



ARIZONA CARDINALS NOTE CARDS

- 5** Games this season in which the Cardinals have scored 30+ points. That total leads the NFL. It is also the same number of games in which the Arizona defense has allowed 20 points or fewer, which also leads the league. No other team in the NFL had more than three games allowing 20 points or fewer through Week 6.
- 2** Teams in NFL history - 2021 Cardinals and 1934 Bears - that started a season 6-0 while winning four games on the road by margins of 12+ points.
- 10** Fourth down stops for the Cardinals defense this season, an NFL high. In the last three games, Arizona opponents have converted just 2-of-10 attempts on fourth down. On offense, the Cardinals are the only team in the NFL that has a 100% conversion rate on fourth down (4-of-4).
- 55** Points scored off turnovers for the Cardinals in 2021, the highest total in the league. In the last three games, Arizona's defense has six takeaways and the Cardinals offense has scored on all six ensuing possessions (4 TDs and 2 FGs).



HOUSTON
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WEEK 7

VS



ARIZONA
CARDINALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

WITH A WIN...

- Arizona would improve to 7-0 in 2021, tying the franchise record for wins to open a season (7 in 1974).
- The Cardinals would have wins in each of their first three home games in a season for the first time since 2014.
- Arizona would improve to 4-0 against teams from the AFC in 2021 and 8-4 against AFC opponents under head coach **Kliff Kingsbury**.
- The Cardinals would improve to 3-0 all-time at home against the Texans.

MILESTONES WITHIN REACH...

LB CHANDLER JONES

- With a sack, Jones (67.0) would pass Freddie Joe Nunn (66.5) as the franchise all-time sacks leader. Nunn - who passed away last week at the age of 59 - has held the sack title for the last 29 years.
- With a sack, Jones would have at least a partial sack against 31 of the 32 NFL franchises, leaving Baltimore as the lone exception. Texans rookie QB David Mills would become the 45th different QB Jones has sacked in his career.

QB KYLER MURRAY

- With three passing TDs, Murray would have 17 TD passes in 2021. That would represent the highest total in team history in the first seven games of a season. Carson Palmer (16 in 2015) holds the current record.
- With 2 rushing TDs, Murray would reach 60+ career passing TDs and 20+ rushing TDs. He would become the first player in NFL history to reach 60+ passing TDs and 20+ rushing TDs in their first 39 career games.

WR DEANDRE HOPKINS

- With a reception, Hopkins would push his streak to 133 consecutive games with a catch, extending the second-longest active streak in the NFL.
- With a reception against his former team, Hopkins would have at least one catch against all 32 NFL franchises.
- With a TD reception, Hopkins would more TD catches this season (7) in seven games than he had in all of 2020 (6 in 16 games).
- With two TD receptions, Hopkins would have multiple TD catches in back-to-back games for the first time in his career.

DL J.J. WATT

- With a sack, Watt would have his first career sack against the Texans. That would leave the Bears, Rams, Patriots and 49ers as the only teams Watt does not have at least a partial sack against during the regular season. He will face Chicago, L.A. and San Francisco later this season.

CB BYRON MURPHY JR.

- With an INT, Murphy (who missed Week 5 vs. SF with a rib injury) would have four INTs in his last four games played.

RB JAMES CONNER

- With a rushing TD, Conner would have six rushing TDs in 2021. That would match his total from all of last season (6 in 13 games with Pittsburgh).
- With 2 rushing TDs, Conner would have seven rushing TDs in 2021. In franchise history only David Johnson (8 in 2016) and MacArthur Lane (8 in 1970) would have had more in the first seven games of a season.

LB JORDAN HICKS

- With a sack, Hicks would establish a new career-high with 4.0 sacks in 2020. He is coming off a game in Cleveland in which he had a career-high 2.0 sacks.

CB ROBERT ALFORD

- With an INT, Alford would have an INT in back-to-back games for just the second time in his career (Games 7-8 of the 2014 season).

SCORE BIG IN THE 1ST HALF & SHUT THEM DOWN IN THE 2ND

One reason for the Cardinals 6-0 start this season is the team's ability to score a lot of points in the first half - and then shut down opponents in the second half.

Arizona has scored an NFL-high 112 points in the first half this season - while allowing an NFL-low 40 points in the second half.

2021 NFL Leaders - 1st Half Points

Rnk	Team	Pts
1	Arizona	112
2	Buffalo	111
3	Tampa Bay	100
4	Cleveland	91
5	Dallas	90

2021 NFL Leaders - 2nd Half Points Allowed

Rnk	Team	Pts
1	Arizona	40
2	Denver	45
3	N.Y. Jets	46
4	New Orleans	48
5	Buffalo	54

SECOND HALF SHUTDOWN

Opponents have had 29 offensive possessions in the 2nd half this season and just 6 have resulted in points (4 TD; 2 FG). A look at those 29 possessions:

- 7 ended on 4th down stops
- 7 ended in punts
- 6 ended in scores (4 TD, 2 FG)
- 6 ended in turnovers (2 INT, 4 Fumble)
- 2 ended on missed FGs
- 1 ended as game clock expired

The Cardinals defense has been particularly strong in the 4th quarter this season, allowing NFL-lows in points (13) and TDs (1). Arizona's 13 points allowed in the 4th quarter are 11 fewer than any other team (24 by Denver and Tampa Bay).

The only 4th quarter TD allowed by Arizona this season came in Week 4 against the Rams with just over a minute remaining and the Cardinals leading 37-13.

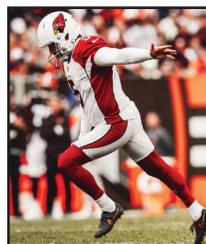


#13 FOR PRATER IS #4 FOR ARIZONA

K **Matt Prater** was named the NFC "Special Teams Player of the Week" for his performance against the Browns in Week 6. Prater's outing featured 13 points, 3 FGs and 4 PATs - including a 51-yard FG in the 2nd quarter that was his third from 50+ this season. He also surpassed 1,500 career points, becoming the 3rd active player to reach the milestone.

It was the 13th time in his career Prater has been named "Special Teams Player of the Week." In NFL history, only K Adam Vinatieri (19) has earned the honor more times.

It was also the 4th Player of the Week selection for the Cardinals in 2021.



WEEK 1 (@ TEN): LB **Chandler Jones** - Defensive Player of the Week
WEEK 2 (VS. MIN): QB **Kyler Murray** - Offensive Player of the Week
WEEK 3 (@ JAX): CB **Byron Murphy Jr.** - Defensive Player of the Week
WEEK 6 (@ CLE): K **Matt Prater** - Special Teams Player of the Week

ALL-PRO TRIO FACE THEIR FORMER TEAMS

The game between the Cardinals and Texans features three players - DL **J.J. Watt**, WR **DeAndre Hopkins** and RB **David Johnson** - who combined for **9 1st-team All-Pro** selections, **112 TDs** and **107.0 sacks** FOR the team they will be playing against on Sunday (totals include postseason).

Watt (11th overall in 2011) and Hopkins (27th overall in 2013) were both first round draft picks by the Texans and spent their entire careers in Houston before coming to Arizona. Johnson was drafted by the Cardinals in the third round (86th overall) in 2015 and played five seasons in Arizona before being traded to Houston (along with a second-round draft pick) for Hopkins in 2020.