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Thursday's Arizona Fall League roundup

Brown drives in three as Phoenix halts Mesa's win streak

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Desert Dogs 11, Solar Sox 5

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Rafters 8, Javelinas 6

Marcus Lemon doubled his Arizona Fall League homer total with a grand slam to highlight a seven-run first inning as Surprise topped Peoria. The Rangers' fourth-round pick in 2006 homered for the second time in five games, sending a 1-2 fastball from Anthony Varvaro to right field for a 7-1 lead. Peoria took a 1-0 lead in the first, but Surprise stormed back in the bottom of the frame. Colin Curtis smacked a two-run double, Mike Moustakas lined an RBI single and Lemon added his two-out slam moments later.

Saguaros 6, Scorpions 3

Cincinnati '08 first-rounder Yonder Alonso drove in two key runs in Peoria's victory over Scottsdale. Carlos Rivero homered, doubled and scored twice for Peoria. The 21-year-old shortstop extended his hitting streak to seven games. Brandon Hicks added a solo homer. Cole Gillespie contributed a pair of doubles and drove in a run for Scottsdale. Jose Tabata continued his hot hitting with a pair of singles and has six multi-hit games in his last 10 contests.

Brown's adjustments lead to success

A's prospect homers, drives in three in Phoenix rout

By Robert Emrich / Special to MLB.com

Corey Brown's making changes and they are paying dividends for him and the Phoenix Desert Dogs.

Oakland '07 first-rounder Brown homered and drove in three runs in Phoenix's 11-5 rout of the Mesa Solar Sox on Thursday night.

Brown went a perfect 3-for-3, scored three times and walked twice as the Desert Dogs snapped the Solar Sox's six-game winning streak.

The center fielder, who struggled with a knee injury during the regular season, attributed his success to an adjustment he made his first week in Arizona.

"I think that the one key thing is that I changed my stance quite a bit and it took a lot of pressure off my [injured] knee," he said.

Brown, who hit .268 with nine homers for Double-A Midland, is batting .333 with six homers and 21 RBIs and ranks among the league leaders.

"You can come out here and play against the best competition," he said. "I just hope I can carry my success onto next year, and hopefully somehow make it to the Major Leagues next year."

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Robert Ray (Blue Jays) picked up his second win after allowing four runs on eight hits and striking out four in four innings. Jeff Mandel (Nationals) gave up two hits and fanned two in two scoreless innings.

Steve Hirschfeld (Twins) allowed two runs on one hit and struck out three in three innings. Reliever Jeremy Haynes (Angels) suffered the loss after he was tagged with three runs on one hit and three walks in one inning.