



OFFICIAL GAME NOTES

GAME 4

Sunday, March 31, 3 p.m. (Arizona time)
Tucson Arena, Tucson, AZ
Live Streaming: IFL YouTube Channel



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vs.



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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	
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
Sioux Falls	4	0	1.00
Arizona	3	0	1.00
Iowa	3	0	1.00
Tucson	2	1	.667
Green Bay	2	2	.500
Quad City	2	2	.500
Cedar Rapids	1	3	.250
Nebraska	1	3	.250
Bismarck	0	3	.000
San Diego	0	4	.000

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Sugar Skulls Chasing Win No. 3 vs. SD

Coming off their first franchise loss to its in-state rival the Arizona Rattlers, the Tucson Sugar Skulls will look to get back in the win column in a rematch with the San Diego Strike Force. The two teams met in what was the Sugar Skulls' franchise opener, a 65-44 victory in San Diego on March 3.

The Sugar Skulls are coming of a bye. Turnovers and special teams doomed them in a March 16 loss to the Rattlers in Phoenix.

The Sugar Skulls were held to 28 points after topping the 60-point mark in their first two games. They lost two fumbles and had a field goal blocked in the end zone for a touchdown by the Rattlers.



Running back **Mike Jones** (8) ran for two touchdowns in the loss to the Rattlers. Photo by Matt Hinshaw/AZ Rattlers

"The one thing that we can't do against a team like that is make mental mistakes, which we did. And you can't turn the ball over, which we did," said Head Coach **Marcus Coleman**.

This week, the Sugar Skulls will be up against the IFL leader in passing yards per game in Strike Force QB **Derrick Bernard**, who is averaging 200 yards through four games. However, the Strike Force defense is allowing a league-high 62 points a game, and they are winless in four games.

The Sugar Skulls enter the game with the league's second-ranked offense with a rushing attack that is also second in the league behind the running back duo of **Mike Jones** and **Shad Thornton**, who have combined for 197 yards in the three games, and **Matt Behrendt** who has rushed for a team-leading 149 yards.

Defensively, the Sugar Skulls rank third in the league in total defense behind the league's leading tackler, **Zach Allan**, who is averaging 10.7 tackles per game.

Notes & Numbers

- Offensively, the Skulls rank in the top three in passing (175 yards per game) and rushing (122 yards per game) to put them second in the league overall.
- Wide receiver **Shaq Curenton** now leads Sugar Skulls receivers in receiving yards with 158 and touchdowns with five.
- With four rushing touchdowns and a TD receiving, running back **Mike Jones** is tied with Curenton for the team lead in touchdowns scored.
- The quarterbacks, Behrendt and **Jake Medlock**, have yet to throw an interception in 71 pass attempts. Behrendt has started all three games, while Medlock has played the entire second half of two games.
- Six different receivers have caught passes, and three, Curenton, **Brandon Sampson** and **Donovan Rasberry**, are over the 100-yard mark in receiving yards.

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
21	Anderson, Carlos	DB	6'0	190	Portland State
16	Behrendt, Matt	QB	6'2	205	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
1	Bethel II, Nigel	DB	5'9	185	Texas Tech
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
55	Jones Jr., Keith	DL	6'1	310	University 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
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

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



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No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	College
7	Bernard, Derrick	QB	6'1	190	Sul Ross State
6	Carter, David	WR	6'2	180	Seton Hall
21	Cook, Omar	DB	5'11	190	Southern University
65	Dallas, Jackson	OL	6'3	290	Portland State
84	Dean Jr., Victor	WR	6'6	215	Fresno State
52	Fullum, Terrence	DL	6'2	250	University of Richmond
24	Hathorn, Deshawn	DB	6'0	190	Western New Mexico
14	Johnson, E.J.	DB	5'10	195	Rockford University
90	Jones, Zian	OL/DL	6'4	315	Syracuse University
42	Khoury, Brian	DL	6'3	250	Carnegie Mellon
22	Lacayo, Ernesto	K	5'8	190	Hastings College
91	Leaupepe, Bruce	OL	6'4	350	San Diego State
55	Mair, Mikell	LB	6'2	240	Texas A&M-Commerce
3	Moreira Jr., George	RB	5'10	205	Illinois State
8	Moseley, Shaquille	DB	6'3	230	College of the Sequoias
64	Phillips, Sergio	OL/DL	6'3	265	San Diego State
2	Ridley, Rashad	WR	5'7	160	S. Dakota School of Mines & Tech.
32	Roberson, John	DB	6'1	210	University of Idaho
12	Rodgers, Marques	WR	5'10	180	Western New Mexico
99	Roxas, Royce	OL	6'6	340	Citrus College
77	Russell, Faleaoga	OL/DL	6'5	330	Lincoln University
1	Stafford, Julian	WR	5'10	180	Mississippi Valley State
4	Vercher, Jiha	QB	6'0	220	Tiffin University
82	Williams, Jamari	WR	5'11	180	Arizona Christian University
10	Wise, Cass	WR/DB	5'10	175	Humboldt State

Numerical

No.	Pos	Name
1	WR	Julian Stafford
2	WR	Rashad Ridley
3	RB	George Moreira Jr.
4	QB	Jiha Vercher
6	WR	David Carter
7	QB	Derrick Bernard
8	DB	Shaquille Moseley
10	WR/DB	Cass Wise
12	WR	Marques Rodgers
14	DB	E.J. Johnson
21	DB	Omar Cook
22	K	Ernesto Lacayo
24	DB	Deshawn Hathorn
32	DB	John Roberson
42	DL	Brian Khoury
52	DL	Terrence Fullum
55	LB	Mikell Mair
64	OL/DL	Sergio Phillips
65	OL	Jackson Dallas
77	OL/DL	Faleaoga Russell
82	WR	Jamari Williams
84	WR	Victor Dean Jr.
90	OL/DL	Zian Jones
91	OL	Bruce Leaupepe
99	OL	Royce Roxas

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