



Burroughs basketball alumni game

The Burroughs boys basketball team is hosting its first annual Alumni Game, planned for Nov. 25 at 12:30 p.m.

Admission to the event is \$5, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Food Bank. Kids 3 and under get in free.

There will be a raffle at the event, where prizes such as an iPhone X, Vizio 55-inch TV, and more.

There will also be a fan and player three-point shootout and pulled-pork sandwiches served for lunch.

For more info on the event, visit fb.me/BurrosHoops.

It's Back! OTHTC Turkey Trot 5K scheduled for Thanksgiving

"Run before your feast! Work off that turkey dinner before you eat."

The Over the Hill Track Club will be hosting its annual Turkey Trot 5K Thanksgiving morning.

The race begins at 8:30 a.m., with registration at 7:30 a.m. at the McCue Center parking lot on the Cerro Coso campus.

There is no race fee, but \$5 donations are suggested. Proceeds will benefit the Burroughs High School boys and girls cross country programs.

There will be raffle prizes at the end of the event, around 9:45 a.m. Runners must be present to win.

For more information, contact race director Anthony Barnes at abarnes@ssusd.org or (760) 499-1820 ext. 4554.

CIF-SS DIVISION 9 FIRST ROUND | BURROUGHS VS. RUBIDOUX



Bryce Moore (left) receives a pitch from Burroughs quarterback Austin Griffin during Thursday afternoon's practice at Sherman E. Burroughs Stadium. The Burros will host Riverside Rubidoux in the first round of the CIF-SS Division 9 playoffs.

Burros gear for playoff battle

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It's crunch time. Like every year, playoff football can bring interesting shifts in schedules. For example, the Burroughs football team didn't learn of its opponent (Riverside's Rubidoux Falcons) until Sunday. After receiving game film, the coaches study video after video to learn about the team before getting to business on Monday. An all-Mojave River League coaches meeting on Wednesday forced that day's practice to happen earlier that afternoon, and Thursday's workout - normally scheduled for walkthroughs and light contact - felt more like a midweek session. "It's a little different, but I wouldn't have it any other way," said Burroughs head coach Todd Mather. "I love the playoff practices." Veteran's Day is closing the school doors Friday, but the gate to Sherman E. Bur-



Bryson Pippin runs after catching the ball during Thursday's workout.

roughs Stadium will still be open, as the walkthrough will happen this morning. But it's not to cram in any overlooked information, Mather asserts. He just wants his kids out of bed. "It hurts you when your kids don't have school be-

cause they're out of their routine," he said after Thursday's workout. "What kids would notoriously do is sleep till noon and lay around all day. It makes them lazy. It'll be hard for them to get up for the game. We're getting them up. "The practice isn't the

huge focus - yeah, we'll walk through some stuff and have some fun doing that - but for us, it's more of just getting the kids out of bed and keeping them on their normal routine. That's why we're doing it. Not for the extra cram." The Burros worked on

both offensive and defensive schemes Thursday, and with the freshmen and JV members able to step up and serve as a scout team, that allows them to have the depth they longed for. Best believe, they took full advantage of that. "It's been great, kept the freshmen and JV out as our scout team," Mather said. "(They) watched film on Rubidoux offense, practiced it and ran it against us." **What to watch for: Burroughs** Diamond. Wing-T. Double wing. Spread. Shotgun. You name it, they've played it. The Burros have seemingly done it all this season. After quarterback Austin Griffin's shoulder injury that threatened his season, the Burros immediately went to the ground. Mather - remember, he was a quarter-

SEE BURROS, B2

Wall's 23, Beal's 22 help Wiz beat Lonzo Ball, Lakers 111-95

WASHINGTON (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers point guard Lonzo Ball's cold-shooting start to his NBA career just keeps getting worse. For a change, the Washington Wizards managed to play the sort of defense that contributes to limiting an opponent's scoring. John Wall and the Wizards managed to make a double-digit edge hold up against the Lakers this time, with the All-Star point guard scoring 23 points and Bradley Beal adding 22 while Washington held Ball to 3 for 12 on field-goal tries in

a 111-95 victory over L.A. on Thursday night. "They had an off-shooting night," Wizards coach Scott Brooks said, "but we participated in that." Ball, who had 10 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, finished the night shooting 29.2 percent so far in the pros. That's the second-worst through a player's first 12 games in the shot-clock era, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Asked about people constantly analyzing his unusual shooting motion — it looks something like

a right-handed shot put released from the left side of his head — the No. 2 overall draft pick said: "I really don't even care, to be honest. I know I've got to just keep shooting and just improve it every game." Lakers coach Luke Walton's take? "He's an incredible player. He's 20 years old. He almost had a triple-double tonight. But any time you turn on any sports show, all they talk about is his shot," Walton said. "Is it extra pressure? One hundred percent. He's a rookie who

... gets dissected by everybody." Washington's Otto Porter Jr. finished with 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Markieff Morris scored 16 points, including a pair of 3s to open the third quarter. Coming off a home loss in which they never held a lead against the NBA-worst Dallas Mavericks, the Wizards went up by as many as 21 against the Lakers, at 91-70 on Porter's turnaround fadeaway jumper with about 75 seconds remaining in the third quarter. When these teams played each

other in Los Angeles last month in the fourth game of the season for each, the Wizards led by 10 points entering the fourth quarter before the Lakers wound up winning 102-99 in overtime. This time, L.A. pulled to 93-84 on Julius Randle's two-handed slam with about 8 minutes left. But a 3 by Beal soon built the hosts' advantage back to 15. Defense has seemed to optional at times for the Wizards this season. But they held the Lakers to 36 percent Thursday.

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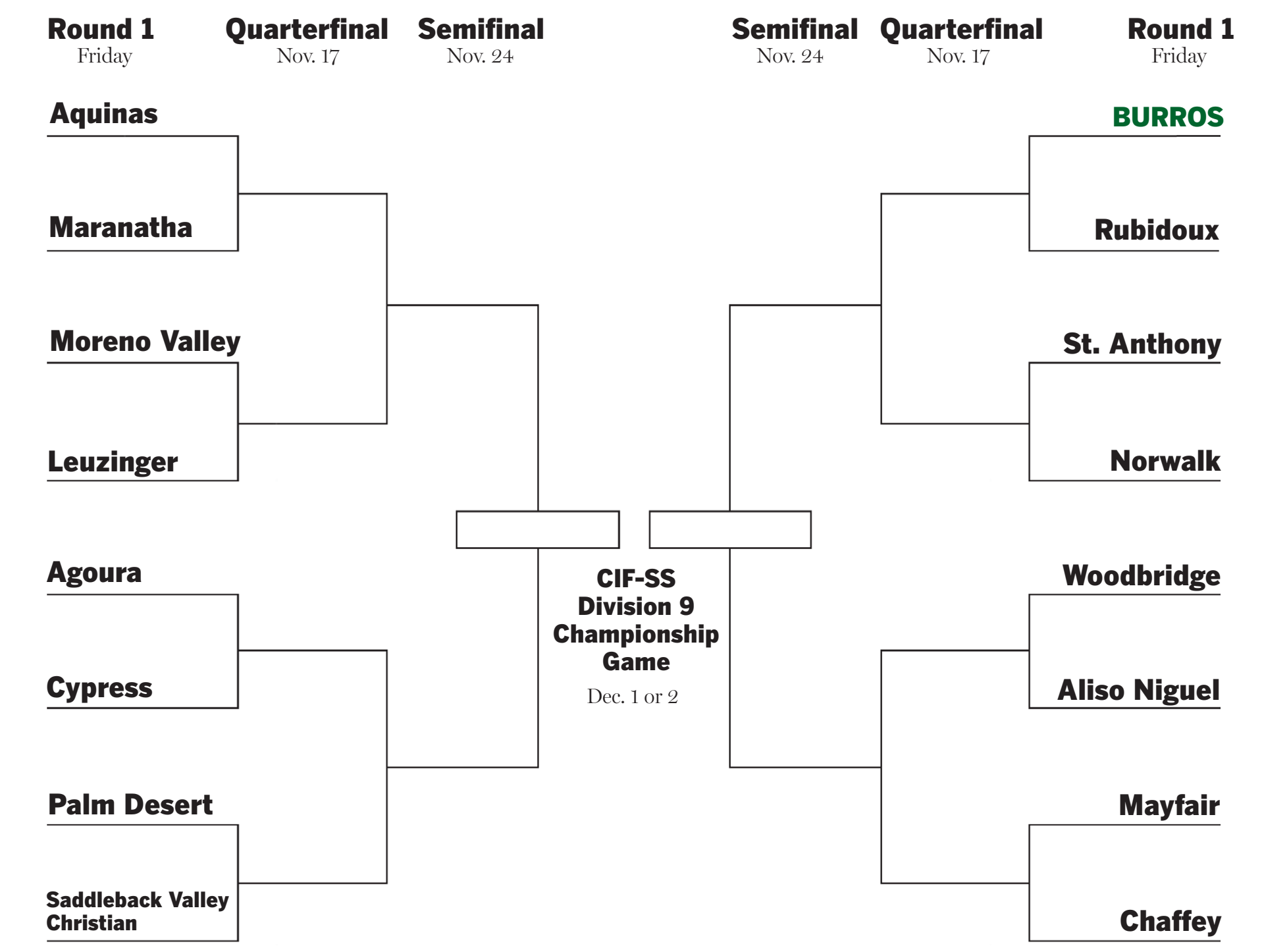


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# CIF-SS Division 9 playoff bracket



## BURROS

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back – loves flying, but has come to appreciate the run game.

It helps that the Burros are averaging 138 rushing yards over the final three regular-season games, their most since 2014. And they have seen production from it, even after Griffin returned, which gives them another weapon.

“Our best plays the last few weeks has been the inside run,” Mather said, “and that’s surprising to say from us considering the size of

kids we play against. ... We’re starting to realize, you know what, we are a pretty decent run team.”

A strong rush, plus a dominant defense, means the time of possession can swing in the Burros’ favor. With clock management comes control.

“We said that we want to let our defense win it in the end, and that’s what we’ve done three games in a row: a 20-17 victory, a last-play-of-the-game victory, and an overtime victory,” Mather said. “That’s where we’re at right now.”

**What to watch for: Rubidoux**

Rubidoux runs the ball, plain and simple. While averaging only 35 yards a game in the air, the Falcons have relied on a strong ground presence led by junior Tyson Giles (171 yards per game) and senior Nathan Huerta (145 yards per game), who have 24 touchdowns combined. As recently as last week’s game against Banning, the duo saw the end zone, with Giles making three trips there.

After studying film, Mather said that the team closely resembles a classic Serrano team, a wing-set or Stack-I type.

“They’re gonna run the ball,” Mather said. “Based on

what your defense is doing is which sets they’re gonna switch into. They’re not a throwing team, they don’t wanna throw the ball. They’re gonna run the ball and make their adjustments.”

**Home-field advantage**

This part is where the luck of the draw comes in. By coming in as the No. 2 seed, Burroughs will host a playoff game for the first time since 2012. Sure, Ridgecrest can get cold and windy in November, but the Burros have taken this week’s practices in stride.

“We’re used to practicing in the wind,” Mather said.

“We also usually start practice at 7:00 every night, so it’s almost like our bodies are ready for the game. We’re training our bodies to be ready every single night at 7:00 for go time. We’ve been under the lights all season. We had to kick against the wind, and we switch and run our offense into the wind, and I think it definitely helps us.”

Also of note, both teams come with completely opposite win-loss records: at home, the Burros are 4-1 this season, and on the road, the Falcons are 1-4.

Then, there’s the concept of community. The Burros motto this year has been,

“One Team, One Town,” and with the city’s support at an all-time high, Mather said that his team understands the importance of this game.

“The town has never been more behind us than it is now,” Mather said. “We’ve earned a home playoff game. We have a great spot in the bracket, a great seed. All we’ve told the kids is, ‘You’ve earned this. You’ve found a way to win these games you know how to win.’ We feel like we’re heading into this game healthy and at full steam for the first time since Apple Valley. It’s great not having to go on the road.”

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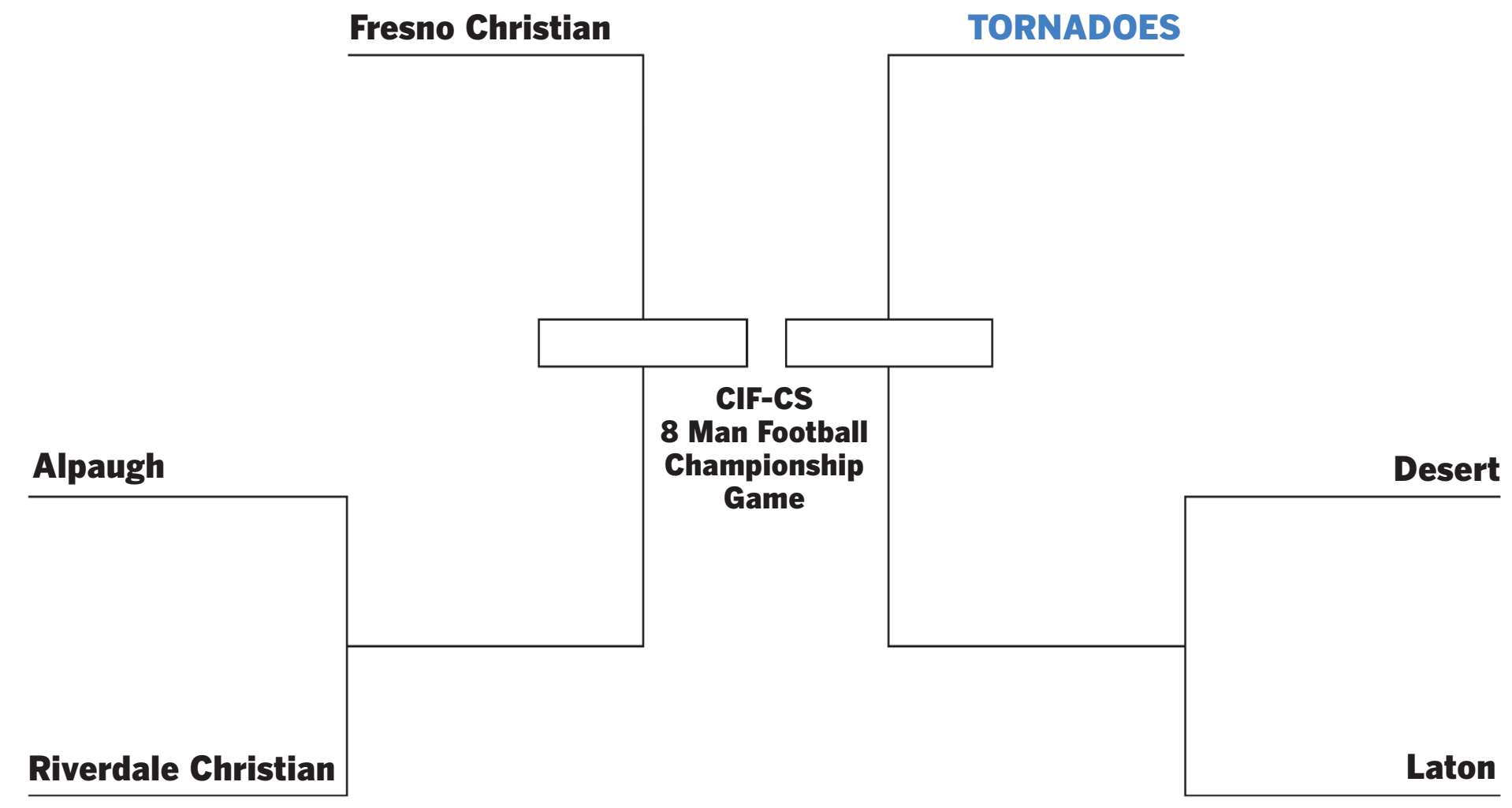
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# CIFCS 8-Man playoff bracket



## Wilson throws 2 TD passes, Seahawks win again in Arizona

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GLENDALE, Ariz. — Russell Wilson threw two touchdown passes to Jimmy Graham and the Seattle Seahawks added to their history of success in Arizona with a 22-16 victory over the Cardinals on Thursday night.

The Seahawks (6-3) limited Adrian Peterson to 29 yards in 21 carries in a game marred by a host of injuries, including a season-ending one to Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman.

The Seahawks improved to 4-0-1 in Arizona in Bruce Arians' five seasons as coach of the Cardinals (4-5). The only time the Seahawks haven't beaten Arians' team in Arizona was in last season's 6-6 tie.

Seattle's Kam Chancellor forced a fumble by Peterson on Arizona's first offensive play and later tackled him in the end zone for a safety.

Sherman limped off the field in the third quarter, one of at least seven players who left the game with injuries. Coach Pete Carroll said after the game that Sherman had a ruptured Achilles tendon.

Wilson, sacked a season-high five times, completed 22 of 32 passes for 238 yards. Arizona's Drew Stanton, in his second start since Carson Palmer went down with a broken arm, completed 24 of 47 for 273 yards and a touchdown. Larry Fitzgerald caught 10 passes for 113 yards for the Cardinals, topping 15,000 yards receiving for his career in

the process.

The night's biggest play came early in the fourth quarter. With his team leading 15-10, Wilson scrambled and spun his way out of serious trouble repeatedly before throwing from his heels to Doug Baldwin. Antoine Bethea fell down trying to knock the pass away and Baldwin raced downfield on a 54-yard play to the Arizona 2-yard line.

"That was an extraordinary play," Carroll said. "I need to see it again because I can imagine all of those spins and all that stuff he was doing to find the time."

Arians called the play "probably the deciding factor in the game."

"The defense played lights out, other than one play," Arians said.

Wilson threw 2 yards to Graham on the next play and the Seahawks led 22-10 with 12:49 to play.

Kerwynn Williams scored on a one-yard run with 20 seconds to play for the Cardinals and Seattle recovered the onside kick try to seal the win.

### INJURIES

There were injuries to important players on both sides.

Arizona left tackle D.J. Humphries and safety Tyvon Branch both left with right knee injuries early in the game. Humphries injured the same knee in the season opener. Branch was the Cardinals' leading tackler through eight games with 68.

Seahawks defensive tackle Jarran Reed left in

the first quarter with a hamstring injury. And Seattle left tackle Duane Brown, in his second game since being acquired in a trade from Houston, went down with an ankle injury in the second quarter. Seattle linebacker Michael Wilhoite (calf) and Arizona tight end Ifeanyi Momah (ankle) also had to leave the contest.

The Seahawks already were without safety Earl Thomas, who sat out the game with a hamstring injury.

### PENALTY FLOOD

Seattle entered the game as the most penalized team in the league with 82, nine more than its nearest competitor, the New York Jets and it looks like their lead in that cat-

egory for another week is assured.

With their 12 penalties (for 108 yards) on Thursday, the Seahawks have 94 in nine games.

Four Seattle penalties for 41 yards aided the Cardinals on their first touchdown drive.

The Seahawks had 16 penalties for 138 yards in their home loss to Washington on Sunday.

### PETERSON'S LOAD

The game came just four days after Peterson carried a career-high 37 times for 159 yards in a win at San Francisco.

### UP NEXT

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Cardinals: Play at Houston on Sunday, Nov. 19.

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