

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES 🌴 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022



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AFL Standings

W-L GB

Surprise Saguaros	7-5	—
Glendale Desert Dogs	6-5-1	0.5
Peoria Javelinas	7-6	0.5
Scottsdale Scorpions	7-6	0.5
Mesa Solar Sox	6-6-1	1.0
Salt River Rafters	4-9	3.5

Today's Games

Surprise @ Peoria

Peoria Sports Complex - 12:35 p.m.

Surprise

LHP T.J. Sikkema (KC)
2-0, 3.86 ERA

Peoria

RHP Efrain Contreras (SD)
1-0, 4.26 ERA

Scottsdale @ Salt River

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick - 6:35 p.m.

Scottsdale

RHP Allan Winans (ATL)
0-0, 2.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Peter Lambert (COL)
0-1, 15.75 ERA

Mesa @ Glendale

Camelback Ranch - 6:35 p.m.

Mesa

RHP Mason Miller (OAK)
0-1, 7.71 ERA

Glendale

RHP Christian Roa (CIN)
1-0, 13.50 ERA



Today's Headlines

Connor Thomas (STL) collected 10 strikeouts in a four-inning start with the Salt River Rafters on Monday night, leading his team to an eventual 3-2 victory. It was the first time in eight years that an AFL pitcher recorded double-digit strikeouts in a single appearance.

Grant Lavigne (COL) went 2-for-4 with the Salt River Rafters on Monday, hitting a triple and driving in two runs. Lavigne holds a .414/.485/.655 batting slash through eight AFL games; his slugging percentage ranks eighth in the AFL among qualified players.

Heston Kjerstad (BAL) and **Cal Conley (ATL)** each had inside-the-park home runs for the Scottsdale Scorpions on Monday afternoon. Such a feat — two from the same team in the same contest — has happened only once in a Major League Baseball game since 1980. All of Scottsdale's runs were scored off the bats of Kjerstad and Conley in a 6-4 victory over the Peoria Javelinas. Kjerstad went 4-for-5 on the day with two RBI and a run scored, while Conley posted a 3-for-5 afternoon with four RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base.

Ryan Middendorf (NYY) posted a perfect 1 1/3 innings in relief for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Monday, striking out three. Middendorf earned a hold in a 6-3 win over the Mesa Solar Sox, and now holds a 3.00 ERA through six AFL innings.

The Surprise Saguaros, holding the best record in the AFL, have a run differential of zero. The best differential belongs to the second-place Glendale Desert Dogs (+24), while the fifth-place Mesa Solar Sox have the league's second-best differential (11).

Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

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

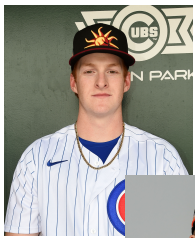
Wednesday, October 19

Mesa @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m.	Ryan Cusick (OAK) vs. TBD
Salt River @ Glendale	6:35 p.m.	Anders Tolhurst (TOR) vs. Chase Solesky (CWS)
Peoria @ Surprise	6:35 p.m.	Christian Scott (NYM) vs. Rhett Kouba (HOU)

Thursday, October 20

Scottsdale @ Surprise	12:35 p.m.	Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA) vs. Colton Gordon (HOU)
Glendale @ Peoria	12:35 p.m.	Russell Smith (MIL) vs. Hunter Stanley (CLE)
Mesa @ Salt River	12:35 p.m.	Colin Peluse (OAK) vs. Chad Patrick (ARI)

In-N-Out Double-Double Batter - AFL Week 3 Update



Presented by In-N-Out Burger, the AFL "Double-Double Batter" promotion is back in effect for all three Fall League games today. Two out of twelve Double-Double Batters (16.7%) have successfully hit a double in AFL action this year: **Owen Caissie (Chicago Cubs)** and **Matt McLain (Cincinnati Reds)**.

Introduced for the 2022 season, 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 at that given venue receive a complimentary coupon card for an In-N-Out Double-Double hamburger upon exiting the ballpark.

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Bob Melvin (Maryvale Saguaros, 1999) began his managerial career in the Arizona Fall League after serving as the bench coach for the 1999 Milwaukee Brewers. He was later named to the coaching staff of the Detroit Tigers (2000) and Arizona Diamondbacks (2001-2002) before receiving his first MLB managing position with the 2003 Seattle Mariners. Melvin has since managed a combined 19 seasons between the Mariners, Diamondbacks, Athletics and most recently the 2022 San Diego Padres, leading the franchise to its first NLCS appearance since 1998. He was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2013.

AFL Player Notebook

Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#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.

#38 Vinny Timpanelli - Cincinnati Reds

Pitched 47 2/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Dayton and Double-A Chattanooga, posting a combined 5.10 ERA with 79 strikeouts. Played collegiately at Ramapo College (NJ) and St. Thomas Aquinas College (NY). Born in Staten Island, New York. Holds a career 4.06 ERA in the Minors (93 IP).

Today's Starting Pitcher

#49 Christian Roa - Cincinnati Reds

Selected in the second round of the 2020 MLB Draft out of Texas A&M. Pitched 91 innings in 2022 between High-A Dayton and Double-A Chattanooga, posting a 3.56 ERA. Career 3.55 ERA in 149 2/3 professional innings. Played one summer collegiate season with the La Crosse Loggers (Northwoods League).

Mesa Solar Sox

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

#29 Chandler Jozwiak - Miami Marlins

Selected in the 13th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Texas A&M. Pitched a combined 57 1/3 innings in 2022 between Single-A Jupiter (13 1/3 IP), High-A Beloit (34) and Double-A Pensacola (10), posting a combined 2.35 ERA. Holds a career 2.84 ERA in the Minors (66 2/3 IP).

#51 Zac Leigh - Chicago Cubs

Selected in the 16th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Texas State. Pitched 34 2/3 innings in 2022 between High-A South Bend (23 IP) and Double-A Tennessee (11 2/3), posting a combined 2.86 ERA with 53 strikeouts. Born in Kingwood, Texas. Career 2.49 ERA in the Minors (43 1/3 IP).

Today's Starting Pitcher

#17 Mason Miller - Oakland Athletics

Pitched 14 total innings in 2022 between Triple-A Las Vegas, High-A Lansing and the Arizona Complex League, posting a combined 3.86 ERA. Career 3.15 ERA in 20 professional innings. Third-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Gardner-Webb University.



AFL Player Notebook

Peoria Javelinas

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

#12 Tirso Ornelas - San Diego Padres

Played 115 games in 2022 between Double-A San Antonio (112) and Triple-A El Paso (3), posting a combined .286/.353/.404 slash. Played 60 games in the Mexican Pacific Winter League in 2021-22. Made his organizational debut with the Padres at 17 years old (2017).

#21 Joshua Mears - San Diego Padres

Second-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Federal Way High School (WA). Played 93 games in 2022 between Double-A San Antonio (24), High-A Fort Wayne (52) and the Arizona Complex League (17), posting a combined .217/.305/.486 batting slash.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#58 Efrain Contreras - San Diego Padres

Made 17 starts with High-A Fort Wayne in 2022, posting a 5.74 ERA in 53 1/3 innings. Held a 2.11 ERA in his first season as a professional (2018; 68 1/3 IP), splitting time between Single-A and rookie-level affiliates. 261 strikeouts in 231 1/3 career professional innings.

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.

#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

#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 Rafter

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

#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).

#19 Kyle Backhus - Arizona Diamondbacks

Pitched 52 1/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Amarillo (13 1/3 IP) and High-A Hillsboro (39), posting a combined 3.27 ERA with 78 strikeouts. Played five collegiate seasons at Sam Houston State University. Holds a career 3.68 ERA in the Minors (78 1/3 IP).

Today's Starting Pitcher

#20 Peter Lambert - Colorado Rockies

Pitched 89 1/3 innings with the Rockies in 2019. Played exclusively with Triple-A Albuquerque in 2022, making four starts (8 2/3 IP) and posting a 6.23 ERA. Selected in the second round of the 2015 MLB Draft. Underwent Tommy John surgery in July 2020.

Scottsdale Scorpions

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

#7 Nick Yorke - Boston Red Sox

Played exclusively with High-A Greenville in 2022, posting a .232/.303/.365 slash in 80 games. 17th-overall selection in the 2020 MLB Draft out of Archbishop Mitty High School (CA). Career .807 OPS in 177 Minor League games. Born in Newport Beach, California.

#37 Nolan Hoffman - Baltimore Orioles

Selected by the Mariners in the fifth round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Texas A&M. Acquired by the Orioles in the 2021 Rule 5 Draft. Pitched 23 1/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Bowie (23 1/3), High-A Aberdeen (2) and the Florida Complex League, posting a combined 3.62 ERA.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#15 Allan Winans - Atlanta Braves

Pitched 64 1/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Mississippi (44 1/3 IP) and Triple-A Gwinnett (15), holding a .308 ERA with 65 strikeouts. Selected in the 17th round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Campbell University. Born in Bakersfield, California.

Upcoming Special Events



Saturday, October 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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