

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023



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AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	4-0-1		W4
Scottsdale Scorpions	3-1-1		L1
Mesa Solar Sox	2-3	2.5	W1
Salt River Rafters	2-3	2.5	L1
Surprise Saguaros	2-3	2.5	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-4	3.5	L2

Today's Headlines

Scottsdale @ Mesa - The Scottsdale Scorpions were handed their first loss of the #AFL23 season Friday night, 9-6, to the Surprise Saguaros. After falling behind 6-0 in the top of the first inning, the Scorpions had the deficit as close as 6-4 through four, but could not complete the comeback.

The Scorpions turn to Davis Daniel (RHP/Los Angeles Angels) who is making his #AFL23 debut. Daniel saw Major League action this season, pitching to a 2.19 ERA in three outings, allowing just three runs over 12.1 innings of work for Los Angeles. Trystan Vrieling (RHP/NYY) starts for Mesa. This is his first professional game.

Peoria @ Salt River - Peoria's season low was equaled Friday night with eight runs, but the victory was never in doubt as the Javelinas are now the only undefeated squad left in #AFL23. Peoria sends Ross Carver to the mound (RHP/Cleveland) who threw 75.1 innings almost exclusively in Akron (AA) last season.

Chris McMahon (RHP/Colorado) will start for Salt River. He had a K/BB ratio of better than 2/1 in 2023, pitching to a 5.91 ERA for Hartford (AA). The Rafters are paced offensively by Sterlin Thompson (OF/Colorado), who is hitting .538 through four games with a team-high 10 total bases.

Surprise @ Glendale - Adam Seminaris (RHP/Milwaukee) peaked in Nashville (AAA) for the Brewers in 2023 and will face a Glendale offense hitting below .200 in #AFL23. Seminaris had a 5.95 ERA in 16 starts last season.

The Desert Dogs pitching has dazzled. They will send Jordan Geber (RHP/New York Mets) to the mound after he advanced from the Florida Complex League up to Binghamton (AA) in 2023, where he threw 18 scoreless innings.

#10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. Despite equaling their lowest run total of the season with eight, the Peoria Javelinas increased their team batting average from .305 --> .307 and won their fourth straight contest, 8-3, over the Glendale Desert Dogs.

2. With Scottsdale's loss to Surprise, the Javelinas are now the only undefeated team in #AFL23.

3. After Adrian Placencia's (INF/Los Angeles Angels) 440 foot homer Thursday, Abimelec Ortiz (INF/Texas) blasted a 444 foot shot for Surprise in their victory at Scottsdale Friday night.

4. Salt River has the fourth ranked team ERA in #AFL23, but has 57 strikeouts as a team. That total is one shy of the league lead.

5. Glendale is still looking for hitting, but the Desert Dogs have a 2.08 team-ERA despite dropping an 8-3 contest at Peoria Friday night.

6. Jakob Marsee (OF/San Diego) followed up his two-homer performance on Thursday with a 2-4 effort, including an RBI double, a walk and a stolen base. Marsee is 9-15 with four stolen bases and is slashing .600/.650/1.133 through his first four games in #AFL23.

7. After a clean sheet through four games, the Salt River Rafters committed their first error of the season and finished the night with three in their 6-1 setback against the Mesa Solar Sox.

8. Caleb Durbin (INF/Mesa) has hits in all three games he has played in this season, hitting .364 this season.

9. Sonny DiChiara (INF/Los Angeles Angels) went 2-4 with two RBI for the Scorpions Friday, giving him the outright-league lead in RBI with 10. He has driven in a run in all four games he has played and is hitting .389 in #AFL23.

10. Saturday features the second 2:30 p.m. start of the season, with temperatures expected to hit over 100 degrees at game-time.

League Notes

- MLB Clubs have all sent one extra pitcher to #AFL 23 in years past, giving each Fall League team 30 total pitchers.

- In 2023, 34 AFL alumni from 2022 made their Major League debuts, including reigning league MVP Heston Kjerstad (BAL) and Breakout Player of the Year Edouard Julien.

- Victor Scott (OF/ Surprise/St. Louis) tied for the MiLB lead in 2023 with 94 stolen bases.

- Jacob Berry (3B/Peoria/Marlins) is a Scottsdale native and his dad serves as Superintendent of Queen Creek HS.

Next Week in #AFL23

The Arizona Fall League holds its first and only Tripleheader of the 2023 slate next weekend at Goodyear Ballpark, meaning it's the **only chance** for media and fans to see all six #AFL23 teams in action. Teams will show-and-go, with no BP or I/O pregame. First pitch times are 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Excluding next Saturday, #AFL23 holds six 2:30 p.m. games next week, up from two in week one. Additionally, there will be a Play Ball event for children Friday night at Goodyear Ballpark in advance of Saturday's games.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, October 7

Scottsdale @ Mesa	2:30	RHP Davis Daniel vs. RHP Trystan Vrieling
Peoria @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Ross Carver vs. RHP Chris McMahon
Surprise @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Adam Seminaris vs. RHP Jordan Geber

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.