# RDINALS

Year of the first meeting between the Cardinals and Bears, the only founding members of the NFL still in existence. The Chicago Cardinals defeated the Decatur Staleys 7-6 on Nov. 28 1920, just over two months after the league was founded as the American Professional Football Association.

NFL broadcasts for FOX play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton (including this week's Cardinals-Bears matchup). It is also the area code Stockton is flying into to call the game. Celebrating his 25th season with FOX in 2018, Stockton is among an elite group of announcers that have been with the network since it began its NFL coverage in 1994

Combined career sacks for Arizona DE Chandler Jones (65.0) and Bears LB Khalil Mack (42.5). The duo have also combined for five Pro Bowl selections and three first-team All-Pro selections.

Receiving yards for WR Larry Fitzgerald in three career games against the Bears. Fitzgerald has 25 receptions for 346 yards and five TDs against Chicago, and posted 100+ receiving yards in all three games.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

# WITH A WIN.

- The Cardinals would have at least one home win against 30 of the other 31 NFL franchises since beginning play at State Farm Stadium in 2006 - leaving New England (0-1) as the lone exception.
- Arizona would snap a two-game home winless streak vs. Chicago and have its first home win against the Bears since 1998.

# MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

### WR LARRY FITZGERALD

- With a catch, Fitzgerald would have at least one reception in 214 consecutive games, the second-longest streak in NFL history behind only Jerry Rice (274). He would have at least one catch in 220 of 221 career games.
- With a TD reception, Fitzgerald would have 111 TD catches in his career. That would tie Tony Gonzalez for seventh place on the NFL's all-time list for career receiving TDs.
- With a TD reception from QB Sam Bradford, Fitzgerald would have caught a TD pass from 15 different QBs in his career.
- With 62 receiving yards, Fitzgerald would pass Marvin Harrison (7,180 at RCA Dome) for the third-most receiving yards in a single stadium in NFL history.

#### **RB DAVID JOHNSON**

- With a TD (of any kind), Johnson would have more TDs (35) than any other player in franchise history through their first four NFL seasons. Johnson (35 TDs in 35 games) would break the previous record held by Larry Fitzgerald (34 TDs in 60 games, 2004-07).
- With a TD (of any kind), Johnson would have 29 total TDs in his last 27 games played.
- With a rushing TD, Johnson would have 26 career rushing TDs. That would tie Erie Nevers for seventh on the Cardinals all-time list. It would also give Johnson 18 rushing TDs in his last 20 games.
- With 100 yards rushing, Johnson would join Latavius Murray (111 vs. Chicago, 12/31/17) as the only players to rush for 100+ yards against the Bears dating back to the beginning of the 2017 season. Dating back to 2016, Chicago has allowed just one 100-yard rusher in its last 20 games.

#### <u>DE CHANDLER JONES</u>

- With a sack, Jones would have at least one sack in 24 of 35 games with the Cardinals.
- With a sack, Jones (playing in his  $35^{th}$  game for AZ) would reach 30.0 sacks in fewer games than other player in franchise history. Freddie Joe Nunn (41 games) holds the current record.

## CB PATRICK PETERSON

- With an INT, Peterson would have an INT in back-to-back games for the first time since Weeks 2-3 of the 2016 season and for the seventh time in his career. It would also give Peterson an INT in back-to-back games against the Bears (had one INT in Week 2 meeting at Chicago in 2015).
- With an INT, Peterson would have 23 INTs in his career. Only seven players in team history would have more.

#### K PHIL DAWSON

With one FG, Dawson would have 437 career FGs and sit alone in eighth place on the NFL's all-time list.

#### DE BENSON MAYOWA

With a sack, Mayowa would have at least one sack in back-to-back games for just the second time in his career (Games 12-13 of the 2016 season with Dallas).

#### WR CHRISTIAN KIRK

With a TD (of any kind), Kirk would become the fifth Arizona-born player ever to score a TD for the Cardinals, and the first since Todd Heap in 2011

## **PRODUCING PRESSURE**

Cardinals DE Chandler Jones and Bears LB Khalil Mack have a lot in common. Both are former first round draft picks - Jones in 2012 (Patriots) and Mack in 2014 (Raiders) - who have placed themselves among the best defenders in the NFL

The NFL leader in both sacks (17.0) in 2017, Jones was named first-team All-Pro last season. Since being acquired by the Cardinals in 2016, Jones leads the NFL in both sacks (29.0) and tackles for loss (44). The 2016 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, Mack is a three-time Pro Bowler and two-time first-team All Pro.

Dating back to Mack's rookie season in 2014, both players rank in the top-10 in the NFL for both sacks and tackles for loss.

NFL Leaders – Sacks (2014-18)			NFL Leaders - Tackles for Loss (2014-18)		
Rnk	Player (Team)	<u>Sacks</u>	Rnk	Player (Team)	TFL
1	Von Miller (Den)	52.5	1	Aaron Donald (LAC)	72
2	Chandler Jones (AZ)	47.5	2	Khalil Mack (Chi)	<b>69</b> 64
3	Ryan Kerrigan (Was)	47.0	3	J.J. Watt (Hoù)	64
4	Everson Griffen (Min)	44.5	4	Michael Bennett (Phi)	62
5	Justin Houston (KC)	43.0	5t	Chandler Jones (AZ)	60
5 <b>6</b>	Khalil Mack (Chi)	42.5	5t	Calais Campbell (Jax)	<b>60</b> 60 59 59
7	Cameron Wake (Mia)	40.5	5t	Ryan Kerrigan (Was)	60
8	Cameron Jordan (NO)	40.0	8t	Cameron Jordan (NO)	59
8	J.J. Watt (Hou)	39.5	8t	Von Miller (Den)	59
10	Aaron Donald (LAR)	39.0	10	Ndamukong Suh (LAR)	58
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## **NOTABLE PERFORMANCES VS. CHICAGO**

NFL's Oldest Record - Ernie Nevers Scores 40
On November 28, 1929, Cardinals Hall of Fame HB Ernie Nevers scored 40 points on six rushing TDs and four PATs. His six TDs are tied for the NFL single-game record while his 40 total points remains the oldest record in NFL history.

Longest Touchdown in Franchise History

RB David Johnson - playing in his just his second career game - returned the opening kickoff 108 yards for a TD when the Cardinals visited Chicago in Week 2 of the 2015 season. Johnson's coturn remains the longest playin franchise history. return remains the longest play in franchise history.

First 100-Yard Rushing Performance in Team History
The first 100-yard rushing game in Cardinals recorded history came on December
1, 1935 when second-year back **Doug Russell** totaled 100 yards vs. the Bears. Russell went on to lead the NFL in rushing with 499 yards that season.

First 300-Yard Passing Performance in Team History

Pat Coffee posted the first 300-yard passing performance in Cardinals history on 12/5/37 vs. Chicago in front of 7,313 fans at Wrigley Field. A large chunk of that yardage came on a 97-yard TD pass to Gaynell Tinsley in the fourth quarter, one of the longest TD passes in franchise history.

# LARRY LENDS A HAND

Joe Casella and his wife, Tina, opened Casella's Italian Delicatessen in Scottsdale in 1977 and in the 40-plus years since they have fed and made friends with many in the community. One of those friends is CWR Larry Fitzgerald, who reached out this week to help the family in a time of need.

Joe Casella was diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer and on Tuesday (9/18), Fitzgerald paid for all orders at the Casella's restaurant from noon to 5:00 PM, while asking that patrons make any donations they could to help support Joe and his family. Fitzgerald and teammates D.J. Foster and Christian Kirk stopped by during the day to thank patrons for their donations. the day to thank patrons for their donations.



Foster and Kirk both played football at Saguaro High School, which is less than a mile from the deli. Casella has been a longtime supporter of the school's teams.

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