

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022



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## AFL Standings

W-L GB

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

## Today's Games

### Mesa @ Salt River

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick - 12:35 p.m.

#### Mesa

RHP Ryan Cusick (OAK)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### Salt River

RHP Anders Tolhurst (TOR)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

### Peoria @ Scottsdale

Scottsdale Stadium - 12:35 p.m.

#### Peoria

RHP Christian Scott (NYM)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### Scottsdale

RHP Noah Denoyer (BAL)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

### Glendale @ Surprise

Surprise Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

#### Glendale

RHP Chase Solesky (CWS)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### Surprise

RHP T.J. Sikkema (KC)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA



## Today's Headlines

**Zac Veen (COL)** went 4-for-5 for the Salt River Rafters on Tuesday afternoon. With a home run, double and three RBI, Veen also had two stolen bases and reached safely in five of his six plate appearances. After seven at-bats in the AFL, Veen holds a 2.064 OPS.

**Zavier Warren (MIL)** had a 3-for-5 afternoon for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Tuesday with a double and home run. Warren drove in three of Glendale's 11 runs, proving decisive in an eventual 11-9 victory over Salt River.

**Grant Wolfram (TEX)** recorded six strikeouts in two shutout innings for the Surprise Saguaros on Tuesday. The left-hander faced seven batters; one runner reached on a walk. Wolfram posted 71 strikeouts in 57 innings with Double-A Frisco this year.

**Efrain Contreras (SD)** pitched three shutout innings for the Peoria Javelinas on Tuesday night in a 6-4 victory over the Surprise Saguaros. He allowed one hit and one walk, posting a 0.67 WHIP on the night. The right-hander is currently on the Padres' 40-man roster.

**Jordan Lawlar (ARI)** hit his first AFL home run on Tuesday afternoon. His sixth-inning solo shot travelled 361 feet to left field; it was Lawlar's 17th home run as a professional (103 total games including the AFL). He holds an early-season OPS of 2.200 (3-for-6).

The Scottsdale Scorpions currently lead the AFL with 19 runs scored and a +10 run differential in two games. The Peoria Javelinas have allowed an AFL-fewest seven runs.

## Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Glendale	X	-	X	TBD	X	TBD
Peoria	X	X	X	-	X	-
Salt River	X	-	X	-	X	-
Surprise	X	X	X	-	X	TBD
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 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Schedule is subject to change.

## Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

### Thursday, October 6

Surprise @ Salt River	12:35 p.m.	RHP Rhett Kouba vs. RHP Chad Patrick
Glendale @ Peoria	12:35 p.m.	LHP Russell Smith vs. RHP Hunter Stanley
Mesa @ Scottsdale	6:35 p.m.	RHP Colin Peluse vs. RHP Allan Winans

### Friday, October 7

Scottsdale @ Glendale	12:35 p.m.	RHP Will Bednar vs. RHP Jon Olsen
Surprise @ Peoria	12:35 p.m.	LHP Colton Gordon vs. LHP Adam Macko
Mesa @ Salt River	6:35 p.m.	RHP J.T. Ginn vs. LHP Matt Walker

## In-N-Out Double-Double Batter - Tuesday, Oct. 4



**Owen Caissie (Chicago Cubs)** hit a two-RBI double in the ninth inning of Tuesday's game between the Mesa Solar Sox and Scottsdale Scorpions. Named the In-N-Out Burger "Double-Double Batter" prior to first pitch, Caissie's double awarded all fans a free Double-Double hamburger coupon upon exiting Sloan Park.

Introduced for the 2022 season, all AFL regular-season games on Tuesdays and Fridays feature the In-N-Out Double-Double Batter promotion. One hitter from each home team's starting lineup is selected prior to first pitch. If they hit a double that day, all spectators receive a complimentary coupon.

### Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

**Matt Holliday (Mesa Solar Sox, 2002/2003)** was a seventh-round selection in the 1998 MLB Draft out of Stillwater High School (OK). After two seasons of Fall League action, Holliday made his MLB debut in 2004, beginning his 15-year MLB career as a member of the Rockies, Athletics, Cardinals and Yankees. Holliday led the Rockies to a National League pennant in 2007, finishing second in NL MVP voting after leading the league in batting average (.340), hits (216), RBI (137), extra-base hits (92), total bases (386) and doubles (50). The right-handed-hitting outfielder was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2014.

## 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).

#### #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).

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

#### #41 Chase Solesky - Chicago White Sox

Selected in the 21st round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Tulane University. Pitched 116 1/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Winston Salem (110 1/3) and Double-A Birmingham (6), recording a combined 4.10 ERA with 88 strikeouts. Born in Fort Pierce, Florida.

### Mesa Solar Sox

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

#### #23 Denzel Clarke - Oakland Athletics

Played three collegiate seasons at Cal State Northridge before his fourth-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft. Played 93 games in 2022 between High-A Lansing (51) and Single-A Stockton (42), posting a combined .254/.316/.449 batting slash. Cousin of Josh Naylor (Cleveland Guardians).

#### #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

#### #36 Ryan Cusick - Oakland Athletics

24th-overall selection in the 2021 MLB Draft from Wake Forest. Pitched 41 innings with Double-A Midland in 2022, posting a 7.02 ERA with 43 strikeouts. 59 1/3 career innings in the Minors with a 5.92 ERA. Played one collegiate summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League (Bourne Braves, 2019).



## Peoria Javelinas

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

### #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.

### #8 Connor Kokx - Cleveland Guardians

2021 All-Big West First Team selection with Long Beach State. Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft. Played exclusively with High-A Lake County in 2022, posting a .234/.350/.366 slash. Played one collegiate summer season with the Orleans Firebirds (Cape Cod Baseball League).

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #45 Christian Scott - New York Mets

Selected in the fifth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of the University of Florida. Pitched a combined 58 2/3 innings in 2022 between Single-A St. Lucie and High-A Brooklyn, posting a combined 4.45 ERA and 1.415 WHIP. Born in Coconut Creek, Florida.

## Surprise Saguaros

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

### #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.

### #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).

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #43 T.J. Sikkema - Kansas City Royals

38th-overall selection in the 2019 MLB Draft. Played three collegiate seasons at the University of Missouri; posted a 1.32 ERA over 88 2/3 innings in his final year with the Tigers (2018). Pitched 69 total innings in 2022 between High-A Hudson Valley and Double-A Northwest Arkansas.

## Salt River Rafters

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.

### #56 Colt Keith - Detroit Tigers

Fifth-round selection in the 2020 MLB Draft out of Biloxi High School (MS). Played exclusively with High-A West Michigan in 2022, posting a .301/.370/.544 slash. Career .293/.385/.463 Minor League slash in 113 games. Born in Zanesville, Ohio. MLB Pipeline's sixth-ranked Tigers prospect.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #34 Anders Tolhurst - Toronto Blue Jays

Pitched 12 1/3 innings in 2022 between Single-A Dunedin and the Florida Complex League, recording a combined 3.65 ERA with 20 strikeouts. Selected in the 23rd round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Grossmont College (CA). Born in Santee, California.

## Scottsdale Scorpions

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

### #24 Justyn-Henry Malloy - Atlanta Braves

Played two collegiate seasons at Vanderbilt before transferring to Georgia Tech. Played on Team USA's 15-and-under national team. Drafted in the sixth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Georgia Tech. Played 133 games in 2022 between High-A (71), Double-A (54) and Triple-A (8).

### #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).

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #25 Noah Denoyer - Baltimore Orioles

Pitched 71 2/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Bowie (51 2/3), High-A Aberdeen (18) and the Florida Complex League (2), posting a combined 2.89 ERA with 99 strikeouts. Played two collegiate summer seasons in the Northwoods League (Thunder Bay Border Cats, 2017; Eau Claire Express, 2019).

# 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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