

## BREAKING DOWN THE BIRDS

With the season coming to a close, azcardinals.com writer Darren Urban gives his personal take on the majority of the Cardinals' roster heading into the offseason. UFA is unrestricted free agent. RFA is restricted free agent, whose movement can be controlled with a tender offer, which gives right of first refusal. ER is exclusive rights, meaning a player must accept a tender offer. PS is practice squad.

| <b>QUARTERBACKS</b>      | <b>CONTRACT EXPIRES</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Rich Bartel              | ER                      | Liked in third QB role                                   |
| Max Hall                 | ER                      | If hadn't been on IR, would have been released           |
| Kevin Kolb               | 2016                    | Faces defining season in 2012                            |
| John Skelton             | 2013                    | Should get chance to wrest No. 1 from Kolb               |
| <b>RUNNING BACKS</b>     | <b>CONTRACT EXPIRES</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
| Anthony Sherman          | 2014                    | Showed promise as rookie FB/special teamer               |
| L. Stephens-Howling      | RFA                     | Has niche as change-of-pace back/special teamer          |
| Alfonso Smith            | ER                      | Makes sense as 4 <sup>th</sup> RB; good on special teams |
| Chester Taylor           | UFA                     | With R.Williams returning, Taylor won't                  |
| Beanie Wells             | 2013                    | Proved a lot gaining 1,000 yards while hurt              |
| Ryan Williams            | 2014                    | On schedule to be at camp after torn patella             |
| <b>WIDE RECEIVERS</b>    | <b>CONTRACT EXPIRES</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
| Early Doucet             | UFA                     | Return may hinge on outside interest                     |
| Larry Fitzgerald         | 2018                    | Gets new contract then has perhaps best year             |
| Andre Roberts            | 2013                    | Flashed at times; Might have No. 2 competition           |
| DeMarco Sampson          | 2014                    | Injuries made it difficult for him to progress           |
| Chansi Stuckey           | 2012                    | Future cloudy after a year without impact                |
| Stephen Williams         | ER                      | A mystery, and faces big offseason in order to stick     |
| <b>TIGHT ENDS</b>        | <b>CONTRACT EXPIRES</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
| Jim Dray                 | 2013                    | Has been solid on special teams                          |
| Todd Heap                | 2012                    | Disappointing debut but figures to return                |
| Rob Housler              | 2014                    | You can see talent but had slow rookie season            |
| Jeff King                | 2013                    | Good blocker and catches ball better than advertised     |
| <b>OFFENSIVE LINEMEN</b> | <b>CONTRACT EXPIRES</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
| D'Anthony Batiste (T)    | UFA                     | May be needed considering tackle issues                  |
| Jeremy Bridges (T)       | 2013                    | Cards like him as depth; Brings an edge                  |
| Levi Brown (T)           | 2012                    | \$16.9M cap number means new deal or cut                 |
| Daryn Colledge (G)       | 2015                    | One of the sure things for O-line next season            |
| Rex Hadnot (G)           | 2012                    | Will be interesting to see if keeps starting job         |
| Brandon Keith (T)        | UFA                     | Injured often; Cards must decide whether to stick with   |
| Deuce Lutui (G)          | UFA                     | A curious case; After last offseason, anything possible  |
| Lyle Sendlein (C)        | 2015                    | The captain and anchor of the line                       |
| Floyd Womack (G/T)       | UFA                     | On IR all year, may be fallback option                   |
| D.J. Young (T)           | 2012                    | Cards saw something: Promoted from PS to keep in '12     |
| <b>DEFENSIVE LINEMEN</b> | <b>CONTRACT EXPIRES</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>   |
| David Carter             | 2014                    | A pleasant surprise as 6 <sup>th</sup> -round rookie NT  |

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| Calais Campbell | UFA  | Great season. He will re-sign or be franchised           |
| Darnell Dockett | 2015 | Took a while to accept new scheme, but finished strong   |
| Nick Eason      | 2012 | Solid on field, even better in locker room               |
| Vonnie Holliday | UFA  | May be aging but worth bringing back for on/off field    |
| Daryl Talley    | ER   | Likely will return, at least to fight for a spot at camp |
| Dan Williams    | 2014 | Broken arm cut short season; Needs to watch weight       |

| LINEBACKERS       | CONTRACT EXPIRES | COMMENT  |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Sam Acho          | 2014             | Seven sacks way more than expected               |
| Stewart Bradley   | 2015             | A head-scratcher. Must play much better in 2012  |
| Clark Haggans     | UFA              | Impressive season. Will that mean one more year? |
| Paris Lenon       | 2012             | Has exceeded expectations in his two Az years    |
| Joey Porter       | UFA              | Finished with Cards, and maybe period            |
| O'Brien Schofield | 2013             | Improved as year went on, but still learning     |
| Quan Sturdivant   | PS               | Draft pick needs an offseason to grow            |
| Reggie Walker     | RFA              | Will have to fight to stick around               |
| Daryl Washington  | 2013             | Had a good year, could be great in '12           |
| Brandon Williams  | ER               | Would think Cards will bring him to camp         |

| DEFENSIVE BACKS         | CONTRACT EXPIRES | COMMENT  |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|
| Hamzah Abdullah (S)     | UFA              | Special teamer's future may depend on others         |
| Michael Adams (CB)      | 2012             | Will have to fight to stick but ST play helps        |
| Crezdon Butler (CB)     | 2012             | Cards will take a long look at him in camp           |
| Sean Considine (S)      | UFA              | Good on special teams but that might not be enough   |
| Marshay Green (CB)      | 2012             | Still seems raw to have roster potential             |
| A.J. Jefferson (CB)     | ER               | They will keep working with him                      |
| Rashad Johnson (S)      | RFA              | Improved after replacing Rhodes.                     |
| Korey Lindsey (CB)      | PS               | Couldn't get ahead of Green for late-season callup   |
| Richard Marshall (CB/S) | UFA              | Cards need to re-sign Horton's MVP                   |
| Patrick Peterson (CB)   | 2015             | Will become Cards' top CB by next season             |
| Kerry Rhodes (S)        | 2013             | Injuries wrecked his season                          |
| Greg Toler (CB)         | RFA              | Expected back in mix after ACL injury                |
| Adrian Wilson (S)       | 2013             | Another Pro Bowl after finding himself in the scheme |

| SPECIALISTS       | CONTRACT EXPIRES | COMMENT   |
|-------------------|------------------|---|
| Mike Leach (LS)   | UFA              | The reality: Might seek someone younger (cheaper) |
| Jay Feely (K)     | UFA              | Bumpy start but rallied. Wants to return.         |
| Dave Zastudil (P) | UFA              | Dealt with injuries. Will Cards seek youth?       |