

KURT WARNER TIMELINE WITH ARIZONA CARDINALS



3/6/05 Warner signs one-year, \$4 million contract as unrestricted free agent after leaving the New York Giants.

9/11/05 Warner struggles in first start, a return to New York against the Giants in a 42-19 loss.

11/20/05 Throws three touchdown passes in his first game back in St. Louis since ending his career with the Rams.

12/18/05 Season ends in next-to-last game after suffering knee injury in Houston; Warner had started the game completing 10 of 10 passes for 105 yards when he was injured.

2/14/06 Warner signs new three-year contract worth up to \$22 million to stay in Arizona.

4/29/06 Cardinals draft Matt Leinart 10th overall.

5/6/06 Coach Dennis Green says plan is for Warner to play all season and have Leinart sit on the bench and learn. "Hopefully, Matt won't have to play one down," Green said.



9/10/06 Warner throws three touchdown passes as the Cardinals win the first regular-season game at University of Phoenix Stadium, beating the 49ers, 34-27.

9/24/06 A Warner fumble costs the Cards a close field-goal chance in the waning seconds of a 16-14 home loss to the Rams as Warner hears boos as he leaves the field.

10/1/06 Warner struggles in Atlanta and is benched in favor of Leinart; Green says after the game Leinart is the new starting quarterback.

12/31/06 Starting in the finale at San Diego because of a Leinart shoulder injury, Warner plays well (22-for-32, 356 yards, TD) in a loss to the powerful Chargers. The game turns out to be Green's last as coach.

1/15/07 Ken Whisenhunt hired as new head coach.

9/23/07 Whisenhunt decides to use Warner as a "change-up" in a game, bringing him in against the Ravens in Baltimore to run the two-minute drill. Warner completes 15-of-20 passes splitting time with Leinart and nearly helps Cards pull off upset.

10/7/07 Leinart breaks collarbone in St. Louis, giving Warner starting job once again.



10/14/07 Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers lands on Warner's left arm as the two scramble for a fumble; Warner shreds ligaments in his elbow and seemingly will be lost for a significant amount of time.

10/21/07 Warner miraculously starts a week later in Washington despite having to wear a brace on his non-throwing elbow and dealing with a lot of pain. The two-game stretch is the beginning of 41 straight starts for Warner, including playoffs – a career-best.

11/25/07 Throws for 484 yards – his highest total as a Card – in an overtime home loss to the 49ers.

12/30/07 Finishes the season with 300 yards passing, three touchdowns and two interceptions against the Rams. His 27 TD passes for the season were the second-highest total in franchise history.

12/31/07 Whisenhunt says Leinart remains the starter when the team will reconvene for offseason work. "Matt didn't lose the position because of injury. ... But I want to make it clear, not just to Matt but all our players, it is a performance-based business."



7/25/08 Whisenhunt makes it clear Warner has a chance to win starting job, even though Leinart continues to be listed as starter on the depth chart.

8/30/08 Whisenhunt announces Warner has indeed won starting job.

9/14/08 Warner has third perfect passing rating game of his career (19-for-24, 361 yards, 3 TD for a 158.3 rating) in a home win over Miami.

11/16/08 Throws for 395 yards in a win at Seattle to take control of NFC West race.

12/7/08 Warner has 279 yards passing with a touchdown and a pick as Cards beat Rams to clinch first division crown since 1976.

1/18/09 His four touchdown passes leads Cardinals to an NFC championship and a Super Bowl berth, with his eight-yard TD screen pass to Tim Hightower the winning points against the Eagles.

2/1/09 His 377 yards and three touchdown passes aren't enough as the Cards fall to the Steelers, 27-23, in Super Bowl XLIII.



3/4/09 After some intense negotiations, Warner signs new two-year, \$23 million contract. "We are ecstatic the commitment the organization has made to us and now it's my job the next two years to fulfill the deal," Warner said.

9/20/09 Warner sets an NFL completion percentage record in win at Jacksonville when he completes 24 of 26 passes (92.3 percent).



11/8/09 Throws five touchdown passes in a win at Chicago, the first time he's thrown five TDs in a game for the Cards.

11/22/09 Warner's red-hot streak comes to an end not with a poor performance but when he suffers a concussion after a hit by Rams safety Oshiomogho Atogwe. Warner misses the last half against the Rams and the following game in Tennessee.

12/6/09 Warner returns from his concussion to throw three TD passes in a crucial "Sunday Night Football" victory over the Vikings.

1/10/10 Warner has his best game since he came to Arizona and arguably his career, with just four incompletions in 33 attempts, five touchdown passes and 379 yards in a dramatic 51-45 Wild Card playoff victory over Green Bay. Warner caps the day with a brief victory lap and wave to the fans in what turns out to be the final home game of his career.



1/16/10 Warner goes without a TD pass in a Divisional playoff loss at New Orleans, and suffers a crushing blow from Saints defensive end Bobby McCray after throwing an interception. Warner returns to the game, but the Cards can't overcome the Saints.

1/17/10 Warner says the day after the season he doesn't want to make an emotional decision about his future and wants to think about it, admitting he thought he was going to retire after the 2008 season before reconsidering. "You want clarity," Warner said.

1/27/10 News leaks Warner will be having press conference to announce his future intentions; Most assume, given a press conference, he will announce he is leaving the sport.

1/29/10 Warner announces retirement.