



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023



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Final AFL Standings W-L-T GB Streak

Surprise Saguaros	19-11			W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	15-14-1	3.5		L1
Peoria Javelinas	15-14-1	3.5		W2
Mesa Solar Sox	14-16	5.0		W3
Salt River Rafters	14-16	5.0		L3
Glendale Desert Dogs	12-18	7.0		L4

#10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. MLB Pipeline No. 58 Kyle Manzardo (INF/Cleveland) and No. 85 Chase DeLauter (OF/Cleveland) have gone a combined to 11-18 with eight runs scored and nine RBI in Peoria's last two games.

2. Peoria batters walked eight times and needed just six hits to score its 12 runs in the Play-In Semifinal win over Scottsdale.

3. After entering the contest with a league-high 6.22 bullpen ERA in the regular season, the Peoria relievers shut down Scottsdale, allowing just three runs in 8.2 innings, including none after the second inning.

4. The combination of Dale Stanavich (LHP/Miami) and Austin Vernon (RHP/Tampa Bay) recorded the last six outs for Peoria, four of them via strikeout.

5. Scottsdale was 5-0-1 against Peoria in the regular season. That means more than a third of the Javelinas' losses came against the squad they beat last night.

6. Carlos Cardoza (Manager/Texas) is in his second straight AFL Championship. He served as an Extra Coach on the 2022 Saguaros championship squad.

7. Despite Liam Hicks (C/Texas) winning the batting title, he is fourth on Surprise in total bases. Damiano Palmegiani (INF/Toronto, 46) Eric Brown Jr. (INF/Milwaukee, 42) and Wes Clarke (INF/Milwaukee, 42) are Surprises' top three base getters.

8. Nasim Nunez (INF/Miami) ended the regular season on a nine-game hitting streak where he hit .290 with three doubles and six RBI. He did not play in the Play-In Semifinal.

9. After finishing the regular season third in #AFL23 with 16 stolen bases, Jakob Marsee (OF/San Diego) swiped another bag in the Play-In Semifinal. Marsee did not record a hit, but walked twice and scored two runs in the winning effort.

10. Will Robertson (OF/Toronto) led Surprise with 19 walks and was one of three men on the squad with at least 20 RBI.

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Today's Headlines

Peoria engineered the largest playoff comeback in Arizona Fall League history during Friday's Play-In Semifinal - a 12-9 victory - over the Scottsdale Scorpions at Camelback Ranch.

After falling behind 9-0 in the bottom of the first, the Javelinas immediately responded with seven runs in the top of the second, eventually scoring 12 unanswered runs in the winning effort.

MLB Pipeline No. 58 Kyle Manzardo (INF/Cleveland) and No. 85 Chase DeLauter (OF/Cleveland) went 4-9 with three extra base hits, including Manzardo's two home runs and the go-ahead blast in the sixth.

Peoria Offense - In the regular season, the Javelinas were led by Jakob Marsee (INF/San Diego), who finished led the team in batting average (.391), OPS (1.215), games played (24), total bases (65), walks (21) and doubles (12). Marsee's OPS led the league and is 12th best regular season OPS in AFL history.

Outside of the Cleveland bats, Dominic Keegan (C/Tampa Bay) has been excellent in 15 games, hitting .340 with three homers, four doubles and an OPS of 1.031. Keegan had just one error and three passed balls in 113.0 #AFL23 regular season innings. He also walked three times in the Play-In Semifinal win.

Braden Nett (RHP/San Diego) - Nett pitched to a 4.67 ERA in 17.1 #AFL23 innings. He allowed nine runs on 13 hits, striking out 21 and walking 10. In his last start, Nett went 2.0 innings, allowing two runs on four hits, striking out four and walking two. He threw 48 pitches (21 strikes) in the effort.

Surprise Offense - The Saguaros' offense is led by Liam Hicks (C/Texas) who was the regular season batting champion with a .449 average in 18 games. He had a stretch of 10 hits in 11 chances - including nine straight - over three games. Hicks also had a 6-6 effort that was the first six hit game in the AFL since Jose Tabata in 2009.

Power is also prevalent, with Damiano Palmegiani (INF/Toronto) and Wes Clarke (INF/Milwaukee) with six and five homers respectively. Each participated in the AFL Home Run Derby.

Angel Zerpa (LHP/Kansas City) - Zerpa pitched to a 5.56 ERA in 11.1 #AFL23 regular season innings, striking out 14 and walking seven. He allowed seven earned runs on 13 hits. In his last fall start, Zerpa allowed two runs on one hit in 3.0 innings. He struck out five and walked two on 52 pitches (34 strikes) in the effort.

Zerpa has spent parts of three seasons with the Major League Club, recording a 3-3 record with a 4.85 ERA in 42.2 innings pitched during the MLB regular season. He struck out 36 and walked eight with the Royals.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, November 11 - AFL Championship

Peoria vs. Surprise* 6:00 RHP Braden Nett vs. LHP Angel Zerpa

*Scottsdale Stadium