

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023



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AFL Standings

W-L-T	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	7-0-1	W7
Salt River Rafters	4-4	3.5 W2
Surprise Saguaros	4-4	3.5 W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	3-4-1	4.0 L4
Mesa Solar Sox	3-5	4.5 L2
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-6	5.5 L1

#10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. Liam Hicks (C/Texas) had a career night for Surprise in its 17-5 win. Hicks became the first Fall Leaguer to record six hits in a game since Jose Tabata November 19, 2009 (research courtesy of MLB Pipeline).

2. Hicks increased his batting average to .500 and has a loud OPS of 1.151 through five games and 25 plate appearances.

3. The Javelinas are hitting a crooked .322 through eight games. Peoria scored 11 runs in the sixth inning of its 17-4 win.

4. With his battery-mate and organizational teammate totaling six hits at the plate, Zak Kent (RHP/Texas) shoved five innings of one-run baseball, allowing just four hits. He did not issue a walk and struck out six.

5. In the first seven games Glendale played, teams combined to score a total of 40 runs. The 17-4 setback against Peoria at Camelback Ranch totaled 21 runs, more than half of the previous seven games combined.

6. As if Peoria needed any help, they have only allowed one more run than Glendale (Peoria 41, Glendale 40) through eight games, despite having a team ERA over half a run higher.

7. Logan Workman (RHP/Tampa Bay) improved to 2-0 in #AFL23, tossing 4.2 innings for the second straight outing, allowing two runs on four hits, striking out five and walking one.

8. An off night for Sterlin Thompson (OF/Colorado) is 1-4 with a walk and a run scored. He is hitting .480 through seven games.

9. Jakob Marsee (OF/San Diego) was named AFL Hitter of the Week Tuesday and responded by going 4-5 with a run, two RBI and a walk.

10. #AFL23 is preparing for the Goodyear Ballpark Tripleheader this Saturday.

AFL in the MLB Playoffs

- Of the 208 players in the Divisional Round of the MLB Playoffs, 83 are AFL alumni.

- Over 40% of active playoff 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

Expected temperatures at 2:30 p.m. in the Phoenix-Metropolitan area today are a low of 92 degrees.

Glendale @ Surprise - Kendall Williams (RHP/Los Angeles Dodgers) tossed 4.0 innings in his first #AFL23 start for Glendale, allowing one run on five hits last week. Williams ascended through three levels of MiLB to Oklahoma City (AAA) in 2023, totaling a 3.73 ERA in 79.2 innings of work. Surprise is coming off of season highs in runs (17) and hits (19) in its 17-5 win at Scottsdale.

He is opposite Major League arm Angel Zerpa (LHP/Kansas City). Zerpa has 58.2 career innings with the Royals, including a career high 42.2 and 15 outings in 2023, where he had a 4.85 ERA.

Mesa @ Scottsdale - Mesa and Scottsdale are both looking to get out of a funk, with the Solar Sox sending Nick Hull (RHP/Baltimore) to the mound. Hull allowed five runs on three hits in his first #AFL23 outing.

DJ Herz (LHP) hurled three innings of shutout baseball in his first outing last week, allowing just two hits and striking out five while walking one. He had a 3.43 ERA in MiLB during the 2023 campaign.

Peoria @ Salt River - Stopping the Peoria offense has proved impossible during #AFL23 as they are averaging exactly 11 runs per contest through eight games. Ike Buxton (RHP/Miami) gets the ball and is 1-0 after 4.0 innings and one run allowed in his sole outing this season.

Blake Walston (LHP/Arizona) pitched three shutout frames with one walk and four strikeouts for Salt River last week and makes his second start this season.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Wednesday, October 11

Glendale @ Surprise	2:30	RHP Kendall Williams vs. LHP Angel Zerpa
Mesa @ Scottsdale	2:30	RHP Nick Hull vs. LHP DJ Herz
Peoria @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Ike Buxton vs. LHP Blake Walston

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	RHP Gabe Bierman vs. RHP Case Williams
Glendale @ Scottsdale	2:30	RHP Josimar Cousin vs. RHP Chase Chaney
Mesa @ Surprise	2:30	RHP Jamie Melendez vs. RHP Carson Spiers

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.