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## NE Patriots Predicted to Sign Free Agent Cam Newton in Next Team Odds

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Cam Newton is still yet to find NFL employment three months after his eight-year stay as a Carolina Panther reached its end, with many wondering where such a potentially valuable asset will play football in 2020.

The New England Patriots have been and remain the outright favorites to sign Newton as a quarterback upgrade, listed as +300 (4.00) frontrunners to recruit the star with DraftKings and other majority of NJ operators. The odds rise sharply after that, with the Arizona Cardinals, Pittsburgh Steelers, Tennessee Titans and Washington Redskins each neck and neck at +800 (9.00) for punters in New Jersey.

A move to Foxborough, Massachusetts, makes sense for Newton, 31, on paper after the Patriots saw legendary QB Tom Brady (and Rob Gronkowski) leave for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this off-season. Head coach and general manager Bill Belichick has Brian Hoyer and Jarrett Stidham as senior playmaker options, neither of whom possess anywhere near the same promise as Newton.

But the mega-star could be deemed too pricey for Belichick's tastes, with value to be had further down the list if the Pats do pass up on his signature.

Links with the Redskins are inevitably strong given Newton's former Carolina coach, Ron Rivera, traded Carolina for a move to Washington earlier in 2020. However, all signs thus far suggest the franchise will entrust their no. 1 spot to last year's first-round pick, Dwayne Haskins, alongside veteran Alex Smith and Kyle Allen, who already followed Rivera from the Panthers this year.

The Cardinals also look like a fine pick in DraftKings' estimations, but a lot depends on whether Newton is prepared to battle for starting honors after Arizona star Kyler Murray was named 2019 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. Murray is unlikely to ride the bench despite Newton's shaky injury record of the past two years, and it's equally uncertain as to whether the elder talisman is prepared to settle for anything other than the top spot in a new team.

**Prediction:** The coronavirus pandemic hurt football's economy and means 2015 MVP Newton could have to wait until a player gets injured before a team makes their move for his services. That being said, the **Arizona Cardinals** may have the best setup and salary cap space required (just about) to bring in Newton as a tried-and-tested mentor and competition for rising star Murray.

**Cam Newton: Next NFL Team Odds:** 

New England Patriots: +300 Arizona Cardinals: +800 Pittsburgh Steelers: +800 Tennessee Titans: +800 Washington Redskins: +800 Baltimore Ravens: +900 Los Angeles Rams: +1000 Seattle Seahawks: +1000 Denver Broncos: +1200 Detroit Lions: +1200

Jacksonville Jaguars: +1200

Buffalo Bills: +1400 Chicago Bears: +1600 Atlanta Falcons: +2000 Minnesota Vikings: +2000 Los Angeles Chargers: +2500 San Francisco 49ers: +2500 New York Giants: +3000

Tampa Bay Buccaneers: +3000

Houston Texans: +3300 Cincinatti Bengals: +5000 Miami Dolphins: +5000 Carolina Panthers: +10000 Cleveland Browns: +10000 Dallas Cowboys: +10000 Green Bay Packers: +10000 Indianapolis Colts: +10000 New Orleans Saints: +10000 New York Jets: +10000 Philadelphia Eagles: +10000

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