

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023



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AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	3-0-1		W3
Scottsdale Scorpions	3-0-1		W3
Salt River Rafters	2-2	1.5	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-3	1.5	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	1-3	2.5	L2
Surprise Saguaros	1-3	2.5	L3

#10 Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. With another 10 runs on 11 hits, the Peoria Javelinas have increased their team batting average to .305 and have scored 40 runs in their first four games.

2. Those 40 runs scored by Peoria is the most in the league by an average of almost four runs per game, as the Mesa Solar Sox are second with 26 runs scored. No other team through four games has more than 20, including the also-undefeated Scottsdale Scorpions (19).

2. Leading off for the Javelinas last night, Jakob Marsee (OF/San Diego) went 3-4 with two home runs, two runs scored and three RBI. Graham Pauley (OF/San Diego) and Dominic Keegan (C/Tampa Bay) also had multi-RBI efforts.

4. Padres prospects Marsee (14) and Pauley (13) have the top two total base counts in #AFL23 through four games.

5. Mesa has a 1.53 team ERA despite its 11 runs allowed against Peoria. It's the best ERA in #AFL23 by more than two full runs (Scottsdale, 3.55).

6. MLB Pipeline No. 17 prospect Colson Montgomery (INF/Chicago White Sox) slapped his first hit of #AFL23, knocking in an two-run single Thursday night.

7. Juan Mejia (RHP/Colorado) has recorded seven outs in two #AFL23 appearances, all via the strikeout, for the Salt River Rafters.

8. Adrian Placencia's (INF/Los Angeles Angels) go-ahead solo homer for Scottsdale Thursday night went 440 feet and had an exit velocity of 104 MPH.

9. While David McCabe (INF/Atlanta) has started 2-9 at the plate, he's managed to work five walks in three games, good for the league lead.

10. The Rafters are still the only squad in #AFL23 yet to commit an error.

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

Glendale @ Peoria - Glendale will get its first chance at one of the two undefeated teams in #AFL23. Peoria has been ruthless offensively while the Desert Dogs have used their pitching to stay in games. In the Desert Dogs' three losses, they have only been outscored.

The Desert Dogs send Josimar Cousin (RHP/Chicago White Sox) to the mound for his first #AFL23 start. Cousin ascended from the Arizona Complex League to Birmingham (AA) in 2023, totaling a 5.56 ERA in 55.0 innings pitched with a 3-1 K/BB ratio in his first professional season.

He is opposite Gabe Bierman (RHP/Miami) who had a 3.46 ERA in 91 innings last year at Beloit (High A).

Surprise @ Scottsdale - Scottsdale's undefeated record will be on the line against a Major League arm.

Carson Spiers (RHP/Cincinnati) is making his first start in the Fall League after closing out the regular season with the Cincinnati Reds. Spiers pitched 13 Major League innings, striking out 12 and allowing 10 runs. Chase Chaney (RHP/Los Angeles Angels) had a 3.80 ERA in 25 games (20 starts) in 2023 and will start for Scottsdale.

Mesa @ Salt River - Jaime Melendez (RHP/Houston) has spent the last two seasons at Corpus Christi (AA) and his making his first Arizona Fall League appearance. In 2023, he only pitched 9.2 innings.

Case Williams (RHP/Colorado) makes his first start for Salt River after starting 23 games for Hartford (AA) in the regular season.

Next Week in #AFL23

The Arizona Fall League holds its first only Tripleheader of the 2023 slate next weekend at Goodyear Ballpark. 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 pre-game. First pitch times are 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

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	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.