# ARDINALS

Games scheduled to be played at State Farm Stadium during a 28-day stretch from 12/6/20 to 1/3/21, including three Cards home games, three 49ers "home" games and the Fiesta Bowl. Due to restrictions on contact sports in Santa Clara County, the Niners have called the Valley home since early December.

Players in NFL history with 7,000+ passing yards, 45+ passing TDs and 15+ rushing TDs through their first two seasons. Cards QB **Kyler Murray** accomplished the feat with two games remaining in 2020.

Receiving yards for five-time Pro Bowl WR **DeAndre Hopkins** in his last two games against San Fran. In Week 1 against the 49ers, Hopkins gained 151 yards on a career-high 14 receptions, which are the most in team history in a season-opener and tied for the second-highest single-game total in team history.

Tackles per game for Cards Pro Bowl S Budda Baker in six career contests against the 49ers. The threetime Pro Bowler has 13+ tackles in five of those meetings, including a single-game career-high 15 stops (10 solo) against the Niners earlier this season. He ranks second among NFL DBs with 104 tackles in 2020.

## WITH A WIN.

- Arizona would improve to 9-6 and secure its first winning season since 2015. The Cardinals would have more wins in 2020 (9) than they had in the previous two seasons (2018-19) combined (8).
- The Cardinals would improve to 10-2 in their last 12 games against the 49ers and would secure their fifth season sweep of San Francisco in the last six years.

## MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

- WR LARRY FITZGERALD
- With a reception Fitzgerald would have at least one catch in 256 consecutive games, extending the second-longest streak in NFL history (Jerry Rice - 274).
- With two receptions Fitzgerald would reach 50 catches for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive season, the longest streak in NFL history. Tony Gonzalez (16; 1998-2013) and Fitzgerald are currently tied for the longest streak. Fitzgerald would join Jerry Rice (17) as the only players in history with at least 17 seasons of 50+ catches.
- With one TD catch Fitzgerald would join Jerry Rice (25 vs. Falcons; 20 vs. Rams) as the only players in NFL history with at least 20 TD receptions against a single opponent.
- With 100+ receiving yards Fitzgerald would establish a new NFL record for the most 100-yard receiving games against a single opponent. He currently has 11 such performances against the 49ers.

#### QB KYLER MURRAY

- 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 such games 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 7 catches Hopkins (110) would set a new franchise single-season record for receptions. WR Larry Fitzgerald (109 in 2015 and '17) holds the current mark.
- With 74 receiving yards Hopkins would reach 10,000 for his career. At 28 years, 203 days old, he would become the youngest player in NFL history to reach the the milestone. Randy Moss (28 years, 314 days) holds the current record.
- With 100+ receiving yards Hopkins would become the first Cardinal with three consecutive 100-yard receiving games since Larry Fitzgerald (Games 2-4) in 2008. He would also have three straight 100-yard outings against the 49ers.

#### **RB KENYAN DRAKE**

With 1 rushing TD Drake (10) would join Kyler Murray (11) as just the second RB/QB combo in NFL history to each have 10+ rushing TDs in a season: Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper (10) and RB Moe Williams (11). It would mark just the fifth time in NFL history a team had multiple players (any position) with 10+ rushing TDs in a single season.

#### LB HAASON REDDICK

- With 1.0 sack Reddick would have 7.0 sacks in the last three games. That would be the most in franchise history in any three-game stretch. He would also have three times as many sacks in 2020 (12.0) as he had in any of his first three seasons (high was 4.0 in 2018).
- With 2.0 sacks Reddick (13.0) would tie Chandler Jones (2018) and Al Baker (1983) for the eighth-best season total in team history. It would be the fifth time in as many years that the Cardinals have had a player record 12.5+ sacks: Jones (19.0 in '19; 13.0 in '18; 17.0 in '17) and Markus Golden (12.5 in '16).

### MURRAY NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK (AGAIN)

SAN FRANCISCO

**49ERS** 

**WEEK** 16

VS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

QB Kyler Murray was named the "NFC Offensive Player of the Week" for his performance in last Sunday's 33-26 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.

It was Murray's fourth career "Offensive Player of the Week" award and third this season (Week 5 at NY), Week 7 vs. Se-attle). He is the first player in team history to be named "Player of the Week" three times in a single season, and his three "Player of the Week" selections this year are the second-most in the NFL behind only Buffalo's Josh Allen (4).



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Just 30 games into his NFL career, Murray's four "Offensive Player of the Week" selections trail only Kurt Warner (5) for the most in team history.

Against the Eagles, Murray completed 27-of-36 pass attempts (75.0%) for a career-high 406 yards, three TDs and a 127.8 passer rating, adding 29 yards and a rushing TD on eight carries. It was Murray's ninth game this season with both a pass-ing and rushing TD – the most in a single season in NFL history – and he now has 11 TD runs this season with only two quarterbacks in NFL history having more rushing TDs in a single season: Cam Newton (14 in 2011) and Steve Grogan (12 in 1976).

A SUCCESSFUL TRACK RECORD VS. THE 49ERS In three career games against the 49ers, Murray has competed 67-of-97 pass at-tempts (69.1%) for 621 yards, 5 TDs, 1 INT and a 99.2 passer rating while adding 192 rushing yards and 2 TDs on 26 rush attempts (7.4 avg.).

The second-year signal-caller posted a 100+ passer rating in each game against the Niners as a rookie, and earlier this season, he led the Cardinals to a come-from-be-hind victory over San Fran by completing 11-of-16 pass attempts for 112 yards and rushing 10 times for 81 yards and a TD in the second half.

#### HUMPHRIES SEASON GAINING NOTICE

While he wasn't among the NFC Pro Bowlers announced Monday, the play of starting left tackle **D.J. Humphries** in 2020 is certainly worthy of attention.

Humphries has been one of the league's top tackles since signing a three-year contract extension in February, and according to Pro Football Focus, only four at his position have outplayed him this season.

#### NFL Leaders - Offensive Tackle Grades (PFF)

<u>Plaver</u>	<u>Team</u>	, Grade
David Bakhtiari	Packers	91.7
Frent Williams	49ers	90.6
Garett Bolles	Broncos	89.2
Andrew Whitworth	Rams	88.7
D.J. Humphries	Cardinals	87.9
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#### STELLAR SPECIAL TEAMS ELEVATES CARDS

The Cardinals won their last two games against the Giants and Eagles due in part to a surging special teams unit that has been nearly flawless in December.

One player in particular - third-year LB Ezekiel Turner - made a huge impact on last Sunday's game against Philadelphia. The special teams standout recorded his second blocked punt of the season, his first career reception on a fake punt and added a tackle on kickoff coverage. His first blocked punt of the season came in the season-opener against the 49ers.



In the Cardinals Week 14 win over the Giants, WR Trent Sherfield recovered a fumbled kickoff return at the 21-yard line, leading to an Arizona TD four plays later. It was Sherfield's second special teams fumble recovery in two games.