

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023



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AFL Standings

W-L-T	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	10-6-1	W1
Surprise Saguaros	10-7 .5	W2
Peoria Javelinas	9-7 1.0	L2
Salt River Rafters	9-8 1.5	L3
Glendale Desert Dogs	7-10 3.5	W5
Mesa Solar Sox	5-11 5.5	L1

Today's Headlines

Surprise @ Peoria - Carson Spiers (RHP/Cincinnati) gets the start for Surprise. Spiers has been stellar in #AFL23 with a 1.29 ERA over 7.0 innings. He has allowed just five hits and struck out seven while walking one on 109 pitches (71 strikes). Spiers finished the 2023 regular season on the Major League Club, tossing four outings and two starts for the Reds as they chased a playoff spot. He then came straight to #AFL23.

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. Glendale continued its winning streak Friday night, stomping Mesa 11-4 at Camelback Ranch. The Desert Dogs have won five straight, a tally good for the second longest winning streak of any squad this fall season.

2. Caleb Durbin (INF/New York Yankees) and Ben Cowles (INF/New York Yankees) wore the pinstripes with pride Friday night, each blasting home runs in the first inning for Mesa.

3. Durbin is leading #AFL23 this week with a .571 batting average (8-14) and 17 total bases. He also has five walks, two homers and three doubles since Tuesday.

4. Kevin Parada (C/New York Mets) had four RBI for Glendale, going 2-4 with a two-run homer.

5. Scottsdale took over sole possession of the top spot in #AFL23 with its 7-2 victory over Peoria Friday night. Carter Howell (OF/San Francisco) went 3-5 with a homer and three RBI. Howell is currently hitting .324 in #AFL23.

6. Liam Hicks (C/Texas) is still leading the league with a .500 batting average for the Surprise Saguaros.

7. Surprise picked up a 7-1 victory over Salt River to move within .5 games of the league lead Friday night. Benny Montgomery (OF/Colorado) was 2-4 with a double and is currently hitting .373 with nine RBI and nine walks in 12 games this season.

8. Salt River has lost three straight as it wraps up its last home-stand of #AFL23 tonight. All of the Rafters' remaining contests will be on the road.

9. After his five strikeouts last night, MLB Pipeline No. 31 prospect Ricky Tiedemann (RHP/Toronto) has a league-leading 23.

10. The AFL is one week away from hosting another jewel event with the Hohokam Doubleheader set for Saturday, October 28, at the Spring Training home of the Oakland Athletics.

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 (Philadelphia, 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.

Ross Carver (RHP/Cleveland) is 1-0 with a 6.00 ERA in two #AFL23 starts. In his last outing at Goodyear Ballpark, Carver went three no-hit innings, walking just one and striking out five. In that effort, he threw 32 pitches (23 strikes) and sliced his fall ERA in half.

Scottsdale @ Salt River - The Scorpions have taken over sole possession of first place atop the league with their 7-2 neutral-site victory over Peoria yesterday afternoon.

Davis Daniel (RHP/Los Angeles) gets his first start since earning the NFP Pitcher of the Week on Tuesday for games played October 9-15. Playing at the Goodyear Ballpark Tripleheader, he shut down the Peoria Javelinas offense, hurling 6.0 innings and allowing one run on two hits with 10 strikeouts. His inning and strikeout totals are both season-highs for an AFL pitcher.

The Salt River Rafters had won seven of eight before currently dropping three straight. Dylan Smith (RHP/Atlanta) has an 0-1 record with a 6.97 ERA in three #AFL23 outings.

Glendale @ Mesa - Winners of five straight, Glendale gets to send its ace to the mound. Zach Penrod (RHP/Boston) has a 1.13 ERA in two #AFL23 starts with 8.0 innings of one-run baseball. He has struck out nine and walked five on 121 pitches (70 pitches).

Penrod is making his first weekend start after taking a short leave from #AFL23 to get married last weekend. He had been a Monday starter for the first two weeks of the season.

Facing the hottest team in #AFL23, Mesa sends Trystan Vrieling (RHP/New York Yankees) to the mound. He has been brief yet effective in his two appearances, tossing 2.2 innings, allowing just two hits and not giving up an earned run. He has struck out two and walked five.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, October 21

Surprise @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Carson Spiers vs. RHP Ross Carver
Scottsdale @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Davis Daniel vs. RHP Dylan Smith
Glendale @ Mesa	6:30	RHP Zach Penrod vs. RHP Trystan Vrieling

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

On-field BP will be required on **Friday**. I/O will be taken at the discretion of the manager.

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.