



OFFICIAL GAME NOTES

GAME 5

Saturday, April 6, 5 p.m. (Arizona time)
Heartland Events Center, Grand Island, NE
Live Streaming: IFL YouTube Channel



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SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result
3/3	@ San Diego	W, 65-44
3/10	Bismarck	W, 62-42
3/16	@ Arizona	L, 28-63
3/31	San Diego	W, 51-31
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	4	0	1.00
Iowa	4	0	1.00
Sioux Falls	4	1	.800
Tucson	3	1	.750
Green Bay	3	2	.600
Nebraska	2	3	.400
Quad City	2	3	.400
Cedar Rapids	1	4	.250
Bismarck	0	4	.000
San Diego	0	5	.000

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Danger in the Way of Win No. 4

TUCSON, ARIZONA – The Tucson Sugar Skulls will venture on their longest road trip of the season chasing their fourth win in five games when they visit the Nebraska Danger on Saturday.

In early stages of their inaugural season, the Sugar Skulls have stayed relatively close to home, splitting their two road games – a win at San Diego and a loss at the Arizona Rattlers in Phoenix. The Skulls are 2-0 at home and coming off a second victory over the Strike Force.

Sugar Skulls Head Coach **Marcus Coleman** said the team had plenty of issues to clean up despite a 51-31 victory in its last outing. He said the team responded well during the week of practice and he was hoping to see it pay off on the road.

“The guys were dialed in,” Coleman said Thursday. “I think us talking to them and them realizing what we have at stake and where we need to go and the things we have to do to get to our goals, they realized they need to pick up the level of play and the level of practice. It carried over to the practice field, but it has to carry over to the game on Saturday.”

The Sugar Skulls arrive in Grand Island, Nebraska, with the second-ranked offense in the league in points and total yards averaging 51.5 points and 285.3 yards per game.

Jake Medlock, the IFL’s leading passer last season, got his first start and went the distance last week against the Strike Force. He threw for 148 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for two more TDs. Running back **Mike Jones** leads the team with eight touchdowns, six of those rushing, and is the team’s leading rusher with 195 yards in three games.

Defensively, the Sugar Skulls are in the top half of the league in both total defense and points allowed, led by linebacker **Zach Allen**, who is in the top five in both tackles per game (9.5) and total sacks (3).



Linebacker **Zach Allen** (35) had two sacks, an interception, another tackle for loss, and a pass break-up in the win over the Strike Force. Photo by Matt Hinshaw/AZ Rattlers

Notes & Numbers

- Sugar Skulls kicker **Diego Marquez** was named the IFL Special Teams Player of the Week after scoring a touchdown, kicking a 45-yard field goal and making six PATs against the Strike Force.
- Quarterbacks Medlock and **Matt Behrendt** have split time 50-50 in the first four games and have nearly identical passing stats. Each played the entire game in one game. And each played a half in the other two. Medlock is 29 of 48 passing for 346 yards and seven touchdowns. Behrendt is 29 of 45 for 338 yards and nine touchdowns. Neither has thrown an interception.
- Three receivers, **Brandon Sampson**, **Shaq Curenton** and **Donovan Rasberry**, have reached double figures in catches, with Sampson leading the team with 15. He also leads with 191 yards. Curenton has five touchdowns.
- Defensive back **Cam Gaddis** picked up his second interception of the season to tie **Dee Maggitt Jr.** for the team lead. Allen has the Sugar Skulls only other interception.

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

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	College
35	Allen, Zach	LB	6'2	230	Wake Forest
16	Behrendt, Matt	QB	6'2	205	U. of Wisconsin-Whitewater
1	Bethel II, Nigel	DB	5'9	185	Texas Tech
82	Brown, Rico	WR	5'11	190	Western Illinois University
3	Canty, Rashad	WR	6'3	215	Vanderbilt 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
2	Harrison, Dominique	DB	6'0	185	Western Oregon University
92	Henderson, Rayshawn	DL	6'0	290	Weber State
24	James, Kenneth	DB	5'10	200	Southern Illinois University
8	Jones, Mike	RB	5'10	215	Bethune-Cookman
55	Jones Jr., Keith	DL	6'1	310	U. of Tennessee at Martin
93	*Kluge, Michael	DL	5'9	275	Western Oregon
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
15	Metz, Robert	DL	6'4	250	Dixie State
64	Montero, Mike	OL	6'3	225	Florida International
29	*Morris, Darius	LB	6'1	230	Carson-Newman
99	*Nikocevic, Rusmin	DL	6'4	270	Texas State
88	Philip, Shakore	DL	6'1	310	Widener University
84	Rasberry, Donovan	WR	5'8	170	Winston-Salem State
70	Rios, Alex	OL	6'3	280	East Tennessee State
67	Rosales, Antonio	OL	6'4	305	San Diego State
6	Sampson, Brandon	WR	5'9	180	Midwestern State
73	Saunders, Trenton	OL	6'4	305	Florida International
10	Thornton, Shad	RB	6'1	230	North Carolina State

* Short-term injured reserve

Numerical

No	Pos	Name
1	DB	Nigel Bethel II
2	DB	Dominique Harrison
3	WR	Rashad Canty
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
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
92	DL	Rayshawn Henderson
93	DL	*Michael Kluge
99	DL	*Rusmin Nikocevic

Coaching Staff

Marcus Coleman, Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator
Hurtis Chinn, Offensive Coordinator

Malcolm Nelson, Defensive Line, Special Teams Coordinator
Don Wnek, Offensive Line

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Matt Behrendt.....BEAR-endt

Nigel BethelBETH-ull

Shaq CurentonShack cure-N-tunn

Micah Eugene Jr.MY-kuh

Michael Kluge.....KLOOG

Dee Maggitt Jr.MAJ-it

Diego MarquezMAR-kezz

Mike Monteromon-TAIR-oh

Rusmin NikocevicRUSS-minn nee-KO-che-vitch

Shakore Philip.....Shuh-KOR

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Overall Team Statistics (as of Apr 05, 2019)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS	Tucson Sugar Skulls	OPP
SCORING	206	180
Points Per Game	51.5	45.0
FIRST DOWNS	71	65
Rushing	29	21
Passing	34	38
Penalty	8	6
RUSHING YARDAGE	468	236
Yards gained rushing	501	315
Yards lost rushing	33	79
Rushing Attempts	91	81
Average Per Rush	5.1	2.9
Average Per Game	117.0	59.0
TDs Rushing	12	11
PASSING YARDAGE	673	637
Comp-Att-Int	58-93-0	53-102-5
Average Per Pass	7.2	6.2
Average Per Catch	11.6	12.0
Average Per Game	168.3	159.3
TDs Passing	16	12
TOTAL OFFENSE	1141	873
Total Plays	184	183
Average Per Play	6.2	4.8
Average Per Game	285.3	218.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	23-306	31-549
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	0-0	0-0
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	5-51	0-0
KICK RETURNS AVERAGE	13.3	17.7
PUNT RETURNS AVERAGE	-	-
INT RETURNS AVERAGE	10.2	-
FUMBLE-LOST	5-3	2-1
PENALTIES-YARDS	34-296	31-307
Average Per Game	74.0	76.8
PUNTS-YARDS	0-0	0-0
Average Per Punt	-	-
Net punt average	-	-
KICKOFF-YARDS	34-1552	30-1437
Average Per Kick	45.6	47.9
Net kick average	29.5	37.7
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:49	33:05
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	17/36	18/36
3rd-Down Pct	47%	50%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	7/7	6/11
4th-Down Pct	100%	55%

TEAM STATISTICS	Tucson Sugar Skulls	OPP
SACK BY-YARDS	7-50	3-16
MISC YARDS	0	12
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	29	25
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	1-9	2-7
RED-ZONE SCORES	(21-32) 65%	(18-31) 58%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(21-32) 65%	(16-31) 51%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(27-28) 96%	(21-23) 91%
ATTENDANCE	9202	19358
Dates/Avg per date	2/4601	2/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Tucson Sugar Skulls	45	63	42	56	0	206
Opponents	25	55	51	49	0	180

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Overall Individual Statistics (as of Apr 05, 2019)
All games

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Jones, Mike	3	32	195	11	184	5.8	6	40	61.3
Behrendt, Matt	4	25	149	8	141	5.6	2	16	35.3
Thornton, Shad	1	16	86	4	82	5.1	1	12	82.0
Medlock, Jake	3	13	32	10	22	1.7	2	7	7.3
Sampson, Brandon	4	3	21	0	21	7.0	0	8	5.3
Marquez, Diego	4	1	4	0	4	4.0	1	4	1.0
Curenton, Shaq	4	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Totals	4	91	501	33	468	5.1	12	40	117.0
Opponents	4	81	315	79	236	2.9	11	25	59.0

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	2	21	10.5	0	21
Allen, Zach	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	5	51	10.2	0	51
Opponents	0	0	-	0	0

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Medlock, Jake	3	169.1	29-48-0	60.4	346	7	29	115.3
Behrendt, Matt	4	193.5	29-45-0	64.4	338	9	43	84.5
Totals	4	179.9	58-93-0	62.4	673	16	43	168.3
Opponents	4	133.4	53-102-5	52.0	637	12	31	159.3

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Maggitt Jr., Dee	10	130	13.0	0	22
Bethel II, Nigel	8	98	12.3	0	23
Eugene Jr., Micah	3	55	18.3	0	23
Jones, Mike	1	14	14.0	0	14
Sampson, Brandon	1	9	9.0	0	9
Totals	23	306	13.3	0	23
Opponents	31	549	17.7	0	39

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Sampson, Brandon	4	16	191	11.9	3	43	47.8
Curenton, Shaq	4	11	180	16.4	5	32	45.0
Rasberry, Donovan	3	15	141	9.4	3	29	47.0
Brown, Rico	4	8	103	12.9	2	22	25.8
Jones, Mike	3	5	38	7.6	2	11	12.7
Thornton, Shad	1	3	31	10.3	1	17	31.0
Totals	4	58	684	11.8	16	43	171.0
Opponents	4	53	637	12.0	12	31	159.25

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	2	48

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Apr 05, 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	4	27	11	38.0	6.0-32	3.0-27	1-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Bethel II, Nigel	4	14	3	17.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Eugene Jr., Micah	3	12	5	17.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Gaddis, Cam	4	9	3	12.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	2-21	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Metz, Robert	4	7	3	10.0	0.5-3	0.0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0	0	0	0
21	Anderson, Carlos	3	7	3	10.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Maggitt Jr., Dee	3	6	3	9.0	1.0-3	0.0-0	2-30	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
24	James, Kenneth	3	8	1	9.0	1.0-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0
55	Jones Jr., Keith	4	6	1	7.0	4.0-13	2.0-7	0-0	1	0	1-2	0	0	0
82	Brown, Rico	4	5	1	6.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
41	Paschal, TraVaughn	1	4	1	5.0	1.0-4	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
88	Philip, Shakore	3	4	1	5.0	1.0-2	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
93	Kluge, Michael	3	3	1	4.0	1.0-12	1.0-12	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
22	Marquez, Diego	4	2	0	2.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
73	Saunders, Trenton	2	0	2	2.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
84	Raspberry, Donovan	3	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	4	1	0	1.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Curenton, Shaq	4	0	1	1.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Medlock, Jake	3	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Jones, Mike	3	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	4	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	3	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
67	Rosales, Antonio	3	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
70	Rios, Alex	4	0	0	0.0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0
	Totals	4	118	42	160.0	17-76	7-50	5-51	12	1	1-2	1	1	0.0
	Opponents	4	125	42	167.0	11-67	3-16	0-0	9	0	3-48	4	1	0.0

2019 Stats
Tucson Sugar Skulls Team Game-by-Game (as of Apr 05, 2019)
All games

TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing comp-				Kick Returns			Punt Returns				tot off	
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td		lg
03/03/2019	at San Diego Strike Force	20	95	3	15	14	209	5	32	14-20-0	209	5	32	6	95	0	23	0	0	0	0	-
03/10/2019	Bismarck Bucks	26	154	1	13	19	234	8	43	19-25-0	234	8	43	4	33	0	21	0	0	0	0	-
03/16/2019	at Arizona Rattlers	22	117	3	20	12	93	1	22	12-26-0	82	1	22	10	123	0	18	0	0	0	0	-
03/31/2019	San Diego Strike Force	23	102	5	40	13	148	2	20	13-22-0	148	2	20	3	55	0	23	0	0	0	0	-
Totals		91	468	12	40	58	684	16	43	58-93-0	673	16	43	23	306	0	23	0	0	0	0	
Opponents		81	236	11	25	53	637	12	31	53-102-5	637	12	31	31	549	0	39	0	0	0	0	

Games: 4; Avg/rush: 5.1; Pass effci: 179.9; Avg/catch: 11.6; KR avg: 13.3; PR avg: -; All purpose avg/game: 377.3; Total offense avg/gm: 285.3

Date	Opponent	Tackles			tfl-yds	Sacks no-yds	Fumble ff	fr-yds	Pass Defense int-yds			blkd kick	PAT Attempts				pts	
		ua	a	total					yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf		
03/03/2019	at San Diego Strike Force	29	20	49.0	7-21	2-6	1	1-2	2-30	1	8	0	9-9	0.0	0	0	0	65
03/10/2019	Bismarck Bucks	27	16	43.0	3-6	1-2	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0	8-9	0.0	0	0	0	62
03/16/2019	at Arizona Rattlers	25	4	29.0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	28
03/31/2019	San Diego Strike Force	37	2	39.0	7-49	4-42	0	0-0	2-21	0	2	1	6-6	0.0	0	0	0	51
Totals		118	42	160.0	17-76	7-50	1	1-2	5-51	1	12	1	27-28	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	206
Opponents		125	42	167.0	11-67	3-16	4	3-48	0-0	0	9	1	21-23	1.0	0	0.0	0.0	180

Date	Opponent	Punting		long	blk	tb	fc	50+	i20	Field Goals		long	blkd	Kickoffs		avg	tb	ob
		no.	yds							md-att	no.			yds				
03/03/2019	at San Diego Strike Force	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	0	0	10	472	47.2	0	0	
03/10/2019	Bismarck Bucks	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	10	414	41.4	0	2	
03/16/2019	at Arizona Rattlers	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0-4	0	1	5	279	55.8	1	0	
03/31/2019	San Diego Strike Force	0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	1-3	45	0	9	387	43.0	0	0	
Totals		0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	1-9	45	1	34	1552	45.6	1	2	
Opponents		0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	2-7	23	1	30	1437	47.9	4	3	