

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022



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AFL Standings

W-L-T GB

Surprise Saguaros	13-9	—
Peoria Javelinas	11-10-1	1.5
Glendale Desert Dogs	10-10-2	2.0
Mesa Solar Sox	10-10-2	2.0
Scottsdale Scorpions	10-11-1	2.5
Salt River Rafters	9-13	4.0

Today's Games

Mesa @ Glendale

Camelback Ranch - 11:35 a.m.

7-inning game

Mesa

LHP Justin Fall (MIA)

1-0, 12.66 ERA

Glendale

RHP Sam Benschoter (CIN)

1-1, 2.70 ERA

Salt River @ Peoria

Peoria Sports Complex - 3:05 p.m.

Salt River

RHP Fineas Del Bonta-Smith (COL)

1-0, 8.44 ERA

Peoria

LHP Tim Cate (WSH)

0-2, 20.77 ERA

Scottsdale @ Surprise

Surprise Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

Scottsdale

LHP Carson Whisenhunt (SF)

0-0, 0.00 ERA

Surprise

RHP Cristian Hernandez (PHI)

1-0, 1.50 ERA



Today's Headlines

Zavier Warren (MIL) collected four RBI with the Glendale Desert Dogs on Friday in an 11-1 victory over the Surprise Saguaros. Warren went 2-for-4 with a two-run triple, lifting his AFL batting slash to .365/.507/.481 through 16 games (19-for-52).

Luke Ritter (NYM) went 2-for-3 with a home run for the Peoria Javelinas on Friday, driving in two runs in a 5-1 victory over the Salt River Rafters. Ritter is 3-for-6 in his last two Fall League games with a combined two home runs, three RBI and two runs scored.

Noah Denoyer (BAL) pitched five scoreless innings for the Scottsdale Scorpions on Friday, allowing one hit and striking out four. The right-hander lowered his Fall League ERA to 4.74; his 19 strikeouts on the season rank second in the AFL (Connor Thomas, 24).

Fineas Del Bonta-Smith (COL) returns to the mound this afternoon for his second-career professional start. His first came on October 25 at Scottsdale Stadium where he tossed 2 2/3 shutout innings without allowing a hit. He has allowed one run in his last three AFL appearances (4 1/3 IP).

Jon Olsen (MIN) tossed four scoreless innings for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Friday, allowing zero walks and one hit with four strikeouts. He earned the win in an 11-1 victory over the first-place Surprise Saguaros, facing the 12-batter minimum over his four frames.

We are exactly one week away from the AFL Home Run Derby. There have been a combined 124 home runs hit in the Fall League this year (1.88 per game) and the Mesa Solar Sox lead the league with 28. Heston Kjerstad (BAL) and Matt Mervis (CHC) are tied for the player lead with five.

Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Glendale	X	-	-	X	-	-
Peoria	X	Off	X	X	-	-
Salt River	X	-	Off	X	-	-
Surprise	X	X	-	X	-	-
Scottsdale	X	-	Off	X	-	-
Mesa	X	Off	-	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 in AFL Week 4 (Oct. 24-29) is required on Monday and Thursday. Schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Sunday, October 30

No games scheduled - League-wide off day

Monday, October 31

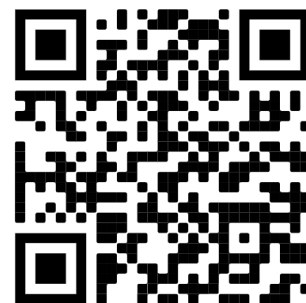
Surprise @ Mesa 12:35 p.m. TBD vs. TBD

Salt River @ Scottsdale 12:35 p.m. TBD vs. TBD

Off day: Glendale, Peoria

AFL Home Run Derby (Nov. 5) & Fall Stars Game (Nov. 6)

On Saturday, November 5, the Arizona Fall League Home Run Derby will take place at Sloan Park featuring eight of the AFL's top power hitters. \$5 general admission tickets are available on [Brushfire.com/ArizonaFallLeague](https://www.brushfire.com/ArizonaFallLeague), and all ticket types will have access to the main seating bowl and outfield lawn at Sloan Park. One day later, on Sunday, November 6, Sloan Park will host its first-ever AFL Fall Stars Game, featuring American League and National League rosters.



SCAN FOR TICKETS

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Kyle Tucker (Mesa Solar Sox, 2017) hit two home runs for the Houston Astros on Friday in Game 1 of the 2022 World Series. Tucker drove in four of the Astros' five runs, going 3-for-5 on the night. The fifth-overall selection in the 2015 MLB Draft, Tucker played in 22 Fall League games during his third year as a professional. The left-handed-hitting outfielder made his MLB debut in 2017; he has since played five seasons with the Astros and currently holds a career .268/.335/.502 batting slash. Tucker received his first career All-Star selection this year.

AFL Player Notebook

Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#15 Jorbit Vivas - Los Angeles Dodgers

MLB Pipeline's 16th-ranked Dodgers prospect. Played 128 games in 2022 with High-A Great Lakes, posting a .269/.374/.401 slash. Made his organizational debut with the Dodgers at 17 years old in the Dominican Summer League. Born in Puerto Cabello, Venezuela.

#52 Luis Contreras - Milwaukee Brewers

Pitched 51 innings in 2022 between Double-A Biloxi (42 IP) and Triple-A Nashville (9), posting a combined 3.88 ERA with 73 strikeouts. Made his organizational debut with the Brewers at 23 years old. Holds a career 3.52 ERA in the Minors (110 IP). Born in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

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

Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft. Played one collegiate season at Texas Tech before finishing his collegiate eligibility at Virginia Tech. Posted a .284/.381/.411 slash in 52 games with High-A Hudson Valley in 2022. Born in Richmond, Virginia; attended Temple High School in Temple, Texas.

#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).

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

#45 Christian Scott - New York Mets

Selected in the fifth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of the University of Florida. Pitched 58 2/3 innings in 2022 between Single-A St. Lucie (37 1/3 IP) and High-A Brooklyn (21 1/3), posting a combined 4.45 ERA with 77 strikeouts. Born in Coconut Creek, Florida.

#3 Kevin Kendall - New York Mets

Selected in the seventh round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of UCLA. Played three collegiate seasons with the Bruins, posting a combined .309/.375/.419 slash (145 G). Played exclusively with Single-A St. Lucie in 2022 (9 AB). Holds a career .828 OPS in the Minors (34 games).

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

#34 Henry Davis - Pittsburgh Pirates

First-overall selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of the University of Louisville. Played 59 games in 2022 between Double-A Altoona (31 games), High-A Greensboro (22), Single-A Bradenton (5) and the Florida Complex League (1). Helped lead Louisville to the College World Series in 2019.

#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

#62 Cristian Hernandez - Philadelphia Phillies

Pitched exclusively with High-A Jersey Shore in 2022, posting a 4.70 ERA in 74 2/3 innings. Holds a career 3.67 ERA in the Minors over three professional seasons. Debuted in the Phillies organization at 17 years old in the Dominican Summer League. Born in Cumana, Venezuela.

Salt River Rafterers

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

#7 Pedro Pages - St. Louis Cardinals

Played 86 games in 2022 between Double-A Springfield (42 games) and Triple-A Memphis (44), posting a combined .227/.312/.381 slash. Born in Maracay, Venezuela. Selected in the sixth round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Florida Atlantic University.

#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

#31 Fineas Del Bonta-Smith - Colorado Rockies

Pitched 50 innings with Double-A Hartford this year, posting a 3.96 ERA with 55 strikeouts. Played two collegiate seasons at San Jose State. Posted a 0.68 ERA with the 2018 St. Cloud Rox (Northwoods League), winning Team Co-MVP honors alongside teammate Evan Johnson (Seattle Mariners).

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. Selected 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).

#13 Logan Wyatt - San Francisco Giants

Selected in the second round of the 2022 MLB Draft out of the University of Louisville. Helped lead Louisville to the College World Series in 2017 and 2019. Played 29 games in 2022 between Single-A San Jose (11) and the Arizona Complex League (18) with a combined .213/.286/.245 slash.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#45 Carson Whisenhunt - San Francisco Giants

Second-round selection in the 2022 MLB Draft out of East Carolina University. Pitched 7 2/3 professional 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. Born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Upcoming Special Events



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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