Sam Darnold Quad Injury Update — Who Starts for the Seahawks in Week 9

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Injury	Quadriceps, suffered at the end of Monday's 34-17 loss to the Chicago Bears
Status	Out for Week 9; week-to-week; not going on injured reserve
Also	Macdonald said Darnold cracked a rib on the second play of that game and played through it
Week 9 starter (plan)	Drew Lock, who is still working back from an elbow injury
Backup	Jalen Milroe; both QBs are being prepared to play
Game	Arizona Cardinals at Seattle Seahawks, Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026, 1:25 p.m. PT (4:25 p.m. ET), Lumen Field, FOX
Seahawks record	4-4
Darnold 2026 stats	60.2% completions, 1,478 yards, 10 TD, 9 INT (per NBC Sports/PFT)
Lock 2026 stats	35 of 48, 422 yards, 4 TD, 0 INT in two wins (per NBC Sports/PFT)

Timeline

1. **Week 1:** Darnold injures his glute on the first possession of a win over New England; Lock finishes the game
2. **Week 2:** Lock starts at Arizona: 19 of 26, 235 yards, 3 TD in a win
3. **Weeks 7-8:** Lock misses two games with an elbow injury (emergency third QB in Week 8)
4. **Nov. 2, 2026 (Mon.):** Bears beat Seahawks 34-17; Darnold cracks a rib early and hurts his quad late
5. **Nov. 4, 2026:** Macdonald rules Darnold out for Week 9; week-to-week, no IR; Lock expected to start
6. **Nov. 8, 2026:** Cardinals at Seahawks, 1:25 p.m. PT, FOX

Sources: ESPN: Seahawks QB Sam Darnold ruled out with quad injury, is week-to-week (Nov. 4, 2026) · NFL.com: Seahawks QB Sam Darnold to miss Week 9 game vs. Cardinals · NBC Sports/PFT: Sam Darnold out Week 9 with quad injury, Drew Lock in line to start · Seahawks.com: How to watch Seahawks vs. Cardinals, Week 9 · Pro-Football-Reference: Bears at Seahawks box score, Nov. 2, 2026. Independent summary; not affiliated with the NFL or any team.