

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

## GAME NOTES - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023



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### AFL Standings

W-L-T	GB	Streak
9-5		W4
8-5-1	.5	L4
8-5-1	.5	W1
8-6	1.0	L2
4-10	5.0	W2
4-10	5.0	L1

### #10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The Arizona Fall League is hosting a Boys & Girls Club of the Valley event today in Mesa, welcoming nearly 100 children to the 2:30 game.

2. The Salt River Rafters have taken over sole possession of the best record in #AFL23 after winning 5-1 over the Surprise Saguaros Tuesday night. The Rafters have won four straight and seven of their last eight games.

3. Darius Vines (RHP/Atlanta) made his first #AFL23 start Tuesday for Salt River, tossing 5.2 innings, allowing one run and striking out nine.

4. Benny Montgomery (OF/Colorado) and Jase Bowen (INF/Pittsburgh) combined to go 4-9 with two RBI and two runs scored at the top of the Salt River order.

5. The Desert Dogs won their second straight game, 7-6, at Peoria in 10 inning yesterday. Kyle Manzardo (INF/Cleveland) went 2-3 with two home runs and a walk.

6. Glendale scored three to make it 7-4 after the top of the 10th. Peoria countered by scoring two and loading the bases with two outs, but Tyler Locklear popped out to end the game.

7. Reggie Crawford (INF/San Francisco) played first base for the first time in his professional career as Scottsdale won 7-5 against Mesa. He did not make an error in 12 chances.

8. Crawford hit his second homer of #AFL23 in aiding the Scorpions victory.

9. In the spirit of the NLCS, Gabriel Rincones Jr. (OF/Philadelphia) and Matt Kroon (INF/Philadelphia) each homered for Scottsdale.

10. Will Bednar (RHP/San Francisco) secured his first #AFL23 save with a scoreless ninth inning.

### AFL in the Postseason

- Of the 312 players that were active in the Division Series Round of the MLB Postseason, 121 are AFL alumni.

- There are multiple sets of AFL teammates together in the MLB postseason, including Bryce Harper and Craig Kimbrel (Washington, Scottsdale, 2010).

- The Phillies lead postseason MLB Clubs in AFL alumni with 16. Johan Rojas (Surprise) made a leaping catch late in the clinching game of the Division Series Round for Philadelphia.

- 2022 AFL alumni in the MLB Postseason include MVP Heston Kjerstad, Breakout Player of the Year Edouard Julien, Johan Rojas and Emmett Sheehan.

### Today's Headlines

For the first time, the Arizona Fall League has partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of the Valley to bring nearly 100 children to Sloan Park today. Students will be introduced to elementary concepts of baseball analytics by STEM Sports, combining science and math, while taking in an AFL game.

With collaboration from the venues, local and city governments, STEM Sports and Specialized Transport Services, the outings will be hosted at no charge to the students.

**Glendale @ Mesa** - After knocking off Peoria's hot offense in two straight contests, Glendale sends Jordan Carr (LHP/Minnesota) out for his third #AFL23 outing. Carr has allowed just one run, a solo homer, on six hits over 8.0 innings this fall season. He has struck out four and walked none while throwing 90 pitches (67 strikes).

Carr is opposite Tyler Santana (RHP/Chicago Cubs) who has a 6.75 ERA over 5.1 innings in #AFL23, allowing four runs on five hits.

**Salt River @ Peoria** - After starting Darius Vines Tuesday, the Atlanta Braves send out another Major League starter today, Dylan Dodd (RHP/Atlanta). Dodd has thrown 5.0 innings allowing three runs while striking out nine in #AFL23.

Ike Buxton (RHP/Miami) is 1-0 with a 3.12 ERA in 8.2 #AFL23 innings. He has struck out eight and walked five while throwing 156 pitches (92 strikes).

**Surprise @ Scottsdale** - Angel Zerpa (LHP/Kansas City) is throwing his third fall outing after hurling 4.0 frames, allowing one run in #AFL23. He is opposite DJ Herz (LHP/Washington), who has thrown 7.0 innings, allowing three runs on seven hits while striking out nine and walking two in #AFL23.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

#### Wednesday, October 18

Glendale @ Mesa	2:30	LHP Jordan Carr vs. RHP Tyler Santana
Salt River @ Peoria	2:30	RHP Dylan Dodd vs. RHP Ike Buxton
Surprise @ Scottsdale	6:30	LHP Angel Zerpa vs. LHP DJ Herz

#### Thursday, October 19

Glendale @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Josimar Cousin vs. RHP Case Williams
Scottsdale @ Surprise	6:30	RHP Christian McGowan vs. RHP CJ Van Eyk
Peoria @ Mesa	6:30	LHP Ryan Webb vs. RHP Tyler Guilfoil

#### Friday, October 20

Scottsdale @ Peoria*	2:30	RHP Thaddeus Ward vs. RHP Gabe Bierman
Surprise @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Carson Spiers vs. RHP Jackson Jobe
Mesa @ Glendale	6:30	TBD vs. RHP Jordan Geber

\* = Played at Salt River

### Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

On-field BP is required **Monday** and **Thursday**. I/O is required Thursday.

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.