



ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

- 252** Days since HC **Mike LaFleur** coached his last game at SoFi Stadium against the Cardinals in Week 18 when he was offensive coordinator for the Rams. Through the first six weeks of the 2026 season, Arizona will play as many games at SoFi Stadium (2) as it will at home at State Farm Stadium (2).
- 4** Sets of brothers who have served as NFL head coaches. Mike (Arizona) and Matt (Green Bay) LaFleur join Jim and John Harbaugh, Jon and Jay Gruden and Al and Ted Nesser as the only brother duos to do so. LaFleur will face both Harbaugh brothers this season (Week 1 @ LAC; Week 4 @ NYG).
- 5** Consecutive games in which WR **Michael Wilson** has at least one TD reception extending back to last season. It's the longest such streak of his playing career. His longest TD streak prior to this came in 2017 when he had a TD in four straight games at Chaminade High School in West Hills, CA (Games 2-5 of 2017).
- 120** Tackles for S **Budda Baker** last season. The 2025 season marked his sixth 100-tackle campaign, his second in a row and his third in the last four years. Baker's 120 tackles tied for 2nd among all NFL DBs in 2025.



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WEEK 1

VS



LOS ANGELES
CHARGERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

MILESTONE WATCH

WITH A WIN...

- Arizona would earn its first road win against the Chargers since 2001 (Cards are winless in their last three road games vs. Chargers).
- The Cardinals - who defeated the Chargers 17-15 in 2024 - would have back-to-back wins vs. the Chargers for just the second time in the history of the series (won back-to-back games in 1998 and 2001).

HC MIKE LAFLEUR

- LaFleur would become the first Cardinals full-time head coach to earn a win in his first game since Don Coryell in 1973.

TE TREY MCBRIDE

- With 5 catches, McBride would establish a new NFL record for consecutive road games with 5+ receptions by a TE (11). That would surpass the previous record of 10 straight held by McBride (2023-24 & 2025) and Travis Kelce (2019-20).
- With 100+ receiving yards, McBride would join Jackie Smith (2x) as the only TEs in franchise history with 100+ yards in a season opener. Smith last accomplished the feat on 9/18/70 vs. the Rams (102 yards).
- With 68 receiving yards, McBride (3,475) would pass Jeremy Shockey (3,542) for the 9th-most receiving yards by a tight end in his first 67 career games.

QB JACOBY BRISSETT

- With a TD pass, Brissett would have at least one TD pass in each of his first 13 starts with the Cardinals, extending his franchise record (previous record was 8: Carson Palmer & Kurt Warner). It would also give Brissett 24 TD passes with Arizona, extending his franchise record for most TD passes in a player's first 13 starts with the team.
- With 136 passing yards, Brissett would pass Kurt Warner (3,501 in 2005-06) for the most passing yards by a Cardinals QB in his first 13 starts with the team.
- With 200+ passing yards and 1+ passing TD, Brissett would pass Kurt Warner (12 games in 2008-09) for the longest such streak of games in franchise history.

LB JOSH SWEAT

- With 1.0 sack, Sweat would have his first full sack in a season opener since he accomplished the feat in 2020 @ Washington when he was a member of the Eagles. It would also mark consecutive games with a sack dating back to last season.

WR MICHAEL WILSON

- With a TD reception, it would be Wilson's sixth consecutive performance with a TD. In franchise history, only Mal Kutner (7 straight in 1947-48) would have a longer such streak.
- With 75+ receiving yards, it would mark his third consecutive game eclipsing the mark, the longest such streak of his NFL career.

S BUDDA BAKER

- With 10+ tackles, Baker would have double-digit tackles in a season opener for the fourth time in five seasons (10 in '25; 10 in '24; 13 in '22).
- With 5 tackles on Sunday, he would pass Yeremiah Bell (34 games in 2008-10) for sole possession of the second-longest streak of games with 5+ tackles by a DB in NFL history. He has the longest active streak in the NFL ahead of Seahawks LB Ernest Jones IV (31 games).

RB TYLER ALLGEIER

- With 100+ rushing yards, Allgeier would become the 11th player in franchise history to achieve the mark in Week 1 and the first since Edgerrin James had 100 yards on 26 carries at SF on 9/7/08. He would also be the first Cardinal to accomplish the feat in his debut since Kenyan Drake (110 yds) on 10/31/19 vs SF.

RB JEREMIAH LOVE

- With 100+ rushing yards, Love would become just the third rookie running back in franchise history to accomplish the feat in his NFL debut joining Ottis Anderson (193 yards in 1979) and Terry Metcalf (133 yards in 1973).
- With 2+ rushing TDs, Love would become just the 18th rookie RB in NFL history to have a multi-score game in his NFL debut.

BIRDS' EYE VIEW

After a record-breaking season in 2025, TE **Trey McBride** will look to re-write the history books again in 2026. Below are a few major milestones McBride can accomplish this season...

 Needs **40 receptions** to pass **Jimmy Graham** (386) for the most receptions by a TE in his first five seasons.

 With **100+ rec. and 1,000+ rec. yds** he would join **Travis Kelce** as the only TEs in NFL history with at least 3 seasons with those statistics.

 With **4 TDs** he would surpass **Jackie Smith** (20) for the most TDs by a Cardinals TE in his first five seasons.

 Needs **291 receiving yards** to pass **Jackie Smith** (3,765) for the most yards by a Cardinals TE in his first five seasons.

 Needs **80 receptions** to pass **Larry Fitzgerald** (426) for the most receptions by a Cardinals player in his first five seasons.

 With **525 rec. yds** he'd join **Fitzgerald** (5,975), **Anquan Boldin** (5,458) and **Frank Sanders** (4,812) as the only players in team history with 4,000+ rec. yds in their first 5 seasons.



On Monday, the Cardinals named the 5 players who will serve as 2026 team captains: QB **Jacoby Brissett** and OL **Hjalte Froholdt** on offense, S **Budda Baker** and LB **Mack Wilson** Sr. on defense and LS **Casey Kreiter** on special teams. Baker, Wilson and Froholdt return as captains for the second consecutive season while Brissett and Kreiter are new additions. Baker (7x Captain), Brissett (3x Captain - Ind ('19), NE ('24) and AZ ('26)), Kreiter (3x Captain - NYG ('22 and '24) and AZ ('26) Froholdt (2x Captain), and Wilson (2x Captain) have all served as captains previously in their NFL careers.

QB **Jacoby Brissett** returns as the Cardinals starting quarterback after taking over in Week 6 of last season. In 12 starts, he completed 315-of-485 pass attempts (64.9%) for 3,366 yards, 23 TDs and a 94.1 passer rating and finished the year setting career highs in completions, completion percentage, passing yards, passing TDs and passer rating.

Brissett became just the sixth different QB in franchise history with 3,000+ passing yards and 20+ TD passes in a season. **He joined Kyler Murray (2019) and Carson Palmer (2013) as the only QBs to accomplish the feat in their first season with Arizona.**

Serving as the Week 1 starter for the first time since 2024, Brissett is 2-1 in his career in Week 1 starts and has won two straight: 2024 @ Cincinnati (w/ NE) and 2022 @ Carolina (w/ Cle). In three career Week 1 starts he has completed 54-of-85 pass attempts (63.5%) for 458 yards, 3 TDs and 0 INTs.

KEEPING THE CORE TOGETHER



In the span of 10 days, the Cardinals signed WR **Michael Wilson** and OL **Hjalte Froholdt** to multi-year contract extensions, keeping two key offensive pieces in the fold for the foreseeable future.

Wilson (three-year extension) is coming off of a breakout season season where he set career-highs in receptions (78), receiving yards (1,006) and TD receptions (7). His 1,006 receiving yards were 441 more than his previous career high (565 in 2023) and his seven touchdown receptions matched his total touchdown output from his first two seasons combined (7 from 2023-24).

Froholdt (two-year extension) has started all 51 regular season games at center in his first three seasons (2023-25) in Arizona and is a team captain. He is the only player on the Cardinals roster to have started all 17 games each of the last three seasons. Froholdt joins Ted Karras (Cincinnati), Creed Humphrey (Kansas City) and Coleman Shelton (LA Rams) as the only players in the NFL to start all 51 regular season games at center between 2023-25.