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ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE ANNOUNCES WEEK THREE HITTER AND PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Oct. 29, 2024 – The Arizona Fall League has announced its NFP Hitter and Pitcher of the Week for games from October 21st through October 27th.

Hitter of the Week: Salt River Rafters INF Caleb Durbin (NYY)

New York Yankees prospect Caleb Durbin posted a .429/.550/.643 slash line with one home run and five RBI in four games last week. Setting the tone at the top of the lineup, Durbin added five walks to reach base safely 11 times, and he did not strike out in 20 plate appearances. Durbin also collected eight stolen bases without getting caught, good for five more steals than any other player in the league last week, and he scored five runs. His best game of the week came on October 25, when he went 3-for-5 with a home run, three RBI, three runs and four stolen bases, leading Salt River to a comeback win over Glendale.

Pitcher of the Week: Glendale Desert Dogs RHP Jose Acuña (CIN)

Cincinnati Reds prospect Jose Acuña turned in a lights-out performance, pitching four hitless, scoreless innings with a league-best seven strikeouts and only two walks over Peoria on October 22. Acuña was one of six pitchers to complete four innings last week, but the only one who did it without allowing a hit, and his seven punchouts are tied for the most in any game this season. The Venezuelan right-hander retired the first eight batters he faced, which included a stretch of five consecutive strikeouts, and all seven of his strikeouts were of the swinging variety. Acuña's stellar outing came against a lineup featuring three organizational Top-5 prospects.

Regarded as the premier league for baseball's top prospects, the Arizona Fall League continues to develop top-caliber talent across all 30 MLB Clubs. The annual **Fall Stars Game** (Saturday, November 9th) will be played at Sloan Park and the AFL **Championship Game** (Saturday, November 16th) will return to Salt River Fields. Both games will be televised LIVE on MLB Network. The full 2024 Arizona Fall League Schedule and online tickets can be found at the Arizona Fall League website, MLBFallBall.com.

2024 Players of the Week

Week	Hitter	Pitcher
Week 1 (10/7-10/13)	Kemp Alderman (Peoria; MIA) Colt Emerson (Peoria; SEA)	Connor Phillips (Glendale; CIN)
Week 2 (10/14-10/20)	Josue Briceño (Scottsdale; DET)	Alex Santos II (Surprise; HOU)
Week 3 (10/21-10/27)	Caleb Durbin (Salt River; NYY)	Jose Acuña (Glendale; CIN)

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