



OFFICIAL GAME NOTES

GAME 2

Sunday, March 10, 3 p.m. (Arizona time)
Tucson Arena, Tucson, AZ
Live Streaming: IFL YouTube Channel



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SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result
3/3	@ San Diego	W 65-44
3/10	Bismarck	
3/16	@ Arizona	
3/31	San Diego	
4/6	@ Nebraska	
4/14	Arizona	
4/20	@ Quad City	
4/27	Iowa	
5/4	San Diego	
5/9	@ San Diego	
5/18	@ Bismarck	
5/25	Arizona	
6/8	@ Arizona	
6/18	Quad City	

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PCT
Arizona	2	0	1.00
Iowa	1	0	1.00
Sioux Falls	1	0	1.00
Tucson	1	0	1.00
Green Bay	1	1	.500
Nebraska	1	1	.500
Quad City	1	1	.500
Bismarck	0	1	.000
Cedar Rapids	0	2	.000
San Diego	0	2	.000

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Sugar Skulls Open Home Season

Tucson will host its first ever professional indoor football game Sunday when the Bismarck Bucks visit the Sugar Skulls for a 3 p.m. kickoff at the Tucson Arena.

The Sugar Skulls are coming off a 65-44 franchise-opening victory over the San Diego Strike Force on the road last week. The Bucks had a week off after a 66-44 loss at the Nebraska Danger on Feb. 23.

The Sugar Skulls were explosive offensively in the opener as the 65 points were the second highest total in the IFL last weekend.

Wide receiver **Shaquan Curenton** and running back **Mike Jones** scored three touchdowns apiece. Curenton had a game-high 82 yards receiving including a leaping TD catch crashing through the gate in front of the Sugar Skulls' bench. Jones rushed for 43 yards on 11 carries. One of his touchdowns was on an 11-yard pass reception.

Veteran quarterbacks **Matt Behrendt** and **Jake Medlock** split signal-calling duties with Behrendt getting the start. Medlock started and played the entire second half. Behrendt was 4-of-6 for 67 yards and a TD. He ran for another. Medlock was 10-of-14 for 142 yards and four TDs.

Defensive back Dee Maggitt Jr. was named IFL Defensive Player of the Week recording two interceptions with seven tackles, one tackle for loss and one pass break-up. All-IFL defensive lineman **Keith Jones Jr.** scooped up a fumble at the goal line and scored in the first quarter, while fellow All-IFL linebacker **Zach Allen** led the team with nine tackles

"Coming out of the game, guys knew we didn't play our best and we still have a lot of work to do," Head Coach **Marcus Coleman** said during the week. "For the most part, the trip went well, and the guys responded well to in-game adjustments. I'm pretty pleased, overall, to tell you the truth."

Notes & Numbers

- While the Bismarck Bucks are not an expansion franchise, they are new to the IFL, having joined the league this season after two seasons in the Champions Indoor Football league.
- Last week's game statistics were corrected to show the Sugar Skulls defense giving up 191 total yards instead of 184. However, the total still makes the Sugar Skulls the top-rated defense in the league headed into the third week of games. The Skulls allowed only 12 yards rushing.
- All four players with Tucson roots started and contributed in last week's game. **Antonio Rosales** and **Alex Rios** were the starting offensive tackles. While defensive lineman **Robert Metz** and cornerback **Cam Gaddis** were starters on defense.
- The Sugar Skulls have lined up an exciting pre-game tailgate party two hours before kickoff on the patio to the north of the ticket windows. There's no admission charge. There will be stilt walkers, jugglers, Glittergirlaz face painters, bands, the Sugar Dolls Dance Team, cornhole and other games from Dave & Buster's, a beer garden grilled sandwiches, and more. Fans are invited to attend and start the fun early.

Head Coach Marcus Coleman



Marcus Coleman made his coaching debut in indoor football in 2016 as a defensive backs coach with the Tri-Cities Fever.

Recognizing his capability and

coaching acumen, he was hired the next year to be the defensive coordinator by the Iowa Barnstormers. The Barnstormers had the top ranked defense in the IFL in 2018 on the way to a United Bowl Championship.

"When we launched the search for our head coach, we wanted to find a leader that could take us to where we want to go," said Tucson Sugar Skulls Owner and Founder **Kevin Guy**.

Coleman was an All-American defensive back at Texas Tech University and played for 11 years in the NFL from 1996 to 2016. He was a fifth-round draft pick of the New York Jets and played for the Jets until he was taken by the expansion Houston Texans in 2002. He finished his career in 2006 with the Dallas Cowboys.



25-MAN ROSTER

35	Allen, Zach	LB	6'2	230	Wake Forest University
21	Anderson, Carlos	DB	6'0	190	Portland State University
16	Behrendt, Matt	QB	6'2	205	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
1	Bethel II, Nigel	DB	5'9	185	Texas Tech University
82	Brown, Jarid	WR	5'11	190	Western Illinois University
9	Curenton, Shaquan	WR	6'0	190	Scottsdale Community College
7	Gaddis, Cam	DB	6'2	195	Pima Community College
24	James, Kenneth	DB	5'10	200	Southern Illinois University
55	Jones Jr., Keith	DL	6'1	310	University of Tennessee at Martin
8	Jones, Mike	RB	5'10	215	Bethune-Cookman University
93	Kluge, Michael	DL	5'9	275	Western Oregon University
23	Maggitt Jr., Dee	DB	5'10	185	University of Hawaii
22	Marquez, Diego	K	6'1	215	University of Miami
5	Medlock, Jake	QB	6'3	225	Florida International University
15	Metz, Robert	DL	6'4	250	Dixie State University
64	Montero, Mike	OL	6'2	310	Florida International University
29	Morris, Darius	LB	6'1	230	Carson-Newman University
99	Nikocevic, Rusmin	DL	6'4	270	Texas State University
88	Philip, Shakore	DL	6'1	310	Widener University
84	Rasberry, Donovan	WR	5'8	170	Winston-Salem State University
70	Rios, Alex	OL	6'3	280	East Tennessee State University
67	Rosales, Antonio	OL	6'4	305	San Diego State University
6	Sampson, Brandon	WR	5'9	180	Midwestern State University
73	Saunders, Trenton	OL	6'4	305	Florida International University
10	Thornton, Shad	RB	6'1	230	North Carolina State University

1	DB	Nigel Bethel II
5	QB	Jake Medlock
6	WR	Brandon Sampson
7	DB	Cam Gaddis
8	RB	Mike Jones
9	WR	Shaquan Curenton
10	RB	Shad Thornton
15	DL	Robert Metz
16	QB	Matt Behrendt
21	DB	Carlos Anderson
22	K	Diego Marquez
23	DB	Dee Maggitt Jr.
24	DB	Kenneth James
29	LB	Darius Morris
35	LB	Zach Allen
55	DL	Keith Jones Jr.
64	OL	Mike Montero
67	OL	Antonio Rosales
70	OL	Alex Rios
73	OL	Trenton Saunders
82	WR	Jarid Brown
84	WR	Donovan Rasberry
88	DL	Shakore Philip
93	DL	Michael Kluge
99	DL	Rusmin Nikocevic

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Matt Behrendt.....	BEAR-endt	Diego Marquez	MAR-kezz
Nigel Bethel	BETH-ull	Mike Montero	mon-TAIR-oh
Shaquan Curenton	Shuh-KWAN cure-N-tunn	Darius Morris	DARE-ee-us
Micah Eugene Jr.	MY-kuh	Rusmin Nikocevic	RUSS-minn nee-KO-che-vitch
Michael Kluge.....	KLOOG	Shakore Philip.....	Shuh-KOR
Dee Maggitt Jr.....	MAJ-it		