

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022



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AFL Standings

W-L GB

Surprise Saguaros	7-3	—
Peoria Javelinas	7-4	0.5
Mesa Solar Sox	6-5	1.5
Glendale Desert Dogs	5-5	2.0
Scottsdale Scorpions	5-6	2.5
Salt River Rafter	2-9	5.5

Today's Games

Note: All games today will be 7 innings.

Mesa vs. Glendale

Chase Field - 11:35 a.m.

Mesa

LHP Justin Fall (MIA)
1-0, 21.00 ERA

Glendale

RHP Sam Benschoter (CIN)
1-0, 0.00 ERA

Scottsdale vs. Peoria

Chase Field - 3:05 p.m.

Scottsdale

LHP Carson Whisenhunt (SF)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Peoria

LHP Tim Cate (WSH)
0-0, 54.00 ERA

Salt River vs. Surprise

Chase Field - 6:35 p.m.

Salt River

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

Surprise

RHP Quinn Priester (PIT)
0-0, 4.50 ERA



Today's Headlines

Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA) pitched five scoreless innings for the Scottsdale Scorpions on Friday, leading his team to a 2-0 victory over the Glendale Desert Dogs. Van Scoyoc did not allow a walk and worked around three hits while collecting three strikeouts.

Russell Smith (MIL) pitched three innings for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Friday, holding the Scottsdale Scorpions scoreless. He worked around four hits and two walks, collecting four strikeouts. Smith has not allowed a run in the Fall League (6 IP).

Matt Mervis (CHC) hit his fourth AFL home run on Friday, giving him sole possession of the league lead. Mervis collected two RBI in a 9-2 win over the Surprise Saguaros, and he now holds a .273/.320/.909 batting slash through six AFL games (6-for-22).

Denzel Clarke (OAK) went 2-for-3 with the Mesa Solar Sox on Friday with a home run and double. He reached base safely in three of his four plate appearances, scoring twice in a 9-2 victory over the Surprise Saguaros. Clarke held an OPS of .834 in the Minors this year.

Tyler Myrick (SF) pitched two scoreless innings of relief for the Scottsdale Scorpions on Friday, earning his second Fall League save. He collected four strikeouts and retired every opposing hitter he faced, preserving his 0.00 ERA with the Scorpions (5 1/3 IP).

The Glendale Desert Dogs currently hold the best run differential in the Fall League (+21). The Surprise Saguaros have allowed the fewest runs (57), while Glendale is tied with the Mesa Solar Sox for the most runs scored (85).

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	-
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, Wednesdays and Fridays. Schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

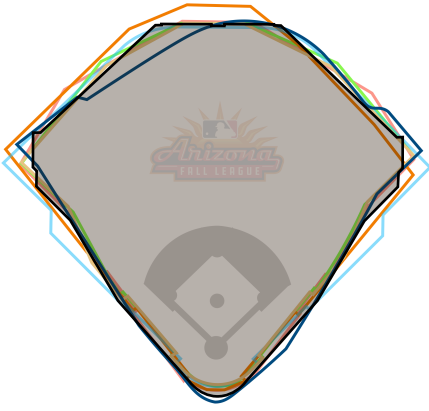
Sunday, October 16

No games scheduled - League-wide off day

Monday, October 17

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

Ballpark Comparison - Chase Field and AFL Home Sites



Ballpark	Left	Center	Right	Opened	Capacity
Camelback Ranch	345'	410'	345'	2009	13,000
Chase Field	330'	407'	335'	1998	48,519
Peoria Sports Complex	340'	410'	340'	1994	12,339
Salt River Fields at Talking Stick	345'	410'	345'	2011	11,000
Scottsdale Stadium	360'	430'	330'	1992	12,000
Sloan Park	360'	410'	360'	2014	15,000
Surprise Stadium	350'	400'	350'	2002	10,500

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Jonny Gomes (Mesa Solar Sox, 2003) was selected in the 18th round of the 2001 MLB Draft out of Santa Rosa Junior College. He made his way to the Fall League during his third year as a professional, just weeks after making his MLB debut on September 12, 2003. Gomes played in a combined 13 MLB seasons between the Rays, Reds, Red Sox, Athletics, Royals, Nationals and Braves, posting a career .242/.333/.436 batting slash in 1,203 career games. He won a World Series championship with the Boston Red Sox in 2013.

AFL Player Notebook

Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#12 Edouard Julien - Minnesota Twins

Selected in the 18th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Auburn University. Played exclusively with Double-A Wichita in 2021, posting a .300/.441/.490 slash. Played two collegiate summer seasons in the Cape Cod Baseball League (Falmouth Commodores, 2018; Hyannis Harbor Hawks, 2019).

#45 Francis Peguero - Minnesota Twins

Pitched 23 innings in 2022 between Double-A Wichita (18 2/3 IP) and the Florida Complex League (4 1/3), posting a combined 6.65 ERA with 18 strikeouts. Traded from the Reds to the Twins in 2022 in a deal that also sent RHP Sonny Gray to Minnesota.

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

#59 T.J. Rumfield - New York Yankees

Current AFL leader in OPS (1.397) among qualified players. Holds a .522/.571/.826 batting slash through six games of AFL action (12-for-23). Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Virginia Tech. Holds a career .742 OPS in the Minors (84 games).

#38 Tyler Hardman - New York Yankees

Selected in the fifth round of the 2021 MLB Draft from the University of Oklahoma. Played 107 games with High-A Hudson Valley in 2022, posting a .262/.329/.479 slash. Played one collegiate summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League (Brewster, 2019).

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

#43 Juan Then - Seattle Mariners

Currently tied for the AFL lead in saves (2). Pitched 12 innings in 2022 between Double-A Arkansas (10 IP) and the Arizona Complex League (2), posting a combined 4.50 ERA. Made his debut in the Mariners organization at 17 years old. Holds a career 3.74 ERA in the Minors.

#3 Kevin Kendall - New York Mets

Selected in the seventh round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of UCLA. Posted a .911 OPS in his final year with the Bruins. Played in three Minor League games in 2022, all with Single-A St. Lucie. Holds a career .312/.401/.426 batting slash in the Minors (34 games). Born in Long Beach, California.

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

#38 Grant Wolfram - Texas Rangers

Selected in the 18th round of the 2018 MLB Draft. Pitched exclusively with Double-A Frisco in 2022, posting a 4.42 ERA in 57 total innings. Played a collegiate summer season with the Kalamazoo Growlers (Northwoods League) and Wareham Gateman (Cape Cod Baseball League).

#4 Will Wagner - Houston Astros

Selected in the 18th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Liberty University. Played 117 games in 2022 between High-A Asheville (45 games) and Double-A Corpus Christi (72), posting a combined .261/.374/.394 slash. Career .780 OPS in the Minors (148 games). Born in Houston, Texas.

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

Current AFL leader in stolen bases (7). Selected with the ninth-overall pick in the 2020 MLB Draft out of Spruce Creek High School (FL). Holds an AFL batting slash of .455/.581/.636 through seven games. Named the Fall League "NFP Hitter of the Week" for Week 1.

#14 Deyvison De Los Santos - Arizona Diamondbacks

Played 126 games in 2022 between Single-A Visalia (78), High-A Hillsboro (38) and Double-A Amarillo (10), posting a combined .306/.348/.499 slash. Made his organizational debut with the Diamondbacks in 2021, playing 62 games between Single-A Visalia and the Arizona Complex League.

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

#23 Heston Kjerstad - Baltimore Orioles

Current AFL leader in total bases (27). Holds a .368/.400/.711 batting slash through eight Fall League games (14-for-38). Selected with the second-overall pick in the 2020 MLB Draft out of the University of Arkansas. Helped lead the Razorbacks to a runner-up finish at the 2019 College World Series.

#16 Tanner Morris - Toronto Blue Jays

Selected in the fifth round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of the University of Virginia. Played 74 games in 2022 between Double-A New Hampshire (43) and Triple-A Buffalo (31), posting a combined .258/.399/.353 slash. Holds a career .267/.387/.372 slash in the Minors (241 games).

Today's Starting Pitcher

#45 Carson Whisenhunt - San Francisco Giants

Selected in the second round of the 2022 MLB Draft out of East Carolina University. Pitched 16 innings in 2022 between Single-A San Jose (4 2/3 IP) and the Arizona Complex League (3), posting a combined 0.00 ERA with 14 strikeouts. Played a collegiate summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

Upcoming Special Events



Saturday, November 22
Phoenix Municipal Stadium
Game 1 begins at 11:35 a.m. MST



Saturday, November 5
Sloan Park
6:35 p.m. MST



Sunday, November 6
Sloan Park
6:00 p.m. MST



Friday, November 11
Peoria Sports Complex
6:35 p.m. MST



Saturday, November 12
Scottsdale Stadium
6:00 p.m. MST

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