

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023



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AFL Standings	W-L-T	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	7-1-1		L1
Salt River Rafter	5-4	2.5	W3
Surprise Saguaros	5-4	2.5	W2
Scottsdale Scorpions	4-4-1	3.0	W1
Mesa Solar Sox	3-6	4.5	L3
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-7	5.5	L2

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The Salt River Rafter dethroned the Peoria Javelinas 7-4 last night at Salt River Fields. The Javelinas were held to their lowest run total of the season while Salt River held Peoria to just 3-14 with RISP. Peoria had been averaging 11 runs per game

2. Justice Bigibe (OF/Detroit) was 3-5 with three RBI in the win, while Jack Brannigan (INF/Pittsburgh) drove in two runs on two doubles, while also scoring twice.

3. On a night where the Major League Club set home run records in the playoffs, Salt River also received its first homer from the top-ranked Arizona Diamondbacks prospect in #AFL23, Ivan Melendez (INF/Arizona).

4. MLB Pipeline No. 58 Kyle Manzardo (INF/Cleveland) belted a homer for the third straight game. In his last three contests, Manzardo is hitting .384 (5-13) with three homers, eight RBI and six runs scored. His homer last night traveled 460 feet.

5. The Scottsdale Scorpions engineered some ninth inning magic last night, scoring four runs to win the game. The win snapped a three-game skid.

6. Surprise won 16-1 over Glendale last night. The Saguaros have scored 17 and 16 runs on each of the last two nights.

7. Peyton Wilson (INF/Kansas City) belted two home runs and had four RBI in the effort. Michael Trautwein (C/Cincinnati) also swatted two blasts of his own, totaling five RBI.

8. Every player in the Surprise lineup recorded a hit and four had a multi-hit effort in the victory.

9. Despite the Mesa setback, Kevin Alcántara smacked a massive homer than went over 440 feet, his second blast of #AFL23.

10. The AFL is readying for its first Goodyear Tripleheader this Saturday. All three games are seven-inning contests.

AFL in the Postseason

- Of the 208 players in the Division Series Round of the MLB Postseason, 83 are AFL alumni.

- Over 40% of Postseason players have played in the AFL.

- There are multiple sets of AFL teammates together in the MLB playoffs, including AFL MVP Ronald Acuña Jr. and Max Fried (ATL/Peoria, 2017)

- The Phillies lead playoff MLB teams in AFL alumni with 16.

- 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

Surprise @ Salt River - Surprise's offense has put up 33 runs over the last two days and will send Trent Palmer (RHP/Toronto) to the mound Thursday. Palmer only tossed 7.2 innings in MiLB last season, pitching to a 2.35 ERA with eight strikeouts. Palmer is making his second appearance of the fall season.

J.C. Flowers (RHP/Pittsburgh) faces a Saguaros offense that has put up 33 runs in their last two games. Flowers has made two appearances in #AFL23 (one start). He has a 1-0 record with a 6.00 ERA through 6.0 innings pitched, throwing 92 pitches over the two outings (53 strikes).

With Peoria's first loss of the season Wednesday night, Surprise is now tied with Salt River at 2.5 games back of the league lead.

Scottsdale @ Glendale - Christian McGowan (RHP/Philadelphia) made one AFL start, tossing 4.0 shutout innings, allowing three hits while striking out two and walking one. He threw 41 pitches (26 strikes) in the effort.

The best staff in #AFL23 through week one, the Desert Dogs' pitching has struggled the last two days. Jordan Carr (LHP/Minnesota) threw four shutout innings in his lone fall start, allowing three hits while striking out one and walking none. He threw 49 pitches (35 strikes) in the effort.

Mesa @ Peoria - Tyler Guilfoil (RHP/Houston) gets his second nod of the #AFL23 season. He threw 84.0 innings with a 3.21 ERA and 123 strikeouts to 37 walks in the regular season. Guilfoil faces the top-ranked offense in the Fall League.

Ryan Webb (LHP/Cleveland) is 1-0 with 2.0 innings and two hits allowed in the Fall League. He struck out five and walked three in the effort.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, October 12

Surprise @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Trent Palmer vs. RHP J.C. Flowers
Scottsdale @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Christian McGowan vs. LHP Jordan Carr
Mesa @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Tyler Guilfoil vs. LHP Ryan Webb

Friday, October 13

Peoria @ Salt River	2:30	TBD vs. RHP Case Williams
Glendale @ Scottsdale	2:30	RHP Josimar Cousin vs. TBD
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 Jamie Melendez
Scottsdale vs. Peoria	3:30	TBD vs. TBD
Glendale vs. Salt River	6:30	RHP Jordan Geber vs. RHP Jackson Jobe

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.