

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

## GAME NOTES - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023



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| AFL Standings        | W-L-T   | GB  | Streak |
|----------------------|---------|-----|--------|
| Surprise Saguaros    | 18-10   |     | W3     |
| Scottsdale Scorpions | 15-13-1 | 3.0 | W1     |
| Salt River Rafters   | 14-15   | 4.5 | L2     |
| Peoria Javelinas     | 13-14-1 | 4.5 | L1     |
| Glendale Desert Dogs | 12-16   | 6.0 | L2     |
| Mesa Solar Sox       | 12-16   | 6.0 | W1     |

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

1. Every remaining inning of #AFL23 baseball will stream live on mlbfallball.com.

2. The stolen base race is in full swing. Caleb Durbin (INF/New York Yankees) swiped two bags in Mesa's 7-3 victory over Salt River, reaching 20 on the season. He is just the fourth man to record 20 steals in an AFL season and the first since Eric Young Jr. in 2008.

3. With Mesa out of the playoff race, Durbin will be in the lineup each of the next two games and is chasing the record of 24 by Rick Holfield in 1994.

4. Victor Scott II (OF/St. Louis) temporarily grabbed the steals lead by grabbing two bags in Scottsdale's intense 10-9 victory over Peoria. With that being an afternoon contest, he stole the league lead back from Durbin before the Yankee reached 20.

5. In a game with huge playoff implications, Scottsdale scored five combined runs in the seventh and eighth innings to complete the comeback over Peoria. The Scorpions were down 7-0 entering the bottom of the fifth inning.

6. Ryan Webb (LHP/Cleveland) pitched 4.0 shutout frames, striking out three for Peoria. He has 36 strikeouts, leading #AFL23.

7. James Triantos (INF/Chicago Cubs) has the longest active hitting streak in #AFL23 at 10 games that began on 10/21. He has a .395 average over that span, with four RBI and four walks.

8. Jakob Marsee (OF/San Diego) has a 1.226 OPS through 21 games entering the final week of action. That tally would mark the 10th best OPS in an AFL season.

9. Chase DeLauter went 2-4 with a homer, a walk and three RBI in Peoria's setback against Scottsdale. DeLauter leads #AFL23 with 26 RBI.

10. Salt River at Peoria this Thursday will determine the final spot in the #AFL23 postseason.

### AFL Postseason

Surprise clinched the top overall seed in the #AFL23 regular season, securing a day off Friday into Saturday's championship.

Scottsdale has clinched the second playoff spot. Salt River and Peoria are still in the hunt for the chance to face the Scorpions this Friday.

Friday's semifinal will be broadcast on mlbfallball.com and Saturday's Championship will air live on MLB Network.

### Today's Headlines

Everything is still to play for in the #AFL23 playoff race. With Surprise having clinched the No. 1 seed and Scottsdale clinching a playoff berth, there are two teams for one more spot.

Today's contest in Peoria, regardless of result, will not impact the playoff race. The third spot will come down to Thursday's contest between Salt River and Peoria.

With Salt River having the day off, a Peoria loss today and win Thursday would make it 14-15-1. That is .5 games better than 14-16, which would be Salt River's record with a loss Thursday.

If Salt River wins Thursday, regardless of what happens today in Peoria, the Rafters would secure a spot in Friday's Play-In Semifinal with a 15-15 record. Peoria is not able to reach 15 wins with a Salt River win Thursday.

**Glendale @ Peoria** - Ben Ethridge (RHP/Minnesota) is 1-0 with a 9.53 ERA in six #AFL23 relief outings. He is making his first start in the Fall League. Ethridge has allowed six earned runs on seven hits, striking out two and walking one in his 5.2 innings of work. In his last outing, Ethridge pitched a shutout frame.

Patrick Wicklander (LHP/Tampa Bay) is 0-2 with a 7.62 ERA in six #AFL23 games. He has allowed 11 earned runs on 16 hits in 13.0 innings pitched. He has struck out 15 and walked 10. In his last start, Wicklander pitched 2.2 innings - his longest outing this fall - allowing one earned run on two hits while striking out four and walking one.

**Surprise @ Mesa** - Joseph Hernandez (RHP/Milwaukee) is 1-0 with a 9.64 ERA in four #AFL23 contests. He has allowed 10 earned runs in 9.1 innings pitched, striking out nine and walking eight. In his last start, Hernandez pitched 4.0 innings of one-run baseball, allowing just one hit. He struck out four and walked two. By metrics, it was his best start of #AFL23, with his most strikeouts, most innings pitched, and tied for fewest hits and runs.

Trystan Vrieling (RHP/New York Yankees) is 0-1 with a 5.87 ERA in four prior #AFL23 starts. He has allowed five earned runs, including four homers, in 7.2 innings pitched while striking out 10 and walking six. In his last start, Vrieling pitched 3.0 innings and allowed one earned run. He struck out five and walked two.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

#### Wednesday, November 8

|                   |      |   |
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| Glendale @ Peoria | 2:30 | LHP Ben Ethridge vs. LHP Patrick Wicklander   |
| Surprise @ Mesa   | 2:30 | RHP Joseph Hernandez vs. RHP Trystan Vrieling |

#### Thursday, November 9

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| Salt River @ Peoria | 2:30 | RHP Case Williams vs. RHP Ross Carver |
| Glendale @ Surprise | 6:30 | LHP Jordan Carr vs. RHP Zak Kent      |
| Scottsdale @ Mesa   | 6:30 | TBD vs. RHP Tyler Guilfoil            |

#### Friday, November 10 - Play-In Semifinal

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| TBD vs. Scottsdale | 6:30 | TBD vs. TBD |
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