

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023



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AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	2-0-1		W2
Scottsdale Scorpions	2-0-1		W2
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-2	1.5	W1
Mesa Solar Sox	1-2	1.5	L1
Salt River Rafters	1-2	1.5	L2
Surprise Saguaros	1-2	1.5	L2

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. Through three games, the Peoria Javelinas lead #AFL23 with a .299 team batting average and have scored an average of 10 runs per game.

2. Peoria's 30 runs are already nine more than the second-best Mesa Solar Sox. Jacob Marsee (OF/San Diego) is tied with a league high .571 average (4-7) and No. 85 Chase DeLauter (OF/Cleveland) is tied for the league lead with seven RBI.

3. While Peoria is firing offensively, Glendale is dazzling on the mound. The Desert Dogs have a league-best 1.03 team ERA through three games, with a large gap to Scottsdale's 4.03.

4. In fact, Glendale's 17 hits allowed are nine less than Scottsdale's 14. Their three earned runs are 10 less than the Scorpions' 13.

5. In his first game in #AFL23, Harry Ford (C/Seattle) blasted a three-run homer in the seventh, making it 11-2 in favor of Peoria. Ford went 1-4 with the three-run homer, a walk and two runs scored.

6. Sonny DiChiara (INF/Los Angeles Angels) belted a grand slam in Scottsdale's win at Salt River yesterday, pushing him into a tie for the league-lead in homers (2) with TT Bowens (INF/Baltimore). His seven RBI also tied DeLauter for the #AFL23 lead.

7. After tying on Opening Day, Scottsdale and Peoria are on two-game winning streaks. Peoria has its home opener tonight against Mesa, as the best offensive in the league faces a Solar Sox squad with a 6.92 team-ERA.

8. Salt River is the only team in #AFL23 without an error.

9. Carson Spiers (RHP/Cincinnati) has been announced as the Surprise starter Friday night. Spiers finished the MLB regular season with the Reds and was in the middle of a playoff chase.

10. No. 31 Ricky Tiedemann (LHP/Toronto) and Carter Baunler (RHP/Mesa) are tied for the league-lead with seven strikeouts.

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.

Today's Headlines

Surprise @ Salt River - Trent Palmer (RHP/Blue Jays) starts for the Rafters as he pitches in just four games during the 2023 MiLB season, tossing 7.2 innings with eight strikeouts. His last appearance came September 9, when he threw three innings of two-hit, shutout baseball.

The Rafters find themselves on a two-game skid and hoping to capitalize on a large amount of home games in the first half of the season. They will start J.C. Flowers (RHP/Pittsburgh), who went 2-1 in 30 games of MiLB action last season.

Scottsdale @ Glendale - Scottsdale is one of two undefeated squads left in #AFL23 and will start Christian McGowan (RHP/Philadelphia). He threw in nine games during the 2023 season with a 3.86 ERA and a 2.8 K/BB ratio. He gets to face a Desert Dogs offense that is hitting .167 so far this season despite having a lineup containing the top prospect in #AFL23, No. 17 Colson Montgomery (INF/Chicago White Sox).

Jordan Carr (LHP/Minnesota) starts for Glendale and threw to a 2.79 ERA in 71 innings over 22 games last season. Carr struck out 66 batters and walked 22 while allowing just four home runs.

Mesa @ Peoria - The Javelinas have their home opener at Peoria Sports Complex Thursday night. As the host-site of the #AFL23 Play-In Semifinal, the venue is the last to host a home opener this season.

Tyler Guilfoil (RHP/Houston) appeared in 23 games last season with a 3.21 ERA and a loud 128 strikeouts. With Guilfoil out of Kentucky, Georgia-letterwinner Ryan Webb (LHP/Cleveland) makes it an all-SEC pitching matchup. He threw to a 3.22 ERA in 19 games with 87 strikeouts and 37 walks in 2023.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, October 5

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 6

Glendale @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Josimar Cousin vs. RHP Gabe Bierman
Surprise @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Carson Spiers vs. RHP Chase Chaney
Mesa @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Jaime Melendez vs. RHP Case Williams

Saturday, October 7

Scottsdale @ Mesa	2:30	TBD 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.