# ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

Last year in which the Cardinals were involved in a postseason "play-in" game in the final week of the regular season. That year the Cardinals had an 8-7 record and defeated the San Diego Chargers 16-13 on a 52-yard FG as time expired in regulation to improve to 9-7 and earn the final playoff berth in the NFC.

46.0 Sacks for the Cardinals defense in 2020. That total ranks fourth in the NFL in 2020 and is tied for the seventh-best in franchise history. Arizona's defense has recorded 17.0 sacks in the last three games.

Points scored by the Cardinals in their last two games against the Rams, including 28 in Week 13 against the NFL's #3 ranked scoring defense (19.3 ppg). Only Buffalo (35 in Week 3) scored more points in a game vs. the Rams this season. QB Kyler Murray has 5 TD passes in his last two games vs. the Rams.

Receiving TDs for TE Dan Arnold in his last two games against the Rams, including his first career multi-TD performance in the matchup vs. Los Angeles in Week 13 earlier this season. Arnold has three TD catches in his last two games vs. the Rams - and four TD receptions in his other 28 career games.



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### WITH A WIN...

- Arizona would secure its first playoff berth since 2015.
- The Cardinals would earn their fifth road win this season. It would mark the ninth time in franchise history - and first time since 2015 (7) - that Arizona won at least five road games in a single season.
- Arizona would have more wins in 2020 (9) than in its previous two seasons (2018-19) combined (8).

## MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

#### **WR LARRY FITZGERALD**

- With 1 reception Fitzgerald would have at least one catch in 257 consecutive games, extending the second-longest streak in NFL history (Jerry Rice 274). SoFi Stadium would also become the 43rd different stadium in which Fitzgerald has at least one catch. Only Jerry Rice (46) has a catch in more.
- With 1 reception Fitzgerald would have 196 career receptions vs. the Rams. That would be the most in NFL history vs. a single opponent. Fitzgerald currently has 195 catches against both the Rams and Seahawks.
- With a TD catch Fitzgerald would have 19 career TD receptions against the Rams. In NFL history only Jerry Rice (25 vs. Falcons; 20 vs. Rams) would have more TD receptions vs. a single opponent.

#### **QB KYLER MURRAY**

- With 116 passing yards Murray would become the first player in NFL history with 4,000+ passing yards and 800+ rushing yards in a season.
- With 1 rushing TD Murray would have 12 rushing TDs in 2020. The only QB in NFL history with more in a season would be Cam Newton (14 in 2011).
- With 2 TDs (passing or rushing) Murray would have 63 career passing/rushing TDs. Only Hall of Famer Dan Marino (70) would have more through a player's first two NFL seasons.
- With 2 passing TDs Murray would have 17 career games with multiple TD passes. Only Dan Marino (22) would have more through a player's first two NFL seasons.
- With 300+ passing yards Murray would have nine career 300-yard games. In NFL history only Patrick Mahomes and Dan Marino (10 each) would have more in a player's first two seasons.

#### **WR DEANDRE HOPKINS**

- With 5 catches Hopkins (116) would establish a new career high for receptions. His current high is 115 in 2018.
- With 128 receiving yards Hopkins would surpass 1,500 receiving yards in a season for the third time. In NFL history only Jerry Rice (4) would have more seasons of 1,500+. He would also join Brandon Marshall (Bears, Jets) as the only players in NFL history to reach 1,500 receiving yards with multiple teams.

#### **RB KENYAN DRAKE**

- With 1 rushing TD Drake would have 11 rushing TDs in 2020. Along with QB Kyler Murray (11), it would mark just the second time in NFL history a team had multiple players with 11+ rushing TDs in a season. HB Paul Hornung (13) and FB Jim Taylor (11) each had 10+ for the Packers in 1960.
- With 81 rushing yards Drake would join David Johnson (2016) and Beanie Wells (2011) as the only players in franchise history with 1,000+ rushing yards and 10+ rushing TDs in a season.

#### LB HAASON REDDICK

- With 1.0 sack Reddick would have 8.5 sacks in the last four games. That would be the most in franchise history in any four-game stretch. That would also exceed his sack total from his first three NFL seasons (2017-19) combined (7.5).
- With 2.0 sacks Reddick would have 14.5 sacks in 2020. That would tie for the fifth-best single-season total in franchise history. After never posting more than 1.0 sack in his first 53 career games, it would also give Reddick multiple sacks (1.5 or more) in four of his last 11 games.

#### **HISTORIC SEASON ON OFFENSE IN 2020**

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Entering the final week of the 2020 regular season, Arizona ranks #2 in the NFL in total offense (395.9 ypg). With one game left to play, the Cardinals have 5,939 yards of total offense this season, the third-highest total in franchise history.

NFL Leaders – Total Yards (2020)				Franchise Record - Total Yards (Season)		
<u>Rnk</u>	<u>Team</u>	Yds/G	<u>Rnk</u>	<u>Year</u>	Yds/G	
1	Kansas City	425.7	1	2015	6,533	
2	Arizona	395.9	2	1984	6,345	
3	Green Bay	393.9	3	2020	5,939	
4	Buffalo	392.5	4	2016	5,868	
5	Tennessee	390.1	5	208	5,852	

Should the Cardinals finish the year in the same position, it will mark just the fifth time in franchise history Arizona finished a season with a offense ranked #2 in the NFL or higher.

#### Years Ranking Top-2 in Total Offense

<u>Year</u>	<u>Knk</u>	Yds/G
2015	1 <sup>st</sup>	408.3
1964	2 <sup>nd</sup>	322.6
1960	2 <sup>nd</sup>	348.5
1948	2 <sup>nd</sup>	373 8



RAMS

With 250 net passing yards on Sunday, AZ would finish a season with 4,000+ passing yards and 2,000+ rushing yards for just the second time in team history (1984).

#### JUST 26 YARDS FROM 10,000

WR **DeAndre Hopkins** goes into Sunday's regular season finale with 9,974 receiving yards, leaving him just 26 yards shy of 10,000 for his career.

Should he reach the milestone vs. the Rams, Hopkins (28 years, 211 days old) would become the youngest player in NFL history to reach 10,000 receiving yards. Hall of Famer Randy Moss (28 years, 314 days) holds the current record.

#### NFL History – Youngest to Reach 10,000 Receiving Yards Rnk Player (Years) Age

nk	Player (Years		Age
	Randy Moss (	1998-05)	28 years, 314 days
	Larry Fitzgera	ld (2004-12)	29 years, 44 days
	Calvin Johnso	n (2007-14)	29 years, 59 days
	Julio Jones (2)	011-18)	29 years, 276 days
	Jerry Rice (19	85-92)	30 years, 54 days



#### **HUMPHRIES AND HOPKINS WIN PFWA AWARDS**

On Wednesday, WR **DeAndre Hopkins** and OL **D.J. Humphries** were honored by the Arizona Chapter of the Pro Football Writers of America.

Hopkins received the Lloyd Herberg MVP Award for his outstanding performance this year and Humphries earned the Steve Schoenfeld Good Guy Award for his cooperation and insight in dealing with the media.

The MVP award was named after Lloyd Herberg, former Cardinals beat writer for the Arizona Republic. Herberg covered the team from 1988, when the team moved to

Arizona, until his death in May of 1994. Herberg fought a courageous battle with cancer.

The good guy award is named after another former Arizona Republic writer. Schoenfeld covered the Cardinals and the NFL for the Republic from 1988 to 2000. A former national president of the PFWA, Schoenfeld was killed by hit-and-run driver in October of 2000.

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