



ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

- 1 Players in the NFL this season that have 9.0+ sacks, 4+ forced fumbles and 2+ fumble recoveries: LB **MARKUS GOLDEN**. He is tied for third in the NFL in sacks, tied for first in forced fumbles and tied for second in fumble recoveries this season.
- 7 Games this season in which the Cardinals have scored 30+ points. Also the number of times the defense has held an opponent to 20 points or fewer. Both totals lead the NFL in 2021.
- 3 Games this season in which the Cardinals defense has recorded 5+ sacks and 3+ takeaways. Arizona is the only team in the NFL with more than one such outing in 2021. All other NFL teams combined have five such games this season.
- 8 Consecutive TDs for the Cardinals that have been scored by RBs - in a streak that dates back to Week 7 vs. Houston: **JAMES CONNER** (5 rushing, 1 receiving), **ENO BENJAMIN** (1 rushing) and **CHASE EDMONDS** (1 rushing). Conner (3) and Benjamin (1) accounted for all four of the Cardinals TDs last week at SF.



CAROLINA
PANTHERS

WEEK 10

VS



ARIZONA
CARDINALS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

WITH A WIN...

- Arizona would improve to 9-1 in 2021. That would tie (2014, 1948) for the best record in franchise history through 10 games.
- With nine wins, the Cardinals would secure their first season with a winning record since 2015 (13-3).
- Arizona would have increased their win total in each of the first three seasons under head coach **Kliff Kingsbury**: 5 in 2019; 8 in 2020; 9 in 2021 (with 7 games remaining).
- Arizona would snap a five-game losing streak (including playoffs) against the Panthers that dates back to 2014.

MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

QB KYLER MURRAY

- With 31 passing yards, Murray (24 years, 99 days) would become the fourth-youngest player in NFL history to reach 10,000 career passing yards.
- With a passer rating of 120.0+, Murray (5) would tie the franchise record for most such performances in a single season: Kurt Warner - 5 in 2009.
- With three passing TDs, Murray would have 20 TD passes in 2021. He would become just the ninth player in NFL history to throw 20+ TD passes in each of their first three seasons.
- With 2 rushing TDs, Murray would have 20 career rushing TDs. He would become the first player in NFL history to reach 60+ passing TDs and 20+ rushing TDs in his first 41 career games.

WR DEANDRE HOPKINS

- With a reception, Hopkins would push his streak to 135 consecutive games with a catch, extending the second-longest active streak in the NFL. That would also tie for the fifth-longest streak to begin a career in the Super Bowl era.

LB MARKUS GOLDEN

- With a sack, Golden would have 10.0 sacks in 2021, including 8.0 in the last five games. It would mark his third career season with 10.0+ sacks, and his second as a member of the Cardinals (12.5 in 2016).
- With 2.0 sacks, Golden would have 2.0+ sacks in a game for the eighth time in his career. Half of those performances would have come in his last five games this season.

WR A.J. GREEN

- With 114 receiving yards, Green would reach 10,000 receiving yards for his career. He would join teammate DeAndre Hopkins as well as Julio Jones, Antonio Brown and DeSean Jackson as the only active players to reach the milestone.

RB JAMES CONNER

- With a rushing TD, Conner would have 11 rushing TDs in 2021 - all of which would have come in the last eight games.
- With 2 TDs (of any kind), Conner would join Hall of Famer Ollie Matson (3 straight in 1957) as the only players in franchise history with multiple TDs (of any kind) in three consecutive games. He would also have 13 total TDs in 2021, tying his career high (also had 13 in 2018 - 12 rushing, 1 receiving).
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would become the first player in Cardinals history with multiple rushing TDs in three consecutive games. He would also have 12 rushing TDs in 2021, tying his career high (also had 12 in 2018).
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would have 10 career outings with 2+ rushing TDs, half of which would have come in his last eight games this season.

LB JORDAN HICKS

- With a sack, Hicks would establish a new career-high with 4.0 sacks in 2020.

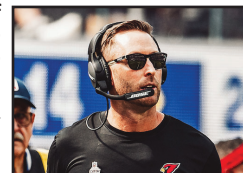
LB CHANDLER JONES

- With a sack, Jones would have 4.0 sacks in five career games against the Panthers, including 3.0 sacks in the last three games.

REMARKABLE TURNAROUND IN THE DESERT

When he took over in Arizona in 2019, head coach **Kliff Kingsbury** inherited one of the NFL's least-productive offenses. He has transformed the unit into one of the league's most explosive.

A look at the Cardinals offense in 2018 - the year prior to Kingsbury's arrival - compared to where it stands through nine games in 2021.



Cardinals Offensive Rankings

Statistic	2018 (Final Rnk (Total))	2021 (Thru 9 Gms) Rnk (Total)
Total Points	32 nd (225)	1 st (277)
Big Plays (25+ Yards)	30 th (23)	1 st (32)
Big Plays Passing (25+ Yards)	30 th (20)	1 st (28)
4th Down%	32 nd (37.5)	1 st (88.9)
Games w/30+ Points	32 nd (0)	1 st (7)
Games w/ 3+ TDs	32 nd (2)	1 st (8)
Games w/4+ TDs	t-29 th (1)	1 st (7)
Games w/ 400+ Yds & 30+ Pts	t-30 th (0)	1 st (5)
Touchdowns	31 st (27)	t-1 st (34)
Points/Game	32 nd (14.1)	2 nd (30.8)
Scoring Drives	32 nd (36)	2 nd (46)
First Downs	32 nd (239)	2 nd (205)
Rushing TDs	t-27 th (9)	t-2 nd (15)
Total Yards/Game	32 nd (241.6)	5 th (398.4)
Time of Possession	32 nd (26:33)	5 th (32:09)
Yards/Play	32 nd (4.28)	6 th (6.11)
Passing TDs	t-30 th (15)	t-6 th (18)
Rushing Yards/Game	32 nd (83.9)	8 th (132.6)
Passing Yards/Game	32 nd (157.7)	9 th (265.9)

SIMMONS BLOSSOMS IN YEAR TWO

Second-year LB **Isaiah Simmons** has been exactly the versatile defensive weapon the Cardinals hoped he would be when they took him in the first round in 2020. **Through nine games this season he has 58 tackles, 4 passes defended, an INT, 3 forced fumbles, 2 tackles for loss and a half sack.**

He joins Colts All-Pro LB Darius Leonard as the only players in the NFL this season with 50+ tackles, 3+ forced fumbles and 4+ passes defended.

Simmons has at least six tackles in eight of nine games this season. He had a career game in Week 1 at Tennessee, posting a season-high nine tackles, an INT and two passes defended. Last week at San Francisco he had his third forced fumble of the season.



BIG PLAY BIRDS

Arizona has accumulated an NFL-high 32 plays of 25+ yards in 2021. That includes five last week despite the absence of the team's starting QB, top two WRs and - for virtually the entire game - the starting RB.

2021 NFL Leaders - Plays of 25+ Yards				
Rnk	Team	25+	Run	Pass
1	Arizona	32	4	28
2t	Indianapolis	26	6	20
2t	Cincinnati	26	2	24
4t	Seattle	25	4	21
4t	Las Vegas	25	2	23

