



ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

- 1921** Year of the first meeting between the Cardinals and Packers. On Thursday, it will have been exactly 99 years, 11 months and 9 days since the teams first met in what is the NFL's second-oldest rivalry (behind only Cards-Bears). The first meeting took place on 11/20/1921 at Normal Park in Chicago.
- 123** Combined points (10 TD, 12 FG, 27 PAT) for K Matt Prater, RB James Conner, WR A.J. Green and TE Zach Ertz this season. They are four of the six Pro Bowl players in their first season with Arizona.
- 10** Fourth down stops for the Cardinals defense this season, an NFL high. In the last three games, Arizona opponents have converted just 2-of-10 attempts on fourth down. On offense, the Cardinals are the only team in the NFL that has a 100% conversion rate on fourth down (5-of-5).
- 9** TD passes for QB Kyle Murray in four career primetime games. He has completed 89-of-138 pass attempts (64.5%) for 1,058 yards, 9 TDs, 1 INT and a 106.5 passer rating in those contests. He also rushed for 190 yards and 2 TDs. Murray had a 100.0+ passer rating in three of his four primetime starts.



GREEN BAY
PACKERS

WEEK 8

VS



ARIZONA
CARDINALS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

WITH A WIN...

- Arizona would improve to 8-0 in 2021, establishing a new franchise record for wins to open a season (previous: 7-0 in 1974).
- The Cardinals would have five wins in October. It would mark just the third time in franchise history (5 - November of 1931; 5 - November of 1925) the team had five wins in a single calendar month.
- The Cardinals would have primetime wins on MNF, TNF and SNF under head coach Kliff Kingsbury and their first win on TNF since 2016 (33-21 @ SF).
- Arizona would run its winning streak against Green Bay to four straight (including postseason). The Cardinals would also improve to 5-1 in their last six games against the Packers.

MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

LB CHANDLER JONES

- With a sack, Jones (67.0) would pass Freddie Joe Nunn (66.5) as the franchise all-time sacks leader. Nunn - who passed away on October 16 at the age of 59 - has held the sack title for the last 29 years.

QB KYLER MURRAY

- 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. That would tie Carson Palmer (20 in 2015) for the most in franchise history through the first eight games of a season.
- With three passing TDs, Murray would have 3+ passing TDs in three consecutive games for the first time in his career.
- 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 40 career games.

WR DEANDRE HOPKINS

- With a reception, Hopkins would push his streak to 134 consecutive games with a catch, extending the second-longest active streak in the NFL.
- With a TD reception, Hopkins would have eight TD catches in 2021. Only two players in franchise history - Bob Shaw (10 in 1950) and Mal Kutner (9 in 1948) - would have more through the first eight games of a season.
- With a TD reception, Hopkins would have five TD catches in his last four appearances on Thursday Night Football.

LB MARKUS GOLDEN

- With 2.0 sacks, Golden would become the first player in franchise history to have 2.0+ sacks in three consecutive games.

RB JAMES CONNER

- With a rushing TD, Conner would have seven rushing TDs in 2021 - all of which would have come in the last six games.
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would have eight rushing TDs in 2021. In franchise history only MacArthur Lane (11 in 1970) would have had more in the first eight games of a season.

CB BYRON MURPHY JR.

- With an INT, Murphy (who missed Week 5 vs. SF with a rib injury) would have four INTs in his last five games played.

LB JORDAN HICKS

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

RB CHASE EDMONDS

- With a rushing TD, Edmonds would have three rushing TDs in two career games against the Packers.

MURRAY AND RODGERS - ROUND 1

The Thursday Night Football contest between the Cardinals and Packers will feature the first-ever head-to-head matchup between Cardinals QB **Kyle Murray** and Packers QB **Aaron Rodgers** - two of the three QBs in the NFC named to the Pro Bowl in 2020.

"He's probably my favorite quarterback to watch - his swag, the way he plays the game, what he's done in his career," Murray said of facing Rodgers for the first time. "I admire his game a lot. First time playing against him, first time being able to meet him. It's pretty cool, I'm looking forward to it."



Both QBs are having outstanding seasons in 2021. They enter Thursday's game with their respective teams atop the NFC standings and have the NFL's two longest active winning streaks.

2021 Statistics - Murray vs. Rodgers

Player	Cmp/Att	Pct.	Yds	TD	INT	Rating	Rushing Att	Yds	TDs
Murray	164/223	73.5	2,002	17	5	116.8	43	126	3
Rodgers	151/221	68.3	1,710	15	3	108.2	16	44	2

With his performance so far in 2021, Murray is being mentioned among the front-runners for NFL MVP honors. Rodgers is one of five players in league history to earn the honor three times (2011, 2014, 2020).

Dating back to 1950, only four QBs have led their team to a 7-0 record while completing 70.0+ of their pass attempts: Murray (2021), Rodgers (2011), Peyton Manning (2009) and Tom Brady (2007). Murray and Rodgers are the last two QBs to accomplish the feat.

A look at Murray's numbers this season compared to Rodgers' numbers through seven games in each of his MVP seasons.

Murray in 2021 vs. Rodgers Thru 7 Games in MVP Seasons

Player (Year)	W-L	Cmp/Att	Pct.	Yds	TD	INT	Rating
Murray (2021)	7-0	164/223	73.5	2,002	17	5	116.8
Rodgers (2020)	5-2	164/249	65.9	1,948	20	2	113.0
Rodgers (2014)	5-2	141/211	66.8	1,647	18	1	117.3
Rodgers (2011)	7-0	171/239	71.6	2,372	20	3	125.7

DEFENSE HAS A SPECIAL SEASON BREWING

Through seven games, the Cardinals defense has allowed just 99 offensive points, accumulated 19 sacks, 33 passes defensed, 14 total takeaways, 6 INTs (one returned for TD), 8 fumble recoveries, 43 QB hits and 29 tackles for loss. A look at where some of those numbers rank in the NFL:

Cardinals Defensive Rankings in 2021

Statistic	Total	NFL Rnk
Points Allowed/Game	16.29	1 st
Forced Fumbles	11	1 st
3rd Down Percentage	28.7	1 st
4th Down Percentage	25.0	t-1 st
Offensive Points Allowed	99	2 nd
Fumble Recoveries	8	2 nd
Goal-to-Go TD Percentage	50.0	2 nd
Offensive TDs Allowed	12	3 rd
Passing Yards Allowed/Game	201.0	3 rd
Takeaways	14	t-3 rd
Net Yards Allowed/Game	316.7	4 th
Passes Defensed	33	t-4 th
1st Downs Allowed/Game	18.0	t-4 th
Sacks	19.0	t-5 th
QB Hits	43	t-7 th
Net Yards Allowed/Play	5.32	8 th
Interceptions	6	t-10 th



• In the last four games the AZ defense has allowed just 49 total points to the Rams, 49ers, Browns and Texans.

• AZ's defense has allowed 20 points or fewer in an NFL-best six games this season. No other NFL team has more than four such games.