

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023



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AFL Standings

W-L-T	GB	Streak
Surprise Saguaros	15-10	L1
Scottsdale Scorpions	13-12-1	2.0 L1
Salt River Rafters	13-13	2.5 W1
Peoria Javelinas	12-12-1	2.5 L2
Glendale Desert Dogs	11-14	4.0 W2
Mesa Solar Sox	11-14	4.0 W2

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The Fall League will host its second annual Home Run Derby this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and the Fall Stars game will follow on MLB Network this Sunday at 6:00 p.m., both at Sloan Park.

2. With the conclusion of the World Series Wednesday night, all three #AFL23 contests will be broadcast live on mlbfallball.com.

3. Ryan Webb (LHP/Cleveland) struck out six - 33 total in #AFL23 - in 4.1 innings for Peoria. He has thrown 18.2 innings and is closing in on 40 strikeouts, a mark that has not been reached in an AFL season since Miguel De Los Santos had 40 in 2011.

4. Jacob Burke (OF/Chicago White Sox) is 4-9 in his last two games including a pair of doubles and three hits in Wednesday's Glendale victory over Surprise. He has raised his average from .229 to .253 over his last two games played.

5. Ben Casparius (RHP/Los Angeles Dodgers) struck out six and allowed just two baserunners in 3.0 shutout innings for Glendale Wednesday.

6. Ben Cowles (INF/New York Yankees) and Caleb Durbin (INF/New York Yankees) have been on a tear for Mesa. Cowles has the longest active hitting streak in #AFL23 at 12 games (10/10 - 11/1) and Durbin is right behind him at 11 (10/13 - 11/1).

7. The top three teams in the #AFL23 standings entering play yesterday - Surprise, Scottsdale and Peoria - all lost, allowing Salt River to jump into a playoff spot.

8. Despite Peoria falling out of a playoff spot, it is one of only two #AFL23 teams with a positive run differential (Surprise, 31, Peoria, 23).

9. With one week to go in the regular season, Glendale and Mesa are currently just 2.5 games out of the final playoff spot.

10. Peoria has not been below .500 all season and enter today's contest at 12-12-1. The Javelinas are on a two-game losing streak and are 3-7 in their last 10 games.

AFL in the World Series

With Corey Seager (Glendale, 2013/14), earning World Series MVP, a positive trend has continued. The last nine World Series MVP's have been Arizona Fall League alumni.

The 2023 World Series was littered with Arizona Fall League alumni. The Arizona Diamondbacks and the Texas Rangers each had 11 players on the roster who played in the AFL.

The 22 total alumni mark 42% (22/52) players in the 2023 World Series that are AFL alums.

Today's Headlines

#AFL23 has announced its Final Vote candidates for the Fall Stars game, held this Saturday at Sloan Park at 6:00 p.m. MST and broadcasted live on MLB Network. Voting will close Friday at 2:00 p.m. MST.

Ben Cowles (INF/New York Yankees), Jacob Burke (OF/Chicago White Sox), Justice Bigbie (OF/Detroit) & Max Muncy (OF/Oakland) represent the AL. Jacob Hurtubise (OF/Cincinnati), Nasim Nuñez (INF/Miami), Keshawn Ogans (INF/Atlanta) & Graham Pauley (INF/San Diego) represent the NL.

Peoria @ Glendale - Patrick Wicklander (LHP/Tampa Bay) is 0-2 with a 8.71 ERA this fall season, allowing 10 earned runs on 14 hits in 10.1 innings pitched. He has walked 11 and struck out nine. In his last start, Wicklander threw 2.0 innings, allowing two runs on three hits in his last start.

Josimar Cousin (RHP/Chicago White Sox) is 0-2 and has an ERA of 11.17 in four #AFL23 outings. He has allowed 12 earned runs on 19 hits in 9.2 innings pitched for Glendale, striking out five and walking four. Cousin allowed three runs on four hits over 2.2 innings of work in his last outing.

Salt River @ Scottsdale - Wilmer Flores (RHP/Detroit) has a 4.50 ERA in 14.0 #AFL23 innings. He is making his sixth appearance and second start today. Flores has allowed seven runs on 19 hits, striking out a loud 19 batters to walking just two. In his last start, Flores threw 3.0 innings and allowed two runs, striking out five and walking none.

Thaddeus Ward (RHP/Washington) has a 3.00 ERA in four #AFL23 outings. He has allowed six runs on six hits in 12.0 innings pitched. Ward has struck out 13 and walked five. In his last game, Ward allowed one run on one hit in 3.1 frames.

Mesa @ Surprise - Tyler Guilfoil (RHP/Houston) is 1-2 with a 10.13 ERA in #AFL23. He has allowed 12 earned runs on 14 hits, striking out 10 and walking five. Guilfoil is coming off of his best outing this season, allowing one run on three hits in 3.0 frames.

Angel Zerpa (LHP/Kansas City) has a 5.40 ERA in 8.1 #AFL23 innings. He has allowed five runs on 12 hits. In his last start, Zerpa allowed two runs in 2.0 frames.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, November 2

Peoria @ Glendale	6:30	LHP Patrick Wicklander vs. RHP Josimar Cousin
Salt River @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Wilmer Flores vs. RHP Thaddeus Ward
Mesa @ Surprise	6:30	RHP Tyler Guilfoil vs. LHP Angel Zerpa

Friday, November 3

Mesa @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Nick Hull vs. RHP Ross Carver
Salt River @ Surprise	6:30	RHP Dylan Smith vs. RHP Trent Palmer
Scottsdale @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Davis Daniel vs. RHP Jordan Geber

Saturday, November 4 - Home Run Derby

Kevin Alcantara, Wes Clark, Kyle Manzardo, Ivan Melendez, Damiano Palmegiani, Gabriel Rincones Jr., Kala'i Rosario and Aaron Sabato will compete in the second annual Home Run Derby at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night. Hitting order is TBA.