



ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

- 51.3** Pressure rate produced by the Cardinals defense in Week 1 according to NextGenStats. It was the second-highest rate in the NFL despite the unit blitzing on just 7.7% percent of snaps, which was the lowest mark across the league in Week 1.
- 128** Meetings between the Cardinals and Giants since 1926, NYG's second and AZ's seventh season in the NFL. Prior to division realignment in 2002, the two franchises spent over 50 seasons as division rivals in the NFC East (1970-2001), NFL Century (1967-69) and NFL East (1950-1966).
- 5** Times since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970 that Arizona forced three or more turnovers in Week 1. With two fumble recoveries and an INT last week in Washington, the Cardinals defense had at least three takeaways in a season opener for just the 5th time in the last 54 years.
- +59** Point differential in favor of the Cardinals in their four-game winning streak against the Giants. During that span, Arizona has outscored New York 101-42. The most recent contest in 2020 resulted in a Cardinals win, 26-7.



NEW YORK
GIANTS

WEEK 2

VS



ARIZONA
CARDINALS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

WITH A WIN...

- The Cardinals would improve to 14-6 against the NFC East since 2014, including a 7-2 mark in the last nine games.
- Arizona would improve to 12-5-1 in home openers since beginning play at State Farm Stadium in 2006.
- The Cards would extend their winning streak against the Giants to five straight.
- The Cardinals would claim their first win under head coach **Jonathan Gannon**.

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 30 games with the team and also place him in a tie for 10th place on the franchise all-time list for career rushing TDs.
- With a TD (of any kind), Conner would have 27 TDs in 30 games with the Cardinals. In franchise history, only RB David Johnson (30) would have more TDs in his first 30 games with the team.

WR MARQUISE BROWN

- With a TD reception, Brown would have 25 TD receptions in his career.

WR RONDALE MOORE

- With 2 receptions, Moore would have 100 receptions in his career. Moore hauled in at least 5 receptions in five of his last nine games, including 27 receptions in his last four outings.

TE ZACH ERTZ

- With a reception, Ertz would have at least one catch in 118 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.
- With 6 receptions, Ertz (109) would move into fourth place on the Cardinals all-time list for receptions by a TE behind only Jackie Smith, Doug Marsh and Freddie Jones.
- With 14 receiving yards, Ertz (1,001) would move into eighth place on the Cardinals all-time list for receiving yards by a TE. He could also move into seventh place with 30 yards and sixth place with 54 yards on Sunday. With 21 receiving yards last Sunday, he eclipsed 1,000 receiving yards as a Cardinal.
- With a TD reception, Ertz would have at least one TD catch in six consecutive games vs. the Giants (and seven TD catches in that six-game span).

LB DENNIS GARDECK

- With 2.0 sacks, Gardeck would tie the franchise record for sacks by an undrafted free agent (12.0). With 2.0 sacks last week at Washington, it would mark the first time in franchise history that a player had 2.0+ sacks in back-to-back games to open a season. He had 2.0 sacks the last time he faced NYG in 2020.

LB KYZIR WHITE

- With 4 tackles, White would reach 400 tackles in his career. He had a team-high 9 tackles in his Cardinals debut last week at Washington.

K MATT PRATER

- With 4 points, Prater would crack the top 20 in points scored in NFL history. Prater (1,684) currently ranks 21st behind Ryan Longwell (1,687). With 3 made field goals in Week 1, Prater (376) broke a tie with Jan Stenerud (373) for sole possession of 17th place on the NFL's all-time list for career FGs.

LS AARON BREWER

- Brewer will appear in his 100th game with the Cardinals. Brewer has appeared in more games with the team than any other player on the active roster.

DANGEROUS ON D

The Cardinals defense put on a strong performance last Sunday at Washington. The unit held the Commanders to just 248 yards and 3.8 yards per play while totaling seven passes defended, six sacks and three takeaways. That included two fumble recoveries, one of which was returned two yards for a TD by LB **Cameron Thomas**.

The Cards are tied for the NFL lead in fumble recoveries and defensive TDs, while only one team has forced more turnovers (Jets - 4) and more sacks (Cowboys - 7).

Below is where the unit ranks through Week 1:

2023 Cardinals Defensive Stats

Statistic	Total	Rank
Fumble Recoveries	2	t-1
TDs	1	t-1
Sacks	6	2
Sack Yardage	46	t-2
Takeaways	3	t-2
Passes Defensed	7	5
Yards Per Play Allowed	3.8	t-6
Yards Allowed	248	8



Thomas' fumble recovery return TD last week marked the first time the Cardinals defense scored the first TD of the team's season since 2017 when CB Justin Bethel brought back an INT 82 yards for a TD.

CONNER CONSISTENTLY ABOVE 50

Last week's season opener marked RB **James Conner's** 21st consecutive game with 50+ scrimmage yards. He had 70 scrimmage yards on the day, including 62 rushing yards on 14 carries.

Dating back to Week 9 of 2021, only three NFL players have a longer active streak with 50+ scrimmage yards.

Most Consecutive Games with 50+ Scrimmage Yards (Active)

Player	Team	Games	Scrimmage Yards
Austin Ekeler	LAC	40	3,900
Josh Jacobs	LV	26	2,899
Nick Chubb	Cle	23	2,351
James Conner	AZ	21	1,887
Joe Mixon	Cin	12	1,062



A QB WHO COMPLETES

Last week at Washington, QB **Joshua Dobbs** completed 21-of-30 pass attempts for 132 yards in his Cardinals debut. It was the third start of his career. In each of Dobbs' three NFL starts, he has completed 20+ passes. He had 20 completions in both Weeks 17 and 18 last season with the Titans in the first starts of his career.

If Dobbs completes 20+ passes this Sunday against the Giants, he would join QB Kyler Murray as one of five NFL QBs in the last five years to complete 20+ passes in each of his first four career starts.

Most Consecutive Starts with 20+ Completions to Begin a Career (Since 2019)

Player	Teams	Years	Starts
Justin Herbert	LAC	2020-21	21
Kyler Murray	AZ	2019	6
Mac Jones	NE	2021	5
Joe Burrow	Cin	2020	4
Joshua Dobbs	Ten/AZ	2022-23	3

Dobbs would be the first QB to achieve the feat since 2021 and the first in that time frame (2019-23) to do so playing for two different teams.

