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Career starts for TE **Zach Ertz**. He will make his 100^{th} career start on Sunday in Carolina. Last week, Ertz became the third-youngest TE in NFL history to reach 650 career receptions. This week he needs 25 receiving yards to join KC's Travis Kelce as the only active TEs with 7,000+ career receiving yards.

Combined catches for WRs Cooper Kupp (4 for 44 yards) and Davante Adams (2 for 12 yards) vs. the Cardi-nals the last two weeks. In Week 2, AZ snapped Adams' NFL-long streak of 65 consecutive games with 3+ catches. Last week, AZ snapped Kupp's NFL record streak of 15 consecutive games of 90+ receiving yards.

Sacks for DL J.J. Watt in his last four regular season games played. He also has five QB hits, nine tackles, three tackles for loss, two passes defensed and a forced fumble in that span.

Total number of scoring drives in the NFL this season that have consisted of 16+ plays. The Cardinals have accounted for four of those, including three last week vs. the Rams. Four other teams (Buffalo, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Pittsburgh) each have one.

WITH A WIN.

- The Cardinals would improve to 10-1 on the road in the regular season dating back to 2021. Arizona would also improve to 14-5 on the road over the last three seasons (2020-22).
- The Cardinals would earn their first road win against the Panthers since the 2008 postseason and their first regular season road win there since 2002.

MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

QB KYLER MURRAY

- With 300+ passing yards, Murray would have back-to-back 300-yard games for the third time in his career: Games 1-2 in 2019 and Games 2-3 in 2021.
- With 3 TDs (passing or rushing), Murray would have 97 career TDs. Dating back to 1970, only Patrick Mahomes (135), Deshaun Watson (113), Josh Allen (110), Andrew Luck (101) and Daunte Culpepper (101) would have more combined passing/rushing TDs in their first 50 career starts.
- With a passer rating of 120.0+, Murray would have 10 such performances in his career. That would tie Neil Lomax (10 times in 108 games) for the most games with a passer rating of 120.0+ in franchise history.

J.J. WATT

- With a sack, Watt would have 105.0 sacks in his career. It would give him 3.0 sacks in three games played this season and 4.0 sacks in his last five regular season games played.
- With a sack, Watt would have at least 1.0 sack in three consecutive games for the first time since Games 3-5 of the 2019 season with Houston.
- With 2.0 sacks, Watt would have 5.0 sacks in his last five regular season games played. It would also give him 4.0+ sacks through the first four games of a season for the first time since 2018 (5.0).

TE ZACH ERTZ

- With a reception, Ertz would have at least one catch in 107 consecutive games. That would continue the fifth-longest active streak in the NFL behind DeAndre Hopkins (136), Travis Kelce (130), Jarvis Landry (126) and Marvin Jones (115).
- With 25 receiving yards, Ertz would join Travis Kelce (9,236) as the only active TEs with 7,000+ receiving yards.

WR MARQUISE BROWN

- With 6 receptions, Brown would have 30 catches in 2022. In franchise history only DeAndre Hopkins (39 in 2020) and J.T. Smith (36 in 1989) would have more receptions through the first four games of a season.
- With 100+ receiving yards, Brown (140 yards last week vs. Rams) would have 100+ yards in back-to-back games for the first time in his career.

RB JAMES CONNER

- With a rushing TD, Conner would have a rushing TD in all three career games played against the Panthers.
- With two TDs (of any kind), Conner would have 21 TDs in 19 regular season games with the Cardinals.

LB MARKUS GOLDEN

- With a sack, Golden would have 10.0 sacks in his last 15 games played during the regular season. It would also give him 9.0 sacks in his last 10 road games.
- With 2.0 sacks, Golden would have four games with 2.0+ sacks dating back to last season. Only Pro Bowlers T.J. Watt (6), Nick Bosa (5) and Micah Parsons (5) would have more such performances in that span.

TEAM TURNOVERS

Should the Cardinals go without a turnover on Sunday, it would mark the first time since at least 1940 that the Cardinals had one turnover or fewer through the first four games of a season.



CARDS PLAYERS JOIN INTERNATIONAL FLAG INITIATIVE

The Cardinals are participating in the NFL's International Flag Decal initiative that allows players from across the league to wear an international flag decal alongside the American flag decal on their helmets in Weeks 4-5 of the 2022 season to celebrate players nationalities and heritage.

There are 10 Cardinals players - representing eight dif-Forent countries - participating: Kyler Murray (South Korea), Will Hernandez and Max Garcia (Mexico), Marco Wilson (Puerto Rico), Leki Fotu (Tonga), Michael Dogbe and Victor Dimukeje (Nigeria), Tanner Vallejo (Ecuador), Jesse Luketa (Canada) and Bernhard Seikovits (Austria)



"I'm proud to play with the flag of South Korea on my helmet," said Kyler Murray. "It's a great way to honor my mom, honor my heritage and highlight the diverse backgrounds that make up the NFL.

Participating Cardinals players began wearing their new international flag decals on their helmets at practice this week and will continue to showcase their respective flag through Arizona's Week 5 game vs. Philadelphia at State Farm Stadium.

There will be over 200 athletes, coaches and executives across the NFL representing more than 50 nations in the player-led initiative that will help support the growth of football around the world. Athletes can choose to wear the flag of an international nation if they lived in that country for two years or more, or have a parent or grandparent who were born there.

DORTCH RETURNS AS A SUCCESS STORY

WR Greg Dortch - a former Wake Forest star who spent time with the Panthers in 2019 - makes his return to North Carolina this week. He returns as an NFL success story after entering the league undrafted in 2018.

During his first four seasons (2018-21) in the NFL, Dortch played with five teams (Jets, Panthers, Rams, Falcons and Cardinals) and was released six different times. He appeared in just seven games - including his first two career games as a returner with the Panthers in 2019.



Through three games in 2022, Dortch ranks second on the Cardinals in both receptions (20) and receiving yards (198), hauled in his first career TD in Week 2 at Las Vegas and has added 32 yards on six punt returns. His 20 receptions are tied with Philly's A.J. Brown for 12th in the NFL.

Alongside WR Marguise Brown (24), the duo are the only teammates in the NFL each with 20+ receptions this season.

UP NEXT - IT'S MURRAY VS. THE SOONER QBS

The Cardinals next two games - at Carolina this week and vs. Philadelphia in Week 5 - have QB Kyler Murray going up against former Oklahoma QBs. Murray inherited his starting job at Oklahoma in 2018 following the departure of Panthers QB Baker Mayfield. Murray then passed the starting job to Eagles QB Jalen Hurts after leaving for the NFL in 2019.

Murray is a combined 3-0 against Mayfield and Hurts during his NFL career. He was 2-0 vs. Mayfield during his time in Cleveland and is 1-0 vs. Hurts:

| Opponent (QB) Com/Att Pct Yds TD Ra | Murray's Career Games vs. | Mayfield | and H | urts | | |
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| Opponent (QB) | Com/Att | <u>Pct Yds</u> | TD Rate | Rush | Yds | TD |
| vs. Cle, 2021 (Mayfield) | 20/30 | 66.7 229 | 4 129.0 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| vs. Phi, 2020 (Hurts) | 27/36 | 75.0 406 | 3 127.8 | 8 | 29 | 1 |
| vs. Cle, 2019 (Mayfield) | 19/25 | 76.0 219 | 1 98.6 | 8 | 56 | 0 |
| Totals | 66/91 | 72.5 854 | 8 121.9 | 23 | 91 | 1 |
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