




ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022



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AFL Standings

W-L-T GB

Surprise Saguaros	13-7	—
Glendale Desert Dogs	9-9-2	3.0
Mesa Solar Sox	9-9-2	3.0
Peoria Javelinas	9-10-1	3.5
Scottsdale Scorpions	9-10-1	3.5
Salt River Rafters	8-12	5.0

Today's Games

Surprise @ Mesa

Sloan Park - 6:35 p.m.

Surprise

LHP Walter Pennington (KC)
0-0, 6.75 ERA

Mesa

LHP Alex Ayala (TB)
1-0, 10.50 ERA

Salt River @ Glendale

Camelback Ranch - 6:35 p.m.

Salt River

RHP Anders Tolhurst (TOR)
0-1, 2.70 ERA

Glendale

LHP Russell Smith (MIL)
1-1, 0.90 ERA

Peoria @ Scottsdale

Scottsdale Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

Peoria

RHP Hunter Stanley (CLE)
0-1, 3.72 ERA

Scottsdale

RHP Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA)
1-2, 9.00 ERA



Today's Headlines

Alex Isola (MIN) went 3-for-4 with the Glendale Desert Dogs on Wednesday, hitting two doubles and posting two RBI. The catcher is now 4-for-8 over his past two games and has reached base safely in six of his last 10 plate appearances.

Russell Smith (MIL) returns to the mound this evening for the Glendale Desert Dogs, holding a 0.90 ERA and 1.70 WHIP in 10 combined innings (three starts). The left-hander tossed four innings of one-run work against the Peoria Javelinas last Thursday.

Matt Mervis (CHC) hit his fifth AFL home run on Wednesday, putting him tied with Heston Kjerstad (BAL) for the AFL lead in homers. Mervis now holds a Fall League batting slash of .308/.364/.744 in 11 games; his 1.108 OPS ranks fourth among qualified players.

Stanley Consuegra (NYM) had a 2-for-4 showing with a home run for the Peoria Javelinas on Wednesday, lifting his Fall League OPS from .763 to .954. He now holds a .250/.304/.650 batting slash with two home runs in six AFL games.

Abner Uribe (MIL) pitched two scoreless relief innings for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Wednesday, collecting four strikeouts and allowing one hit. Uribe currently holds a 1.13 ERA in the AFL, striking out 12 hitters in eight total innings.

Four of six AFL teams currently hold a team OPS of .800 or higher (Mesa, .849; Glendale, .815; Scottsdale, .803; Salt River, .801). The regular-season MLB average this year was .706; the Los Angeles Dodgers had the highest team mark at .775.

Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Glendale	X	-	-	X	-	-
Peoria	X	Off	X	X	TBD	TBD
Salt River	X	-	Off	X	TBD	TBD
Surprise	X	X	-	X	TBD	TBD
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 Mondays and Thursdays. Schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Friday, October 28

Surprise @ Glendale	12:35 p.m.	Quinn Priester (PIT) vs. Jon Olsen (MIN)
Salt River @ Peoria	12:35 p.m.	Chad Patrick (ARI) vs. Mike Vasil (NYM)
Scottsdale @ Mesa	12:35 p.m.	Noah Denoyer (BAL) vs. J.T. Ginn (OAK)

Saturday, October 29

Mesa @ Glendale	11:35 a.m.	Justin Fall (MIA) vs. Sam Benschoter (CIN)
Salt River @ Peoria	3:05 p.m.	TBD vs. Tim Cate (WAS)
Scottsdale @ Surprise	6:35 p.m.	Carson Whisenhunt (SF) vs. Cristian Hernandez (PHI)

AFL Player Profile



Colt Keith

DET - Salt River Rafter

Bats: L Throws: R

Height: 6-3 Weight: 211 lb

Born: August 14, 2001

Birthplace: Zanesville, OH

Career if not a baseball player:

Pro Golfer

Favorite restaurant in Arizona:

Mastro's Steakhouse

Favorite emoji:



Favorite Halloween candy:

Reese's Peanut Butter Cup

Favorite road ballpark in the AFL:

Camelback Ranch

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Andrew Miller (Mesa Solar Sox, 2009) was the sixth-overall selection in the 2006 MLB Draft out of the University of North Carolina. The left-handed pitcher made his MLB debut the same year he was drafted, going on to play a combined 16 seasons between the Tigers, Marlins, Red Sox, Orioles, Yankees, Guardians and Cardinals. Miller had pitched more than 250 MLB innings before arriving to the Fall League where he made five starts during his fourth year as a professional. A two-time All-Star, Miller pitched exclusively as a reliever for the final 10 years of his career, winning ALCS MVP honors with Cleveland in 2016.

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.

#99 Hyun-il Choi - Los Angeles Dodgers

Career 3.23 ERA in three professional seasons. 181 career strikeouts in 175 1/3 Minor League innings. Pitched 106 1/3 innings in 2021 between Single-A Rancho Cucamonga (65 1/3 IP) and High-A Great Lakes (41), posting a 3.55 ERA. Born in Seoul, South Korea.

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

#12 Jasson Domínguez - New York Yankees

Played 120 games in 2022 between Single-A Tampa (75 games), High-A Hudson Valley (40) and Double-A Somerset (5), posting a combined .273/.376/.461 batting slash. Made his organizational debut with the Yankees at 18 years old. Born in Esperanza, Dominican Republic.

#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

#31 Alex Ayala - Tampa Bay Rays

Selected in the ninth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Florida Southwestern State College. Pitched 57 inning in 2022 between Single-A Charleston (37 IP) and the Florida Complex League (20), posting a combined 3.63 ERA with 68 strikeouts. Born in Chiriqui, Panama.



Peoria Javelinas

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

#3 Kevin Kendall - New York Mets

Selected in the seventh round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of UCLA. Posted a .911 OPS in his final year with the Bruins. Played in three Minor League games in 2022, all with Single-A St. Lucie. Holds a career .312/.401/.426 batting slash in the Minors (34 games). Born in Long Beach, California.

#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.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#50 Hunter Stanley - Cleveland Guardians

Pitched exclusively with High-A Lake County in 2022, posting a 1.84 ERA in 14 2/3 innings. Selected in the 11th round of the 2021 MLB Draft from the University of Southern Mississippi. Posted a career collegiate ERA of 2.60 for the Golden Eagles (155 2/3 IP). Born in Hammond, Louisiana.

Surprise Saguaros

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

#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.

#30 Brett Schulze - Philadelphia Phillies

Selected in the seventh round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of the University of Minnesota. Pitched 25 2/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Reading (6 1/3 IP), High-A Jersey Shore (13 1/3), Single-A Clearwater (3) and the Florida Complex League (3 IP), posting a combined 3.16 ERA.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#54 Walter Pennington - Kansas City Royals

Pitched 67 2/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Quad Cities (5 2/3 IP) and Double-A Northwest Arkansas (62), posting a combined 5.19 ERA with 67 2/3 strikeouts. Born in Broomfield, Colorado; played four years at the Colorado School of Mines, earning a degree in mechanical engineering.

Salt River Rafter

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

#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.

#14 Deyvison De Los Santos - Arizona Diamondbacks

Played 126 games in 2022 between Single-A Visalia (78), High-A Hillsboro (38) and Double-A Amarillo (10), posting a combined .306/.348/.499 slash. Made his organizational debut with the Diamondbacks in 2021, playing 62 games between Single-A Visalia and the Arizona Complex League.

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

#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.

#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

#44 Connor Van Scoyoc - Los Angeles Angels

Selected in the 11th round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Jefferson High School (IA). 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, 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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