



NEW DUDS!
CARDINALS AND GIANTS TO SPORT NEW UNIFORMS IN 2005

Two of the oldest teams in the NFL – the **ARIZONA CARDINALS** (founded in 1920) and **NEW YORK GIANTS** (1925) – will wear the league’s newest uniforms this year.

ARIZONA CARDINALS: It will be the Cardinals’ first total redesign in more than a century.

The move had special significance for Arizona, whose uniform has a storied history.

The “Normals,” which the Cardinals were previously named in tribute to their home stadium, Normal Field, were owned by Chris O’Brien, a painting and decorating contractor. In 1901, he purchased used jerseys from the University of Chicago. Fans referred to the faded color as maroon, but O’Brien disagreed saying, “That’s not maroon, it’s Cardinal red!” In that moment, the club’s permanent name was born.

The organization views this major change as a sign of a new era in team history.

There will be six new uniform combinations of red and white jerseys and pants. They will use the same basic color scheme, but look dramatically different with a thin tapering black stripe on the pant leg and under the sleeve. The team’s logo has also been updated. The Cardinal has a sleeker, tougher appearance.

“The new uniforms are an example of how we’re trying to change the perspective of what the Cardinals are all about,” says another Cardinals change, quarterback **KURT WARNER**.

“We’re going to be fast, aggressive, daring, dynamic and sleek,” added team vice president **MICHAEL BIDWILL**.

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NEW YORK GIANTS: The Giants will wear replicas of the uniforms worn by their 1956 championship team at away games. The most defining difference is that there is no blue on the jerseys. Large red numerals will be complimented by the sleeves, which will include a thick red stripe bordered by two thinner red stripes. That is known as a Northwestern stripe pattern, because the football team at Northwestern is believed to be the first to use it. The Giants wore these jerseys from the mid-1950s through 1963.

In addition, the modern “Giants” logo below the neckline has also been replaced with the traditional “ny” symbol. Uniform pants now feature five stripes instead of three. The outside stripes will be red, followed by two grey and a central blue stripe. Socks will be all white with a red trim at the top.

In addition to the Cardinals’ and Giants’ uniform alterations, many teams will wear third jerseys in 2005.

The Detroit Lions, for instance, will sport black jerseys with blue numbers and stripes outlined in silver and white twice during the regular season. When running back **KEVIN JONES** tried on the jersey, he asked team vice president **TOM LEWAND** when the team would be wearing them.

“When do you want to?” Leward responded.

“At the Super Bowl,” Jones said with a grin.

Teams that will wear third jerseys in 2005:

TEAM	COLOR	DATE(S)
Atlanta	Black	12/12
Baltimore	Black	9/11 & 12/19
Buffalo	Royal Blue	9/11
Chicago	Orange	11/13
Cincinnati	Orange	10/30 & 12/11
Dallas	Classic Navy	9/19 & 11/24
Detroit	Black	9/11 & 11/24
Houston	Red	10/23 & 12/24
New England	Silver	10/2
Philadelphia	Black	9/25 & 12/5
San Diego	Blue	10/10 & 11/20
San Francisco	Red	10/30
Tennessee	Blue	10/30 & 12/11

The following clubs will wear a jersey patch for specific anniversaries/memorials:

TEAM	PATCH
Baltimore Ravens	10th anniversary.
Carolina Panthers	Memorial decal for assistant coach Sam Mills, who passed away from cancer on April 18, 2005.
Miami Dolphins	40th anniversary.
Minnesota Vikings	45th anniversary.
New England Patriots	Super Bowl XXXIX champion patch on September 8.
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	30th anniversary.

The following clubs will wear old-time black cleats this season: Atlanta, Carolina, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, New Orleans, New York Giants, New York Jets, Philadelphia, Seattle, and Tampa Bay.