (11)</b>	<b>23</b>
Buffalo (11) at L.A. Rams (12)	23
Green Bay (13) at Minnesota (8)	21
Las Vegas (10) at L.A. Chargers (9)	19
Pittsburgh (9) at Cincinnati (10)	19
New England (10) at Miami (9)	19

## KINGSBURY AND MAHOMES ON SUNDAY MATCHUP

For the first time ever, Cardinals head coach **Kliff Kingsbury** faces Chiefs QB **Patrick Mahomes** - who he coached for three seasons (2014-16) at Texas Tech. Below is what each had to say about the matchup this week.

### Mahomes on Facing Kingsbury

*"It's someone who has taught me a ton, not only about football, but about life. He helped me become who I am today. It'll be an awesome moment we will have forever. I just hope I get the win so I'll have the bragging rights for the rest of time."*

### Kingsbury on Facing Mahomes

*"Yeah, he's a pretty decent player. It'll be a little surreal going against him. It'll be fun. I'm just really proud of the person more than anything. Just watching how he has grown up, the leadership qualities he's shown on and off the field. He runs the gambit of what you want a sports star to be like and carry himself. So that has been really special to watch that development."*

