

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023



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AFL Standings

W-L-T	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	8-1-1	W1
Surprise Saguaros	6-4 2.5	W3
Scottsdale Scorpions	5-4-1 3.0	W2
Salt River Rafters	5-5 3.5	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	3-7 5.5	L4
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-8 5.5	L3

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The Fall League is hosting its first Play Ball event of the season tonight at Goodyear Ballpark.

2. Liam Hicks (C/Texas) has been on a tear in week two of #AFL23. He has 10 hits in his last 11 chances, including 10 straight hits, over three games. His 6-6 effort Tuesday was the first such game by a player in the AFL since 2009.

3. With Hicks, Surprise has scored 40 runs in its last three games. The Saguaros are on a three game winning streak and sit 2.5 games behind the Peoria Javelinas in the #AFL23 standings.

4. Although the Peoria offense was untouchable last week and it still paces #AFL23, Salt River and Surprise are hitting .318 compared to Peoria's .290 average this week. Surprise's 48 hits, 83 total bases and 19 extra base hits lead the league this week.

5. Salt River, winners of two straight games, is leading #AFL23 with an offensive-low 34 strikeouts in 132 at-bats this week.

6. Despite the Rafters' plate discipline in the second week of action, Peoria's 82 strikeouts are the fewest in the league by 19 less than Salt River's 101 strikeouts.

7. Jace Bowen (INF/Pittsburgh) is hitting .359 with 10 RBI in 10 games played. His 10 games lead the league and his batting average is 10th in #AFL23. He has three more games played than anyone else in the top 16 for batting average.

8. James Triantos (INF/Chicago Cubs) is fourth in #AFL23 with a .417 average. He went 2-4 with a triple and a homer Thursday.

9. MLB Pipeline No. 17 Colson Montgomery (INF/Chicago White Sox) secured his second multi-hit effort in #AFL23 Thursday, including his first two extra base hits with a triple and a homer.

10. Jakob Marsee (INF/San Diego) leads #AFL23 in SLG (.903), OPS (1.493), hits (16), extra base hits (seven) and total bases (28).

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

The expected forecast reads overcast and around 90 degrees at the start of play.

Peoria @ Salt River - Gabe Bierman (RHP/Miami) picked up the win in his lone #AFL23 outing, tossing 2.2 innings and allowing two runs. He needed 76 pitches (44 strikes) in the effort.

Case Williams (RHP/Detroit) hurled 3.0 shutout frames in his lone fall start, allowing just one hit. He faced 12 batters, struck out three and walked two on 47 pitches (26 strikes).

Glendale @ Scottsdale - The Desert Dogs hung in games with their pitching early in #AFL23, but have lost that crutch in week two. Josimar Cousin (RHP/Chicago White Sox) will look to rebound after allowing three earned runs in two innings last week. He had a 5.56 ERA in 55.0 innings across three levels of Minor League Baseball in 2023.

Scottsdale sends Inohan Paniagua (RHP/St. Louis) out after two innings and three runs allowed last week, including two homers. He has a 3.87 career ERA in five seasons of MiLB.

Mesa @ Surprise - Trystan Vrieling pitched 2.0 innings of one-hit baseball in his last outing. He threw 30 pitches (18 strikes) and walked two while striking out one.

Carson Spiers (RHP/Cincinnati) threw three innings and allowed one earned run in his first #AFL23 outing. He came to Arizona directly from Cincinnati, where he threw 13.0 innings in four games for the Reds as they hunted a playoff berth.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Friday, October 13

Peoria @ Salt River	2:30	RHP Gabe Bierman vs. RHP Case Williams
Glendale @ Scottsdale	2:30	RHP Josimar Cousin vs. RHP Inohan Paniagua
Mesa @ Surprise	2:30	RHP Jamie Melendez vs. RHP Carson Spiers

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. TBD
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.