



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023



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AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Salt River Rafters	1-0	0	W1
Surprise Saguaros	1-0	0	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	0-0-1	.5	T1
Peoria Javelinas	0-0-1	.5	T1
Glendale Desert Dogs	0-1	1	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	0-1	1	L1

#10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

- Opening Day was an offensive showcase, with four teams totaling at least 12 hits. Surprise paced the league with 14 hits and 13 runs. West Clarke (1B/Brewers) led the way with four RBI. He finished a double-shy of the cycle.
- MLB Pipeline No. 54 Jackson Jobe (RHP/Detroit) shoved four innings of shutout, two-hit baseball for the Salt River Rafters in his first start. Jobe walked two and struck out four, setting down including No. 89 Kevin Parada (C/Mets) swinging.
- Although less flashy, Braden Nett (RHP/Cleveland) and Zach Penrod (LHP/Glendale) each tossed four innings and did not allow a run on Opening Day.
- No. 84 Chase DeLauter (OF/Cleveland) blasted his first homer of the season in the second inning for the Javelinas, leading the league with five RBI on the day.
- Ricky Tiedemann (LHP/Toronto) is #AFL23's highest ranked pitching prospect at No. 31 on MLB Pipeline. He makes his first start of the season Tuesday night at home for Surprise.
- Justice Bigbie (OF/Detroit) jumped to an early #AFL23 lead with three walks on Opening Day, scoring a run in the Rafters' win.
- Eight total players worked multiple walks on Opening Day.
- Tuesday's slate continues with Salt River, Scottsdale and Surprise all at home for the second straight day.
- Juan Mejia (RHP/Colorado) was lights out in relief for the Salt River Rafters, getting four outs, all of them via the strikeout. He issued one walk.
- Tuesday is the first mandatory batting practice & infield/outfield day of the #AFL23 season.

League Notes

- MLB Clubs have all sent one extra pitcher to #AFL 23 in years past, giving each Fall League team 30 total pitchers.
- In 2023, 34 AFL alumni from 2022 made their Major League debuts, including reigning league MVP Heston Kjerstad (BAL) and Breakout Player of the Year Edouard Julien.
- Victor Scott (OF/ Surprise/St. Louis) tied for the MiLB lead in 2023 with 94 stolen bases.
- Jacob Berry (3B/Peoria/Marlins) is a Scottsdale native and his dad serves as Superintendent of Queen Creek HS.
- In other local news, Fitz Stadler (RHP/ Surprise/Blue Jays) is the only Sun Devil Baseball alumni on the #AFL23 Opening Day roster.

Today's Headlines

Mesa @ Salt River - The Rafters set the tone for their #AFL23 campaign with MLB Pipeline's No. 54 Jackson Jobe (Detroit) tossing four shutout innings on Opening Night en-route to a 3-1 victory over the Glendale Desert Dogs.

They turn to RHP Dylan Smith (Detroit) for tonight's contest in an attempt to cool the Mesa bats that put up eight runs and 12 hits in their loss at Surprise. Smith ascended from the Rookie League to Erie (AA) in the Tigers organization last season, pitching 37.1 innings over 12 contests (11 starts).

Mesa sends out RHP Pete Van Loon (Chicago Cubs). The UC Irvine product pitched exclusively at Bowie (AA) in 2023, pitching to 53.2 innings, all in relief with a 6.04 ERA. Loon struck out 70 and walked 23 during the 2023 campaign.

Glendale @ Scottsdale - Scottsdale Stadium has not been kind to the Scorpions lately as they were 4-13 at home last year. They are still looking for their first win of the season there after tying with Peoria on Opening Night.

Scottsdale turns to RHP Tekoah Roby (St. Louis), who pitched only 12 innings in 2023 with a 3.00 ERA. He's opposite LHP Jake Eder (Chicago White Sox) who threw 56.2 innings in 2023. The Scorpions will need some more support from their bullpen, as Scottsdale surrendered an eight-run seventh inning on Opening Day to Peoria.

Peoria @ Surprise - After Kumar Rocker captivated fans in 2022, there will be plenty of attention on No. 31 LHP Ricky Tiedemann's (Toronto) #AFL23 debut Surprise. Tiedemann had a 3.68 ERA in 15 starts and 44 innings in the Minors last season. RHP Logan Workman (Tampa) will attempt to get Peoria its first win this year. He had a 3.73 ERA in 70.0 innings (17 starts, 18 games) last season.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 3

Mesa @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Pete Van Loon vs. RHP Dylan Smith
Glendale @ Scottsdale	6:30	LHP Jake Eder vs. RHP Tekoah Roby
Peoria @ Surprise	6:30	RHP Logan Workman vs LHP Ricky Tiedemann

Wednesday, October 4

Scottsdale @ Salt River	2:30	LHP DJ Herz vs. LHP Blake Walston
Surprise @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Eric Cerantola vs. RHP Kendall Williams
Peoria @ Solar Sox	6:30	RHP Ike Buxton vs. RHP Nick Hull

Thursday, October 5

Surprise @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Trent Palmer vs. RHP J.C. Flowers
Scottsdale @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Christian McGowan vs. LHP Jordan Carr
Mesa @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Tyler Guilfoil vs. LHP Ryan Webb

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

Tuesdays and Fridays are the current mandatory batting practice and I/O days. The schedule is below.

2:30 - Home I/O: 10:45 a.m., Home BP: 11:10 a.m., Visitor BP: 12:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 1:35 p.m.
6:30 - Home I/O 2:45 p.m., Home BP: 3:10 p.m., Visitor BP: 4:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 5:35 p.m.