

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022



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AFL Standings

W-L GB

Peoria Javelinas	4-1	—
Surprise Saguaros	4-1	—
Scottsdale Scorpions	3-2	1
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-3	2
Mesa Solar Sox	2-3	2
Salt River Rafters	0-5	4

Today's Games

Surprise @ Salt River

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick - 3:05 p.m.

Surprise

RHP Quinn Priester (PIT)
0-0, 6.00 ERA

Salt River

LHP Joey Wentz (DET)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Mesa @ Peoria

Peoria Sports Complex - 3:05 p.m.

Mesa

LHP Justin Fall (MIA)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Peoria

LHP Tim Cate (WSH)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Glendale @ Scottsdale

Scottsdale Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

Glendale

RHP Sam Benschoter (CIN)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Scottsdale

RHP Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA)
0-0, 12.00 ERA



Today's Headlines

Connor Kokx (CLE) went 3-for-4 with the Peoria Javelinas on Friday, hitting a double and triple. Kokx was the only Fall League player on Friday to record three hits, and now holds a .417/.500/.667 batting slash through three games of AFL action (5-for-12).

Zac Leigh (CHC) pitched two scoreless innings for the Mesa Solar Sox on Friday, earning the win in a 6-3 victory over the Salt River Rafters. Leigh faced six batters in two frames, allowing zero hits and one walk while striking out three.

Addison Barger (TOR) had a 2-for-3 evening for the Salt River Rafters on Friday, driving in two of his team's three runs on the night. Barger holds an AFL slash of .455/.500/1.000 (5-for-11); he held a .266/.348/.483 entering Friday's game.

Victor Mesa Jr. (MIA) hit a two-run home run on Friday night for the Mesa Solar Sox in a 6-3 victory over the Salt River Rafters. It was his second home run this fall, and he is currently one of 24 qualified Fall Leaguers with an OPS of 1.000 or higher.

Orlando Ribalta (WSH) pitched two scoreless innings of relief on Friday for the Peoria Javelinas, striking out three hitters. It was his second appearance of the fall; after three innings of work, Ribalta maintains a 0.00 ERA with a 0.67 WHIP and one hit allowed.

The AFL currently features three qualified players with an OPS of 1.500 or higher (Lawrence Butler, OAK; Addison Barger, TOR; Spencer Packard, SEA).

Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Glendale	X	-	X	-	X	-
Peoria	X	X	X	-	X	-
Salt River	X	-	X	-	X	-
Surprise	X	X	X	-	X	-
Scottsdale	X	-	X	-	X	-
Mesa	X	-	X	-	X	-

12:35 p.m. - Home Infield: 9:10 a.m., Home BP: 9:25 a.m., Visitor BP: 10:40 a.m., Visitor Infield: 11:40 a.m.

6:35 p.m. - Home Infield: 3:10 p.m., Home BP: 3:25 p.m., Visitor BP: 4:40 p.m., Visitor Infield: 5:40 p.m.

Note: Batting practice is required on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Sunday, October 9

No games scheduled - League-wide off day

Monday, October 10

Glendale @ Salt River	12:35 p.m.	Emmet Sheehan (LAD) vs. Connor Thomas (STL)
Peoria @ Mesa	12:35 p.m.	Bryan Woo (SEA) vs. TBD
Surprise @ Scottsdale	6:35 p.m.	Kumar Rocker (TEX) vs. TBD

AFL Player Profile



Victor Mesa Jr.
MIA - Mesa Solar Sox
Bats: L **Throws:** L
Height: 6-0 **Weight:** 195 lb
Born: September 8, 2001
Birthplace: La Habana, Cuba

Favorite Emoji:



Career if not a baseball player:

Soccer player

Favorite restaurant in Arizona:

In-N-Out Burger

Favorite hat in the AFL (other than Mesa):

Salt River Rafters

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Mark Teixeira (Peoria Javelinas, 2002) was the fifth-overall selection in the 2002 MLB Draft out of Georgia Tech. The switch-hitting first baseman was named Baseball America's top prospect in the 2002 Texas League. He would later post a .333 batting average in 99 AFL at-bats, hitting seven home runs and collecting 23 RBI. Teixeira played 14 Major League seasons, eight with the New York Yankees, holding a career .268 average with 409 home runs and 1,298 RBI. A three-time All Star and four-time Gold Glove winner, Teixeira won the 2009 World Series and was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2012.

AFL Player Notebook

Glendale Desert Dogs

MLB affiliates: CWS, LAD, CIN, MIN, MIL

#14 Je'Von Ward - Milwaukee Brewers

Played exclusively with High-A Wisconsin in 2021, posting a .259/.312/.387 slash in 75 games. Selected in the 12th round of the 2017 MLB Draft out of Richard Gahr High School (CA). Career .288/.260/.332 batting slash in the Minors (280 games).

#13 Moisés Castillo - Chicago White Sox

Played in 110 games in 2022 between Double-A Birmingham (63 G) and High-A Winston-Salem (47), posting a combined .254/.353/.320 slash. Made his organizational debut with the Cardinals in 2016 at 16 years old, playing 62 games that year in the Dominican Summer League.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#34 Sam Benschoter - Cincinnati Reds

Pitched 78 innings in 2022 between Double-A Chattanooga (4 IP), High-A Dayton (16 2/3), Single-A Daytona (51 2/3) and the Arizona Complex League (5 2/3 IP), posting a combined 4.73 ERA with 118 strikeouts. Played five collegiate seasons at Michigan State (2017-2021). Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mesa Solar Sox

MLB affiliates: CHC, OAK, MIA, NYY, TB

#27 Matt Mervis - Chicago Cubs

Played 137 games in 2022 between High-A South Bend (27 G), Double-A Tennessee (53) and Triple-A Iowa (57), posting a combined slash of .309/.379/.606 with 36 home runs. Selected in the 39th round of the 2016 MLB Draft out of Georgetown Preparatory School (MD).

#88 Victor Mesa Jr. - Miami Marlins

Played exclusively with High-A Beloit in 2022, posting a .244/.323/.346 batting slash in 121 games. Played exclusively with Single-A Jupiter in 2021, holding a .266/.317/.402 slash in 112 games. Brother of Victor Victor Mesa, an outfielder in the Marlins organization.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#25 Justin Fall - Miami Marlins

Pitched 90 2/3 innings in 2022 between Single-A Jupiter (87 1/3 IP) and the Florida Complex League (3 1/3), posting a combined 3.87 ERA with 82 strikeouts. Played two collegiate seasons at Arizona State (2020-2021). Selected in the 17th round of the 2021 MLB Draft. Born in Toms River, New Jersey.



Peoria Javelinas

MLB affiliates: SD, SEA, CLE, NYM, WAS

#0 Brandon McIlwain - New York Mets

Selected in the 26th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of the University of California-Berkeley. Played two collegiate seasons at South Carolina before transferring to Cal for two additional seasons. Posted a .255/.345/.391 slash in 2022 between High-A Brooklyn and Double-A Binghamton.

#12 Spencer Packard - Seattle Mariners

Attended Arizona Western College before transferring to Campbell University. Selected in the ninth round of the 2021 MLB Draft. Played in 69 games for High-A Everett in 2022, posting a .282/.397/.490 slash. Posted a 1.118 OPS in his final collegiate season at Campbell. Born in Tucson, Arizona.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#47 Tim Cate - Washington Nationals

Selected in the second round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of the University of Connecticut. Played on Team USA's collegiate national team. Pitched 109 1/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Wilmington and Double-A Harrisburg, posting a combined 4.61 ERA with 103 strikeouts.

Surprise Saguaros

MLB affiliates: KC, TEX, HOU, PHI, PIT

#28 Trevor Hauver - Texas Rangers

Born in Chandler, Arizona. Played three collegiate seasons at Arizona State before his selection in the third round of the 2022 MLB Draft. Attended Perry High School in Gilbert, Arizona. Played for High-A Hickory and Double-A Frisco in 2022. Went 2-for-2 with a home run on AFL Opening Day.

#11 Johan Rojas - Philadelphia Phillies

Made his organizational debut with the Phillies at 17 years old in the Dominican Summer League. Played 130 games in 2022 between High-A Jersey Shore and Double-A Reading, posting a combined .244/.309/.354 slash. Born in San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#23 Quinn Priester - Pittsburgh Pirates

Selected with the 18th-overall pick in the 2019 draft. Holds a career 3.16 ERA with 228 strikeouts over three professional seasons (224 2/3 IP). Posted a 2.87 ERA in 75 1/3 innings this year with Double-A Altoona. Made a scoreless appearance at the 2021 Futures Game in Denver, Colorado.

Salt River Rafter

MLB affiliates: ARI, COL, DET, STL, TOR

#13 Zac Veen - Colorado Rockies

MLB Pipeline's 24th-ranked overall prospect. Selected with the ninth overall pick in the 2020 MLB Draft out of Spruce Creek High School (FL). Played 126 games in 2022 between High-A Spokane and Double-A Hartford, posting a combined .245/.340/.384 slash.

#22 Jack Anderson - Detroit Tigers

Selected in the 16th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Florida State. Pitched in 33 career games with the Seminoles (30 relief appearances), posting a combined 2.75 ERA from 2019-2021. Held a 3.47 ERA in 2022 between Single-A Lakeland (38 2/3 IP) and High-A West Michigan (21 IP).

Today's Starting Pitcher

#43 Joey Wentz - Detroit Tigers

Pitched 32 2/3 innings with the Tigers in 2022, posting a 3.03 ERA with 13 strikeouts. Selected with the 40th-overall pick in the 2016 MLB Draft out of Shawnee Mission East High School (KS). Pitched a combined 53 1/3 innings in 2022 between the Tigers, Triple-A Toledo and High-A West Michigan.

Scottsdale Scorpions

MLB affiliates: SF, LAA, BAL, BOS, ATL

#11 Werner Blakely - Los Angeles Angels

Selected in the fourth round of the 2020 MLB Draft out of Detroit Edison High School (MI). Played exclusively with Single-A Inland Empire in 2022, posting a .295/.447/.470 slash in 55 games. Played exclusively in the Arizona Complex League in 2021 (44 games).

#43 Wilyer Abreu - Boston Red Sox

Posted a .247/.399/.435 slash with a career-high 19 home runs and 73 RBI in 2022. Acquired by the Red Sox from the Astros in 2022, splitting time this year between Double-A Corpus Christi and Double-A Portland. Debuted in the Astros organization in the 2017 Dominican Summer League.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#44 Connor Van Scoyoc - Los Angeles Angels

Drafted in the 11th round of the 2018 draft out of Jefferson High School (Cedar Rapids, Iowa). Pitched exclusively with Single-A Inland Empire in 2022, posting a 4.28 ERA over 120 innings pitched. Brother of Spencer Van Scoyoc, a pitcher in the Phillies organization.

Upcoming Special Events



Saturday, October 15

Chase Field

Game 1 begins at 11:35 a.m. MST



Saturday, November 5

Sloan Park

6:35 p.m. MST



Sunday, November 6

Sloan Park

5:00 p.m. MST



Friday, November 11

Peoria Sports Complex

6:35 p.m. MST



Saturday, November 12

Scottsdale Stadium

5:00 p.m. MST

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