

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022



mlbfallball.com

  @MLBazFallLeague 



## AFL Standings

W-L GB

Surprise Saguaros	7-2	—
Peoria Javelinas	6-4	1.5
Glendale Desert Dogs	5-4	2
Mesa Solar Sox	5-5	2.5
Scottsdale Scorpions	4-6	3.5
Salt River Rafters	2-8	5.5

## Today's Games

Note: All games today will be 7 innings.

### Scottsdale @ Glendale

Camelback Ranch - 12:35 p.m.

#### Scottsdale

RHP Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA)  
0-1, 19.80 ERA

#### Glendale

LHP Russell Smith (MIL)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

### Mesa @ Surprise

Surprise Stadium - 12:35 p.m.

#### Mesa

RHP J.T. Ginn (OAK)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### Surprise

LHP Colton Gordon (HOU)  
1-0, 21.60 ERA

### Peoria @ Salt River

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

#### Peoria

RHP Mike Vasil (NYM)  
0-0, 6.00 ERA

#### Salt River

LHP Matt Walker (DET)  
0-0, 9.00 ERA



## Today's Headlines

**Matt Mervis (CHC)** had a 3-for-4 night with the Mesa Solar Sox on Thursday, hitting two home runs and collecting four RBI. His 10 total bases led the Fall League on Thursday, and he is now tied with Heston Kjerstad (BAL) for the AFL lead in home runs (3).

**Zack Gelof (OAK)** posted two home runs for the Mesa Solar Sox in a 9-7 victory over the Glendale Desert Dogs. He went 2-for-5 and now holds a .259/.355/.481 slash (7-for-27) through seven games of AFL action. He holds a career OPS of .861 in the Minors.

**Heston Kjerstad (BAL)** went 3-for-6 with the Scottsdale Scorpions on Thursday in a 14-8 victory over the Surprise Saguaros. Kjerstad hit a double and home run, collecting four RBI. He now holds the AFL's ninth-highest slugging percentage (.711) among qualified players.

**David Fry (CLE)** went 3-for-3 with the Peoria Javelinas on Thursday, driving in four of his team's six runs on the night. Through four games of AFL action, Fry holds a .385/.500/.692 batting slash (5-for-13) with a double, home run and six RBI.

**Braxton Fulford (COL)** hit a walk-off two-RBI double for the Salt River Rafters on Thursday. It was Fulford's third hit in the Fall League (3-for-12) and his first for extra bases. The catcher held an OPS of .829 with Single-A Fresno this year (104 games).

**Hunter Stanley (CLE)** pitched 3 2/3 innings of scoreless work for the Peoria Javelinas on Thursday, allowing three hits and collecting five strikeouts. Stanley now holds a 1.35 ERA and 1.35 WHIP in the Fall League over a combined two starts (6 2/3 IP).

## 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

Saturday, October 15



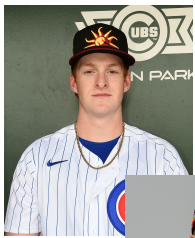
All games at Chase Field

Mesa vs. Glendale	11:35 a.m.	Justin Fall (MIA) vs. Sam Benschoter (CIN)
Scottsdale vs. Peoria	3:05 p.m.	Carson Whisenhunt (SF) vs. Tim Cate (WSH)
Salt River vs. Surprise	6:35 p.m.	Joey Wentz (DET) vs. Quinn Priester (PIT)

Sunday, October 16

No games scheduled - League-wide off day

# In-N-Out Double-Double Batter - AFL Week 2 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 of nine Double-Double Batters (22.2%) have successfully hit a double in AFL action this year: **Owen Caissie (Chicago Cubs)** and **Matt McLain (Cincinnati Reds)**.

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 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

**Max Scherzer (Scottsdale Scorpions, 2007; Phoenix Desert Dogs, 2008)** was the 11th-overall selection in the 2006 MLB Draft out of the University of Missouri. He came to the Fall League during his second and third year as a professional while also making his MLB debut in 2008 with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Scherzer has since been named an eight-time All-Star and three-time Cy Young Award winner, currently holding a career 3.11 ERA through 2,682 2/3 MLB innings. Scherzer has pitched in a combined 15 MLB seasons between the Diamondbacks, Tigers, Nationals, Dodgers and Mets.

## AFL Player Notebook

### Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#### #10 Luke Ritter - New York Mets

Played four collegiate seasons at Wichita State, recording a 1.003 OPS in his senior season (59 games). Born in Minneapolis; turned down a selection by the Twins in the 37th round of the 2018 MLB Draft. Returned to college and was selected in the seventh round by the Mets in 2019.

#### #25 Andy Pages - Los Angeles Dodgers

Fifth-ranked Dodgers prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played exclusively with Double-A Tulsa in 2022, posting a .236/.336/.468 slash in 132 games. 86 career home runs in 367 minor league games. Made his organizational debut with the Dodgers at 17 years old. Born in La Habana, Cuba.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

#### #20 Russell Smith - Milwaukee Brewers

Selected in the second round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Texas Christian University. Pitched exclusively with High-A Wisconsin in 2022 (68 1/3 IP), posting a 4.87 ERA with 62 strikeouts. Played three collegiate seasons at TCU, posting a combined 3.62 ERA (121 2/3 IP).

### Mesa Solar Sox

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

#### #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).

#### #2 Lawrence Butler - Oakland Athletics

Played 81 games with High-A Lansing in 2022, posting a .270/.357/.468 slash. Selected in the sixth round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Westlake High School (GA). Career .247/.341/.428 hitter in 287 career games in the Minors. Born in Burlington, New Jersey.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

#### #28 J.T. Ginn - Oakland Athletics

Second-round selection in the 2020 MLB Draft out of Mississippi State. Pitched 42 1/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Midland (35 1/3) and the Arizona Complex League (7), posting a combined 6.11 ERA. Played on Team USA's 18-and-under national team.



# AFL Player Notebook

## Peoria Javelinas

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

### #33 Declan Cronin - Chicago White Sox

Selected in the 36th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Holy Cross. Pitched 51 innings in 2022 between Double-A Birmingham (28 IP) and Triple-A Charlotte (23), posting a combined 3.71 ERA with 36 strikeouts. Career ERA of 3.80 in the Minors (132 2/3 IP). Born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

### #0 Brandon McIlwain - New York Mets

Selected in the 26th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of the University of California-Berkeley. Played two collegiate seasons at South Carolina before transferring to Cal for two additional seasons. Posted a .255/.345/.391 slash in 2022 between High-A Brooklyn and Double-A Binghamton.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #19 Mike Vasil - New York Mets

Selected in the eighth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of the University of Virginia. Pitched 71 1/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Brooklyn (33 1/3 IP), Single-A St. Lucie (37) and the Florida Complex League (1), posting a combined 3.53 ERA. Holds a career 3.33 ERA in the Minors (78 1/3 IP).

## Surprise Saguaros

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

### #11 Johan Rojas - Philadelphia Phillies

Made his debut in the Phillies organization 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.

### #28 Trevor Hauver - Texas Rangers

Born in Chandler, Arizona. Played three collegiate seasons at Arizona State before his selection in the third round of the 2022 MLB Draft. Attended Perry High School in Gilbert, Arizona. Played for High-A Hickory and Double-A Frisco in 2022. Went 2-for-2 with a home run on AFL Opening Day.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #36 Colton Gordon - Houston Astros

Pitched 53 2/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Asheville (10 1/3), Single-A Fayetteville (20 1/3) and the Florida Complex League (13), posting a combined 2.35 ERA. Selected in the eighth round of the 2021 MLB Draft from the University of Central Florida.

## Salt River Rafter

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

### #13 Ronny Simon - Tampa Bay Rays

Played 109 games in 2022 between High-A Bowling Green (70) and Double-A Montgomery (39), posting a combined .260/.303/.479 slash. Made his organizational debut with the Cubs in 2018, playing in the Dominican Summer League at 18 years old. Later acquired by the Diamondbacks and Rays.

### #7 Pedro Pages - St. Louis Cardinals

Named Conference USA's Defensive Player of the Year in 2019 with Florida Atlantic University. Selected in the sixth round of the 2019 MLB Draft. Played in 86 games in 2022 between Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis, posting a combined .227/.312/.381 slash.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #51 Matt Walker - Detroit Tigers

Selected in the 13th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Illinois State. Collegiate teammate of John Rave (Surprise Saguaros). Pitched 53 2/3 innings in 2022 between High-A West Michigan (30 2/3) and Single-A Lakeland (23), posting a combined 4.02 ERA. Born in Morris, Illinois.

## Scottsdale Scorpions

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

### #6 Luis Matos - San Francisco Giants

Played 91 games with High-A Eugene in 2022, posting a .211/.275/.344 slash. MLB Pipeline's third-ranked prospect in the Giants organization. Made his organizational debut with the Giants at 17 years old. Born in Valera, Venezuela. Career OPS of .813 in the Minors (262 games).

### #9 Reed Trimble - Baltimore Orioles

Selected in the second round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of the University of Southern Mississippi, holding a 1.053 OPS in his final collegiate season. Played in 31 games for Single-A Delmarva in 2022, posting a .291/.353/.393 slash. Career .246/.326/.315 hitter in 55 minor league games.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #44 Connor Van Scoyoc - Los Angeles Angels

Selected in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Jefferson High School (Cedar Rapids, Iowa). Pitched exclusively with Single-A Inland Empire in 2022, posting a 4.28 ERA over 120 innings pitched. Brother of Spencer Van Scoyoc, a pitcher in the Phillies organization.

# 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**

*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*

Arizona Fall League  
c/o Salt River Fields  
7555 North Pima Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

mlbfallball.com  
@MLBazFallLeague

