



OFFICIAL GAME NOTES

GAME 3

Saturday, March 16, 5 p.m. (Arizona time)
Talking Stick Resort Arena, Phoenix, AZ
Live Streaming: IFL YouTube Channel



at



SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Result
3/3	@ San Diego	W 65-44
3/10	Bismarck	W 62-42
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	2	0	1.00
Sioux Falls	2	0	1.00
Tucson	2	0	1.00
Quad City	1	1	.500
Cedar Rapids	1	2	.333
Green Bay	1	2	.333
Nebraska	1	2	.333
Bismarck	0	2	.000
San Diego	0	3	.000

Sugar Skulls Meet Rattlers in 1st of 4

With two franchise-opening victories under their belts, the Tucson Sugar Skulls will face their toughest task of the season when they visit the perennial league power Arizona Rattlers in Phoenix on Saturday at 5 p.m. It will be the first of four meetings this season between the in-state rivals.

The Skulls topped the 60-point mark in victories over San Diego and Bismarck but now face the league's second-stingiest defense and a Rattlers offense that put 81 points on the board two weeks ago against the Cedar Rapids River Kings.

The Rattlers also have the league's second-ranked offense in total yards, but it's the Sugar Skulls who are first in the league in total offense and total defense.



Quarterback **Matt Behrendt** lets go of a pass in the Sugar Skulls' home opener last week.

Quarterback **Matt Behrendt** is coming off an impressive week in which he threw a league-high eight touchdown passes and was named IFL Offensive Player of the Week. Behrendt completed 19 of 25 passes for 234 yards in the game. Behrendt and the Sugar Skulls' other quarterback on the roster, **Jake Medlock**, have combined for 13 touchdowns and have not thrown an interception. Behrendt's award comes one week after **Dee Maggitt Jr.** was named Defensive Player of the Week in the Sugar Skulls opener.

Defensively, the Sugar Skulls have allowed an average of 200.5 yards per game with linebacker **Zach Allen** leading the league with a total of 21 tackles. The team has forced four turnovers and recorded three sacks.

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Notes & Numbers

- The Rattlers are coming off a bye after winning their first two game by an average margin of victory of 37 points.
- The Rattlers were founded as an expansion team in 1992 in the Arena Football League. They joined the IFL for the 2017 season and won the United Bowl in their first season.
- Two Sugar Skulls players who made their season debuts last week made their impact known. Running back **Shad Thornton** accounted for 113 yards of total offense, 82 of those rushing. He had a rushing and a receiving touchdown. Defensive back **Micah Eugene Jr.** had seven total tackles with four of those solo.
- In addition to his passing stats, Behrendt is fourth in the league in rushing, averaging 50.5 yards per game. He has one rushing touchdown.
- Brandon Sampson** leads the wide receivers with 11 catches and 143 yards in two games. He has three touchdowns, while **Shaq Curenton** leads the team with five touchdown catches.

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.

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.



ROSTER

Alphabetical

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, Rico	WR	5'11	190	Western Illinois University
9	Curenton, Shaq	WR	6'0	190	Scottsdale Community College
26	Eugene Jr., Micah	DB	5'11	190	Louisiana State University
7	Gaddis, Cam	DB	6'2	195	Pima Community College
24	James, Kenneth	DB	5'10	200	Southern Illinois University
8	Jones, Mike	RB	5'10	215	Bethune-Cookman University
55	Jones Jr., Keith	DL	6'1	310	University of Tennessee at Martin
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	230	Florida International University
15	Metz, Robert	DL	6'4	250	Dixie State University
64	Montero, Mike	OL	6'3	225	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

Numerical

1	DB	Nigel Bethel II
5	QB	Jake Medlock
6	WR	Brandon Sampson
7	DB	Cam Gaddis
8	RB	Mike Jones
9	WR	Shaq 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
26	DB	Micah Eugene Jr.
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	Rico Brown
84	WR	Donovan Rasberry
88	DL	Shakore Philip
93	DL	Michael Kluge
99	DL	Rusmin Nikocevic

* Short-term injured reserve

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Overall Team Statistics (as of Mar 15, 2019)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	Tucson Sugar Skulls	OPP
SCORING	127	86
Points Per Game	63.5	43.0
FIRST DOWNS	41	32
Rushing	14	7
Passing	23	21
Penalty	4	4
RUSHING YARDAGE	249	92
Yards gained rushing	259	119
Yards lost rushing	10	27
Rushing Attempts	46	39
Average Per Rush	5.4	2.4
Average Per Game	124.5	46.0
TDs Rushing	4	4
PASSING YARDAGE	443	309
Comp-Att-Int	33-45-0	30-59-3
Average Per Pass	9.8	5.2
Average Per Catch	13.4	10.3
Average Per Game	221.5	154.5
TDs Passing	13	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	692	401
Total Plays	91	98
Average Per Play	7.6	4.1
Average Per Game	346.0	200.5
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	10-128	18-303
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	0-0	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	3-30	0-0
KICK RETURNS AVERAGE	12.8	16.8
PUNT RETURNS AVERAGE	-	-
INT RETURNS AVERAGE	10.0	-
FUMBLE-LOST	2-1	1-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	17-165	17-134
Average Per Game	82.5	67.0
PUNTS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
Average Per Punt	-	-
Net punt average	-	-
KICKOFF-YARDS	20-886	14-600
Average Per Kick	44.3	42.9
Net kick average	29.1	33.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	28:36	31:24
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	6/13	9/20
3rd-Down Pct	46%	45%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	3/3	4/8
4th-Down Pct	100%	50%

TEAM STATISTICS	Tucson Sugar Skulls	OPP
SACK BY-YARDS	3-8	1-5
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	18	12
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	0-2	1-3
RED-ZONE SCORES	(13-22) 59%	(11-19) 57%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(13-22) 59%	(10-19) 52%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(17-18) 94%	(8-10) 80%
ATTENDANCE	5198	3248
Dates/Avg per date	1/5198	1/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Tucson Sugar Skulls	28	42	21	36	0	127
Opponents	4	27	27	28	0	86

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Overall Individual Statistics (as of Mar 15, 2019)
All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Behrendt, Matt	2	14	107	6	101	7.2	1	15	50.5
Thornton, Shad	1	16	86	4	82	5.1	1	12	82.0
Jones, Mike	1	11	43	0	43	3.9	2	10	43.0
Medlock, Jake	1	4	16	0	16	4.0	0	7	16.0
Sampson, Brandon	2	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	3.5
Totals	2	46	259	10	249	5.4	4	15	124.5
Opponents	2	39	119	27	92	2.4	4	13	46.0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Behrendt, Matt	2	251.6	23-31-0	74.2	301	9	43	150.5
Medlock, Jake	1	250.9	10-14-0	71.4	142	4	29	142.0
Totals	2	251.4	33-45-0	73.3	443	13	43	221.5
Opponents	2	123.8	30-59-3	50.8	309	7	31	154.5

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Sampson, Brandon	2	11	143	13.0	2	43	71.5
Curenton, Shaq	2	6	136	22.7	5	32	68.0
Raspberry, Donovan	2	10	104	10.4	3	29	52.0
Thornton, Shad	1	3	31	10.3	1	17	31.0
Brown, Rico	2	2	18	9.0	1	13	9.0
Jones, Mike	1	1	11	11.0	1	11	11.0
Totals	2	33	443	13.4	13	43	221.5
Opponents	2	30	309	10.3	7	31	154.5

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
No data available.					

Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Maggitt Jr., Dee	2	30	15.0	0	30
Gaddis, Cam	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	3	30	10.0	0	30
Opponents	0	0	-	0	0

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bethel II, Nigel	6	77	12.8	0	23
Maggitt Jr., Dee	3	42	14.0	0	22
Sampson, Brandon	1	9	9.0	0	9
Totals	10	128	12.8	0	23
Opponents	18	303	16.8	0	39

Fumble Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Jones Jr., Keith	1	2	2	1	2
Totals	1	2	2	1	2
Opponents	1	48	48	1	48

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Mar 15, 2019)
All games

##	Defensive Leaders	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	blkd kick	saf
35	Allen, Zach	2	10	11	21.0	3.0-6	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Anderson, Carlos	2	6	3	9.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Bethel II, Nigel	2	5	3	8.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Gaddis, Cam	2	5	2	7.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	1-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Maggitt Jr., Dee	1	5	2	7.0	1.0-3	0.0-0	2-30	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
24	James, Kenneth	2	6	1	7.0	1.0-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Eugene Jr., Micah	1	4	3	7.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Metz, Robert	2	2	2	4.0	0.5-3	0.0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0	0	0
55	Jones Jr., Keith	2	3	1	4.0	2.0-6	1.0-2	0-0	1	0	1-2	0	0	0
82	Brown, Rico	2	3	1	4.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
88	Philip, Shakore	2	2	1	3.0	1.0-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
73	Saunders, Trenton	1	0	2	2.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
84	Raspberry, Donovan	2	2	0	2.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Nikocevic, Rusmin	1	0	2	2.0	0.5-1	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Sampson, Brandon	2	1	0	1.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Curenton, Shaq	2	0	1	1.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
22	Marquez, Diego	2	1	0	1.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
93	Kluge, Michael	1	0	1	1.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Medlock, Jake	1	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Jones, Mike	1	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Thornton, Shad	1	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
16	Behrendt, Matt	2	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Morris, Darius	1	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
64	Montero, Mike	1	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
67	Rosales, Antonio	1	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
70	Rios, Alex	2	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
	Totals	2	56	36	92.0	10-27	3-8	3-30	8	1	1-2	1	0	0.0
	Opponents	2	58	32	90.0	4-43	1-5	0-0	2	0	1-48	2	0	0.0