- Combined TDs for Cardinals RB **JAMES CONNER** (16) and Colts RB Jonathan Taylor (19) this season. Taylor leads the NFL in total TDs and Conner ranks third. Taylor (17) and Conner (14) rank #1 and #2 in the NFL
- Sacks for the Cardinals defense in 2021. Only four teams have more. In three seasons (2019-21) under defensive coordinator VANCE JOSEPH the Cardinals rank fifth in the NFL with 125 sacks.
- Sacks for LB MARKUS GOLDEN in 2021. He has recorded 43 tackles, 11.0 sacks, 10 tackles for loss, 18 QB hits, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and a pass defensed in 2021. He joins T.J. Watt as the only players in the NFL with 10.0+ sacks, 4+ forced fumbles and 2+ fumble recoveries in 2021.
- Combined turnover differential for the Cardinals and Colts this season. Arizona (+10) ranks fourth in the NFL in turnover differential and Indianapolis (+14) leads the league. The Cardinals (95) rank third in the NFL in points off turnovers while the Colts (115) rank first.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

WITH A WIN.

- Arizona would improve to 11-4 in 2021. It would mark just the sixth time in franchise history the Cardinals won at least 11 games in a season.
- Kliff Kingsbury would become the fifth head coach in team history to win 11+ games in a season, joining Bruce Arians (2014, '15), Don Coryell (1975), Jimmy Conzelman (1948) and Norm Barry (1925).
- The Cardinals would improve to 5-0 against teams from the AFC in 2021. Arizona would have at least five non-conference wins in a single season for the first time since the 1970 merger. The Cardinals would also join the Chiefs (5-0 vs. the NFC) as the only teams in the NFL with five non-conference wins

MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

RB JAMES CONNER

- With 1 TD (of any kind), Conner would have 17 total TDs in 2021. In franchise history only RB David Johnson (20 in 2016) would have more.
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would have 16 rushing TDs in 2021. That would tie the franchise's all-time single-season record (David Johnson, 2016). He would also become the first player in franchise history to have multiple rushing TDs in at least six games in a single season.

QB KYLER MURRAY

- With a passer rating of 120.0+, Murray (6) would establish a new franchise record for the most such performances in a single season. He is currently tied with Kurt Warner (5 in 2009) for the franchise mark.
- With a completion percentage of 70.0+, Murray would establish a franchise career record with 16 such performances. He is currently tied with Kurt Warner (15) for the most in franchise history.
- With 268 passing yards, Murray would join Cam Newton (2011-13) as the only players in NFL history with 11,000+ passing yards and 1,500+ rushing yards in his first three seasons.
- With 4 TD passes, Murray would become the first player in NFL history with 70+ passing TDs and 20+ rushing TDs in his first three seasons.

WR A.J. GREEN

- With 5 catches, Green would reach 700 receptions for his career. He would join teammate DeÁndre Hopkins, Antonio Brown and Julio Jones as the only active players with 700+ receptions and 10,000+ receiving yards.
- With a TD catch, Green would have five TD receptions in six career games against the Colts.

LB MARKUS GOLDEN

- With 1.0 sack, Golden would have 12.0 sacks in 2021, including 10.0 in the last 10 games. It would mark the second time in his career he has posted 11.0+ sacks in a season (had career-high 12.5 in 2016 with Arizona).
- With 2.0 sacks, Golden would establish a new career high for sacks in a season (13.0). His current mark of 12.5 came in 2016.

LB CHANDLER JONES

With a half-sack, Jones would have 10.0 sacks in 2021. It would mark his seventh season with 10.0+ sacks and his fifth in six years with Arizona. His seven career seasons with 10+ sacks would tie Von Miller for the most among active players.

ZACH ALLEN

With 1.0 sack, Allen would have 5.0 sacks in 2021 - all of which would have come in the last nine games.

<u>WR CHRISTIAN KIRK</u>

- With a TD reception, Kirk would tie his career high (6 in 2020) for TD catches in
- With seven catches, Kirk would establish a new career high with 69 receptions in 2021. His current mark of 68 came in 2019.

ARIZONA LOOKS TO SECURE POSTSEASON BERTH

The Cardinals host the Colts on Christmas night looking to clinch their first playoff berth since 2015 and the 11th playoff berth in franchise history.

It would also mark the fifth time under Michael Bidwill's leadership Arizona earned a spot in the postseason (2008, '09, '14, '15).

There are seven different scenarios in which the Cardinals can earn a postseason berth in Week 16. The simplest one is this: defeat the Colts and Arizona will deliver its fans a postseason berth for Christmas



FOUR CARDS MAKE THE PRO BOWL

Cardinals S **Budda Baker**, RB **James Conner**, LB **Chandler Jones** and QB **Kyler Murray** were named to the 2022 Pro Bowl. Jones and Baker were both selected as starters for the game.

In addition, TE Zach Ertz, LB Markus Golden, OL Max Garcia, WR DeAndre Hopkins, C Rodney Hudson, OL D.J. Humphries, P Andy Lee, CB Byron Murphy Jr. and K Matt Prater were selected as alternates.

- <u>S Budda Baker</u>
 Earned 4th Pro Bowl and 3rd straight at safety after being selected as a special teamer during his rookie campaign in 2017.
- Became just the 4th player in Cardinals history to receive at least four Pro Bowl nods in his first five NFL seasons: Patrick Peterson (5), Ollie Matson (5) and Ron Wolfley (4).

- RB James Conner

 Marks 2nd caree career Pro Bowl selection. Became the 15th RB in franchise history selected to the Pro Bowl and the first since David Johnson in 2016.
- Became 5th Cardinals RB to receive Pro Bowl honors during his first season with the team: Ollie Matson (1952), Johnny Roland (1966), Ottis Anderson (1979) and Johnny Johnson (1990).

- <u>LB Chandler Jones</u>
 Marks his 4th career Pro Bowl selection and his 3rd with the Cardinals.
- His three Pro Bowl selections are tied for the most by a LB in franchise history (Dale Meinert 1963, '65, 67).

QB Kyler Murray

consecutive Pro Bowl selection and is the 1st QB in franchise history named to the Pro Bowl twice within his first three NFL seasons.

One of just three NFL QBs to be voted to each of the last two Pro Bowls, joining Patrick Mahomes and Aaron Rodgers.

SIMILAR NUMBERS MAKE FOR INTRIGUING MATCHUP

The matchup between the Cardinals and Colts features a pair of high-powered offenses that have scored in similar ways. <u>Both teams have scored 44 offensive TDs</u> this season, with an identical 21 coming on the ground and 23 through the air.

The Cardinals and Colts are two of the three teams tied for the NFL lead with 21 rushing TDs in 2021.

Rushing TDs might not come easy on Saturday, however, as **Arizona and Indianap**olis are also tied for third in the NFL in fewest rushing TDs allowed (8) this season.

2021 NFL Team Leaders - Rushing TDs			2021 NFL Leaders - Rushing TDs Allowed		
Rnk	Team	<u>TDs</u>	Rnk	Team	TDs
1t	Arizona	21	1	Denver	7
1t	Indianapolis	21	2	New England	7
1t	Philadelphia	19	3t	Arizona	8
4t	San Francisco	20	3t	Indianapolis	8
4t	Tennessee	20	5	Tampa Bay	9

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