



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023



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AFL Standings

W-L-T	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	8-2-1	L1
Surprise Saguaros	7-4	1.5 W4
Scottsdale Scorpions	6-4-1	2.0 W3
Salt River Rafters	6-5	2.5 W1
Mesa Solar Sox	3-8	5.5 L5
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-9	6.5 L4

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

- The AFL is playing at Goodyear Ballpark for the first time.
- The Peoria Javelinas' two losses in #AFL23 are on the road against the Salt River Rafters, including Friday's 11-7 defeat.
- MLB Pipeline No. 17 prospect Colson Montgomery (INF/Chicago White Sox) belted two home runs Friday. He has five hits in his last nine at-bats, including four for extra bases and six RBI. He has increased his batting average from .148 --> .250.
- Reggie Crawford (DH/San Francisco) got his 6'4, 235-pound frame around the bases for an inside-the-park homer for Scottsdale Friday. He also had a two-RBI double in the eighth.
- Robert Hassell III (OF/Washington Nationals) beat out a grounder to first for an infield single, walking it off for Scottsdale Friday afternoon. Hassell III is hitting .316 through nine games (10-33) with two RBI and eight walks.
- Surprise has won four straight contests after putting up another crooked offensive number in its 10-2 victory over Mesa. The Saguaros have put up double-digit runs in three of their five games this week.
- Liam Hicks (C/Texas) enters Saturday as the favorite for AFL Hitter of the Week. He is 9-10 (.900) with seven runs and a walk. He is now the #AFL23 leader with a .538 batting average.
- Sterlin Thompson (OF/Colorado) has quietly maintained an elite offensive pace in week two. He's 5-10 (.500) with four walks and four RBI to just one strikeout.
- #AFL23 will showcase its two highest ranked pitchers - MLB Pipeline No. 31 Ricky Tiedemann (LHP/Toronto) and No. 54 Jackson Jobe (RHP/Detroit) - in today's Goodyear Tripleheader.
- Surprise currently sits 1.5 games behind the lead of #AFL23, the closest it has been in over a week.

AFL in the Postseason

- Of the 312 players 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 AFL MVP Ronald Acuña Jr. and Max Fried (ATL/Peoria, 2017).

- 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 playoffs include MVP Heston Kjerstad, Breakout Player of the Year Edouard Julien, Johan Rojas and Emmett Sheehan.

Today's Headlines

All three #AFL23 games today are at Goodyear Ballpark. The Fall League hosted its first Play Ball event of the season at the facility Friday night with more than 40 participants.

Surprise vs. Mesa - The reigning #AFL23 Pitcher of the Week Presented by NFP, MLB Pipeline's No. 31 prospect Ricky Tiedemann (LHP/Toronto) will make his second start of week two at Goodyear Ballpark. He tossed 5.0 innings, allowing two runs and striking out six while walking just one. His 13 strikeouts are second in #AFL23.

Tiedemann will face a Mesa offense that is hitting .214 in week two. Trystan Vrieling (RHP/New York Yankees) pitched 2.0 one-hit, shutout frames in his lone fall outing last week. Vrieling threw 30 pitches (18 strikes) and walked two while striking out one.

Scottsdale vs. Peoria - The Scorpions are coming off of a walk-off victory against Glendale Friday afternoon. Scottsdale is averaging more than eight runs per game over its three game winning streak. They send Davis Daniel (RHP/Los Angeles Angels) to the mound after 4.0 innings last week in which he did not allow a run, giving up just one hit. He struck out five and walked one.

Ross Carver (RHP/Cleveland) has pitched in one fall game, allowing four runs over 3.0 innings and throwing 62 pitches (39 strikes). He pitched 71.2 innings with a 6.15 ERA at Akron (AA) in the MiLB regular season.

Glendale v. Salt River - Jordan Geber (LHP/New York Mets) tossed 4.0 innings last week, allowing four runs over 52 pitches (31 strikes).

Salt River sends its ace - MLB Pipeline's No. 54 prospect - Jackson Jobe (RHP/Detroit) to the mound Saturday. Jobe threw 4.0 innings while allowing two runs on three hits Monday. He struck out four and did not walk a batter in the effort.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, October 14 - Goodyear Ballpark

Surprise vs. Mesa	12:30	LHP Ricky Tiedemann vs. RHP Trystan Vrieling
Scottsdale vs. Peoria	3:30	RHP Davis Daniel vs. RHP Ross Carver
Glendale vs. Salt River	6:30	LHP Jordan Geber vs. RHP Jackson Jobe

What to Know - Goodyear Tripleheader

The Arizona Fall League is playing at Goodyear Ballpark for the first time in league history. The Tripleheader marks the only time in #AFL23 that fans, scouts and media will have all of the chance to catch all six teams in one place. All games are seven inning, show-and-go contests. Media availability will be limited to 3-5 minute postgame interviews. There will not be availability pregame.

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.