# RDINALS

Round of the NFL Draft in which Cardinals head coach **Kliff Kingsbury**, QB **Trace McSorley** and Buccaneers QB **Tom Brady** were all selected. Brady was taken 199<sup>th</sup> overall by the Patriots in 2000, Kingsbury was selected 101<sup>st</sup> by the Patriots in 2004 and McSorley was drafted 197<sup>th</sup> overall by the Ravens in 2019. b

Different players who have seen action for the Cardinals so far this season, a franchise record. Arizona has had 34 different players miss a combined 197 games due to injury in 2022

Different starting O-Line combinations for the Cardinals this season. Arizona has started seven different combinations along the O-Line in the last eight games. The Cardinals have had 12 different players start at least one game on the O-Line in 2022 and have five O-Linemen currently on IR.

Career made FGs of 50+ yards for K Matt Prater. That is the most in NFL history and 10 more than the player who ranks second on the list (Sebastian Janikowski - 58). 68

# WITH A WIN

- The Cardinals would improve to 7-3 at home all-time vs. the Buccaneers. Arizona would also improve to 5-1 in its last six home games vs. Tampa Bay.
- The Cardinals would improve to 12-10 all-time vs. the Buccaneers overall.
- Arizona would improve to 2-2 all-time playing on Christmas Day.

# MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

#### DE J.J. WATT

- With a half-sack, Watt would have 10.0 sacks in 2022. It would mark his sixth career season with double-digit sacks and second (16.0 in 2018) in the last seven years.
- A sack of Buccaneers QB Tom Brady would make him the 48th different QB Watt has sacked during the regular season.
- With 1.0 sack, Watt would have 10.5 sacks in 2022. He would have more sacks in 14 games played this season (10.5) than he had in the previous three seasons (2019-21) combined (10.0).

#### **RB JAMES CONNER**

- With a TD (of any kind), Conner would have at least one TD in six conseuctive games. That would tie for the third-longest streak in franchise history behind: Conner (7 straight in 2021) and John David Crow (7 straight in 1959-60).
- With 1 TD (of any kind), Conner would have 26 TDs in 27 games with the Cardinals. That would tie David Johnson for the most in franchise history in a player's first 27 games with the team.
- With 1 rushing TD, Conner would have 22 in 27 games with the Cardinals. That would tie Hall of Famer Ernie Nevers for the most rushing TDs in franchise history in a player's first 27 games with the team.
- With 2 TDs (of any kind), Conner would have eight TDs in the last six games after scoring one TD in his first six games played this season.
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would have multiple rushing TDs for the 7<sup>th</sup> time as a member of the Cardinals. In franchise history only David Johnson (8) would have more games with multiple rushing TDs.

#### WR DEANDRE HOPKINS

- With 1 reception, Hopkins would have at least one catch in 145 consecutive games. That would extend the longest active streak in the NFL.
- With 10 receptions, Hopkins would have 10+ receptions in four of nine games played this season. He would join Larry Fitzgerald (4 in 2017) as the only play-ers in franchise history with at least four games of 10+ receptions in a season.
- With 100+ receiving yards, Hopkins would have 100+ yards in a game for the 40<sup>th</sup> time in his career and for the 10<sup>th</sup> time as a member of the Cardinals.

#### **BUDDA BAKER**

With an INT, Baker would have an INT in back-to-back games for just the second time in his career (@ Dal on 10/19/20; vs. Sea on 10/25/20). It would also give Baker three INTs in 2022, tying his career high (also had three in 2021).

#### <u>WR A.J. GREEN</u>

With 1 TD catch, Green would have 70 TD receptions in his career. He would join Davante Adams (85), Mike Evans (78) and teammate DeAndre Hopkins (71) as the only active players with 70+ career TD receptions.

#### WR MARQUISE BROWN

With a TD reception, Brown would have 25 TD receptions in his career. It would also give Brown two career TD catches from QB Trace McSorley. The other was a 70-yard TD reception on 12/2/20 at Pittsburgh with the Ravens.

#### <u>LB MARKUS GOLDEN</u>

With 1.0 sack, Golden would have 36.5 sacks as a member of the Cardinals. That would leave him 1.0 sack shy of entering the top-10 on the franchise all-time sacks list.

#### VS TAMPA BAY ARIZONA CARDINALS BUCCANEERS

WEEK 16

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

## BAKER EARNS 5TH PRO BOWL SELECTION

Earlier this week the Pro Bowl teams were announced and S Budda Baker was selected as a starter for the NFC. Below are notes on Baker's selection:

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• Named to his 5<sup>th</sup> Pro Bowl and 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive selection at safety after being chosen as a special teamer during his rookie campaign in 2017.

 Became just the third player in Cardinals history to receive at least five Pro Bowl nods in his first six NFL seasons joining Patrick Peterson (6) and Ollie Matson (6).



• Became just the third player in franchise history named to the Pro Bowl as a safety at least four times joining Hall of Famer Larry Wilson (8) and Adrian Wilson (5).

• Is the only safety in the NFL named to the Pro Bowl each of the last four seasons (2019-22).

• Only two other active DBs have earned at least five Pro Bowl selections in their first six NFL seasons - CBs Patrick Peterson (6) and Jalen Ramsey (5). Just two active NFL DBs have more career Pro Bowls than Baker Peterson (8) and S Harrison Smith (6).

Special teamer Dennis Gardeck and kicker Matt Prater were also selected as Pro Bowl alternates.

### WATT INTENSIFIES THE QB HUNT

DE J.J. Watt leads the Cardinals in sacks (9.5) and tackles for loss (12) this season while adding 27 tackles, 19 QB hits, 6 passes defensed, a forced fumble and a fum-ble recovery in 13 games played in 2022.

#### Watt has:

• Nearly as many sacks in 13 games in 2022 (9.5) as he had in his previous three seasons (2019-21) combined (10.0)

• Twice as many sacks in the last 7 games (7.0) as he had in his first 13 games with the Cardinals (3.5).

NEARLY UNSTOPPABLE THE LAST TWO MONTHS

Watt has been on a remarkable run in the last seven games, posting 7.0 sacks, 15 QB hits, eight tackles for loss, three passes de-fensed, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in that stretch.

#### CHRISTMAS RETURNS TO THE DESERT

For the second straight season the Cardinals will play host on Christmas night as the Buccaneers come to town.

The Cardinals and Buccaneers will square off in the 27th NFL game ever played on Christmas Day. It will be the third of three Christmas Day games in 2022: Packers @ Dolphins at 1:00 PM (MST) and Broncos @ Rams at 4:30 PM (MST).



## Arizona will be playing its fourth-ever Christmas Day game (1995, 2010, 2021) while Tampa Bay is making its Christmas debut on Sunday.

**FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS DAY GAMES IN THE NFL** • The film footage for the Cardinals-Cowboys game featured at the end of the movie **Jerry Maguire** was from the 1995 Christmas Day game between the two teams.

• The Cardinals and Packers will join the Cowboys (5), Vikings (4), Titans (4), Broncos (4) and Dolphins (4) as the only NFL franchises to appear in at least four Christmas Day games.

• The 2022 season marks the eighth time the NFL has played multiple games on Christmas Day and the first time the league has held three games on Christmas Day.

