

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

## GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023



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AFL Standings	W-L-T	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	9-6-1		L1
Scottsdale Scorpions	9-6-1		L1
Salt River Rafters	9-7	.5	L2
Surprise Saguaros	9-7	.5	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	6-10	3.5	W4
Mesa Solar Sox	5-11	5.5	W1

### #10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The hottest team in #AFL23 is the Glendale Desert Dogs, who have won four straight contests. This week, Glendale pitchers lead the league in ERA (4.38), hits allowed (30), runs allowed (21), strikeouts (21) and batting average against (.221).

2. Offensively, the Desert Dogs lead #AFL23 in average (.271), runs (29), hits (38), extra base hits (21) and slugging (.521).

3. JT Schwartz (INF/New York Mets) laced the game-winning double in the ninth inning for Glendale, completing the comeback after training 9-4 through five innings.

4. Keshawn Ogas (INF/Atlanta) was 3-5 with a homer, a double and two runs scored for the Salt River Rafters. He is now hitting .316 in 10 #AFL23 games.

5. Mesa snapped its losing skid again, taking down Peoria 8-3 Thursday night. James Triantos (INF/Chicago Cubs) is second in #AFL23 in both average (.435) and OPS (1.253).

6. The stolen base race is on in #AFL23. Jakob Marsee (INF/San Diego) hit 10 steals last night, swiping three bags for Peoria. He is tailed by Oliver Dunn (INF/Philadelphia) and Victor Scott (OF/St. Louis), both with nine.

7. The AFL single-season stolen base record is 24 by Rick Holi-field in 1994. Only three men have ever had 20 stolen bases in an AFL season.

8. Surprise shut down the Scottsdale offense as CJ Van Eyk (RHP/Toronto) twirled 5 innings of shutout baseball, allowing one hit and striking out five while walking none.

9. Eight of the nine Saguaro starters picked up a hit in the win and all nine got on base.

10. Eric Brown Jr. (INF/Milwaukee) is hitting .340 in #AFL23 for Surprise after going 2-4 with a double and a run scored in the victory Thursday night.

### 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.

### Today's Headlines

With the Rafters wrapping up its home slate, the Arizona Fall League is playing a doubleheader at Salt River Fields, with Scottsdale and Peoria playing in a neutral site contest today during the afternoon. Peoria will be the designated home team.

**Scottsdale @ Peoria** - Scottsdale sends Major Leaguer and Fall League returner Thaddeus Ward (RHP/Washington) out for his third outing of the season and first start. He faces a Scottsdale lineup that was shutout Thursday night and are knotted with Peoria for the league lead.

Ward has 5.79 ERA in two games in #AFL23, throwing 4.2 innings, allowing three runs and six strikeouts. Ward pitched in 26 games for the Washington Nationals during the regular season with a 6.37 ERA and striking out 30 while walking 28.

**Surprise @ Salt River** - The two highest ranked pitching prospects, according to MLB Pipeline, are facing off tonight in Salt River.

No. 31 Ricky Tiedemann (LHP/Toronto) gets the nod for Surprise. In #AFL23, he has 2.77 ERA in 13 innings. Tiedemann has struck out 18 and walked just five. He was named NFP Pitcher of the Week in the first week of action.

No. 54 Jackson Jobe (RHP/Detroit) is 3-0 in his three #AFL23 starts with a 2.25 ERA. Jobe has struck out 12 while walking four. Across four levels in Minor League Baseball during the regular season, Jobe had a 2.81 ERA in 64.0 innings over 16 starts.

**Mesa @ Glendale** - Pete Van Loon (RHP/Baltimore) is 1-1 with a 7.94 ERA in two #AFL23 outings. Van Loon has thrown 104 pitches (61 strikes) and has struck out seven while walking five.

The hottest squad in #AFL23, Glendale is starting Jordan Geber (RHP/Minnesota) is 0-1 with a 6.43 ERA through two #AFL 23 starts.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

#### Friday, October 20

Scottsdale @ Peoria*	2:30	RHP Thaddeus Ward vs. RHP Austin Vernon
Surprise @ Salt River	6:30	LHP Ricky Tiedemann vs. RHP Jackson Jobe
Mesa @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Pete Van Loon vs. RHP Jordan Geber

\* = Played at Salt River

#### Saturday, October 21

Surprise @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Carson Spiers vs. TBD
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 is required **Monday** and **Thursday**. I/O is required Thursday.

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.