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AFL Standings						
East Division						
Mesa	13-11-1	_				
Scottsdale	10-16	4.0				
Salt River	7-17	6.0				
West Division						
Surprise	15-9	_				
Glendale	15-10	0.5				
Peoria	13-10-1	1.5				

## Today's Games

\*All games today will be 7 innings

### **MESA @ SURPRISE**

### Mesa

LHP Zach King (MIA) 0-0, 10.80 ERA

#### Surprise

RHP James Marinan (CIN) 0-0, 5.40 ERA

#### SCOTTSDALE @ GLENDALE

#### Mesa

LHP Kody Funderburk (MIN) 2-2, 7.36 ERA

#### Salt River

RHP Johan Dominguez (CHW) 1-1, 11.00 ERA

#### PEORIA @ SALT RIVER

#### Peoria

RHP Victor Vodnik (ATL) 1-1, 5.63 ERA

#### Salt River

RHP Justin Jarvis (MIL) 1-1, 6.39 ERA

## **Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/13**

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise	X	X	off	_*	X*	Ħ
Peoria	X	-	off	X	X	Fall
Glendale	X	-	-	X	_	Sta
Salt River	X	-	-	X	X	S
Scottsdale	X	-	-	X	_	jan
Mesa	X	-	X	X	_	1e

**12:35 p.m.** - HINF: 9:10 a.m., HBP: 9:25 a.m., VBP: 10:40 a.m., VINF: 11:40 a.m. **6:35 p.m.** - HINF: 3:10 p.m., HBP: 3:25 p.m., VBP: 4:40 p.m., VINF: 5:40 p.m.

Teams are REQUIRED to take batting practice and infield every Monday and Thursday \*Surprise: Approved THU/FRI switch. Friday batting practice will begin at 10:00 a.m.

## Fall League Alum of the Day

**Yonder Alonso** (Peoria Saguaros, 2009) played 23 games in the Arizona Fall League during his second season as a professional. The Cuban-born first baseman was the seventh-overall selection in the 2008 draft out of the University of Miami. He debuted in the big leagues in 2010 and went on to play 10 MLB seasons between seven different teams, posting a career .259/.332/.404 slash with an even 100 home runs. In the 2009 Fall Stars Game at Surprise Stadium, Alonso posted a two-run double for the West division squad. He joined the MLB Network team in April of this year, and will return to the Fall Stars Game this Saturday as a commentator on the live broadcast.

## **Upcoming Games and Probable Starters**

## Saturday, November 13

2021 Fall Stars Game

West Fall Stars @ East Fall Stars 5:00 p.m. TBD vs. TBD

Game hosted at Salt River Fields - Televised live on MLB Network

## Sunday, November 14

No games scheduled (league-wide off day)

# **Fall League Player Profile**



# **Chandler Seagle - SD**

Salt River Rafters - LHP

**Bats:** Right **Throws:** Right **Height:** 6'0" **Weight:** 190 lb.

Born: May 23, 1996 (25) Birthplace: New Bern, NC Drafted: 2017 (30th round, SD) College: Appalachian State Favorite emoji:

Tongue out 😛

Favorite AFL hat (other than Peoria):

Salt River Rafters

**Favorite food for Thanksgiving:** Sweet potato pie with marshmallows

**Favorite NFL team:** Carolina Panthers

**Favorite TV series:** 

The Office

# **AFL Player Notebook**

## Peoria

**#30 Victor Vodnik** (ATL) - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2018 draft out of Rialto High School (CA). Pitched exclusively with Double-A Mississippi in 2021, posting a 5.35 ERA in 33.2 total innings. Career 4.00 ERA in 105.2 frames. Pitched exclusively with Low-A Rome in 2019, posting a 2.94 ERA in 67.1 innings. 119 career minor league strikeouts in 105.2 combined frames. Born in Whittier, California.

**#26 Logan O'Hoppe** (**PHI**) - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Phillies prospect. Drafted in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of St. Johns The Baptist High School (NY). Played in 85 games for High-A Jersey Shore in 2021, posting a .270/.335/.459 slash with 13 home runs. Played winter ball in 2019-20 with the Adelaide Giants of the Australian Baseball League, posting a .258/.389/.483 slash.

**#6 Cade Marlowe** (**SEA**) - 27th-ranked Mariners prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Drafted in the 20th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of West Georgia. Played for Low-A Modesto, High-A Everett and Triple-A Tacoma in 2021, posting a combined .275/.368/.566 slash. 168 career minor league games with a .284/.369/.523 slash. Born in Tifton, Georgia

## Salt River

**#11 Joey Wiemer (MIL)** - Played three seasons at the University of Cincinnati before being drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft. Played 109 total games in 2021 between Low-A Carolina and High-A Wisconsin, posting a combined .295/.403/.556 slash. Posted a collegiate slash of .264/.379/.408 in 122 career NCAA games. Played a collegiate summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

**#7 Brett Baty** (**NYM**) - 12th-overall pick of the 2019 draft and MLB Pipeline's 45th-ranked prospect. Committed to play at the University of Texas before signing with the Mets out of high school. Played 91 games in 2021 between High-A Brooklyn and Double-A Binghamton, posting a .292/.382/.473 season slash.

**#48 Zack Hess (DET) -** Played three seasons at LSU, posting a combined 4.42 ERA in 224 innings. Played in the 2017 College World Series. Pitched 52.2 innings in 2021, 49.2 with High-A West Michigan where he posted a 3.62 ERA with 66 strikeouts. Posted three scoreless innings with Double-A Erie with three strikeouts. Played two collegiate summer seasons in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

### Mesa

**#1 Nelson Velazquez** (**CHC**) - Debuted as a professional in 2017 with the Cubs' Arizona League affiliate. Played 103 games in 2021 between High-A South Bend and Double-A Tennessee, posting a combined .270/.333/.496 slash. 316 career minor league games with a .259/.324/.449 slash. Named the Week 3 Arizona Fall League Hitter of the Week. Born in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

**#24 Gabriel Moreno (TOR)** - Made his professional debut at 17 years old with the Blue Jays in the Dominican Summer League. Posted a .373/.441/.651 slash with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021. First-ranked prospect in the Blue Jays system according to MLB Pipeline (32nd overall). Sidelined in 2021 by a broken thumb after posting a 1.092 OPS in Double-A.

**#38 Graham Spraker (TOR)** - 31st-round draft pick in the 2017 draft by the Toronto Blue Jays. Pitched 42.2 innings with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021, posting a 2.74 ERA with 62 strikeouts Pitched four seasons at Quincy University and two summer collegiate seasons in the Northwoods League with the LaCrosse Loggers. Opened the 2021 AFL season with 9.1 scoreless innings, allowing two hits with 14 strikeouts.

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### **Scottsdale**

**#44 Curtis Mead (TB)** - Born in Adelaide, Australia. Played four seasons in the Australian Baseball League before signing with the Rays prior to the 2021 season. Played rookie ball in the Phillies system in 2018 and 2019. .310/.368/.510 career minor league slash in 150 total games. Posted a 1.214 OPS with Triple-A Durham in the final three games of the 2021 minor league season.

**#67 Connor Seabold (BOS)** - Third-round selection by the Phillies in 2017. Turned down a 19th-round selection by the Orioles in 2014. Pitched three seasons at Cal State Fullerton, posting a career 2.89 ERA in a combined 42 starts and 14 relief appearances. Pitched in the College World Series in 2015 and 2017. Made 11 starts for Triple-A Worcester this year (54 innings), recording 52 strikeouts and 19 walks.

**#50 R.J. Dabovich** (**SF**) - Pitched at Central Arizona College and turned down an 18th-round pick in 2018 to pitch at Arizona State. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft after posting a 4.04 ERA in 32.1 innings for the Sun Devils. Made his professional debut with High-A Eugene in 2021, finishing the year with Double-A Richmond. Opened the 2021 Fall League with three scoreless innings and five strikeouts.

### Surprise

**#27 James Marinan (CIN)** - Fourth-round draft selection in the 017 draft out of Park Vista Community High School (FL). 4.32 career minor league ERA in 214.2 total innings. Pitched 64.2 innings in 2021 between Low-A Daytona and High-A Dayton, posting a combined 4.31 ERA with 63 strikeouts. 175 career strikeouts in 214.2 minor league innings.

**#13 Austin Wells (NYY)** - 28th overall pick of the 2020 draft and the sixth-ranked prospect in the Yankees system per MLB Pipeline. Big league ETA is projected for 2023. Played two seasons at the University of Arizona, posting a 1.035 OPS in 277 career at-bats. Held a .258/.398/.479 slash with Low-A Tampa in 2021, finishing the year with High-A Hudson Valley.

#41 Alec Marsh (KC) - Second-round draft pick in 2019 out of Arizona State. Pitched 194 career innings with the Sun Devils, posting a 4.13 ERA. Pitched exclusively with Double-A Northwest Arkansas in 2021, posting a 4.97 ERA in 25.1 total innings. Played one collegiate summer with the Lakeshore Chinooks (Northwoods League) and the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox (Cape Cod Baseball League). Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

### Glendale

**#37 Landon Knack (LAD) -** Drafted in the second round of the 2020 draft out of East Tennessee State. Played two collegiate seasons and posted a 2.29 ERA in 122 career NCAA innings. Debuted as a professional in 2021, pitching 62.1 innings between High-A Great Lakes and Double-A Tulsa. Posted a combined 3.18 ERA. Born in Johnson City, Tennessee.

#35 Korey Lee (HOU) - 32nd-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of Cal. Played in 88 minor league games in 2021, posting a .277/.340/.438 slash. Played over half of his games in 2021 with Double-A Corpus Christi, collecting 185 at-bats and hitting eight home runs. 65-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played two summers for the La Crosse Loggers in the summer collegiate Northwoods League.

**#22 Juan Yepez (STL)** - Debuted in affiliate ball in 2015 with the Atlanta Braves organization at the age of 17. Played with Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis in 2021, posting a combined .286/.383/.586 slash. Career .274/.340/.443 minor league slash in 476 games. Began the 2021 Fall League going 19-for-65 with five home runs. Traded from Atlanta to St. Louis in 2017 in a deal that sent Matt Adams to the Braves.

# **Today's Fall League Five**

- 1: Nelson Velazquez posted an AFL-leading ninth home run on Thursday against the Salt River Rafters. He holds a .371/.481/.742 slash in 22 games this fall, holding a league-leading 1.223 OPS. Velazquez currently ranks second in the AFL in average and on-base percentage, first in slugging percentage, hits (33), runs (24) and total bases (66), and fourth in RBIs (20).
- 2: William Woods (ATL) tossed four shutout innings on Thursday night, helping to lead his Peoria Javelinas over the Scottsdale Scorpions 4-0. Woods posted a season-best seven strikeouts and lowered his fall ERA from a 5.54 to a 4.24. He has collected 17 strikeouts in 17 fall innings.
- 3: Drew Mount (CIN) posted a 3-for-5 afternoon for the Surprise Saguaros on Thursday. He scored three times in an 11-7 victory over the Glendale Desert Dogs, posting a double and an RBI. Mount now holds a .333/.400/.444 slash over nine AFL games.
- 4: The Peoria Javelinas combined to pitch a four-hit shutout on Thursday, posting 11 total strikeouts. Jesse Scholtens (SD) allowed one hit over two innings while a trio of Pirates relievers Bear Bellomy, Tom Cosgrove and Carmen Mlodzinski each worked a scoreless inning. A double by Scottsdale's Kole Cottam (BOS) was the only extra-base hit allowed by the Peoria pitching staff.
- 5: Bryson Stott (PHI) went 3-for-5 for the Javelinas on Thursday with a solo home run in the fifth inning. His AFL slash jumped from a .299/.446/.403 to a .319/.454/.458; his .912 OPS is 15th-best in the Fall League among qualifying players.

## Important dates to remember:

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)
  - \*Both games televised live on MLB Network

