

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE



GAME NOTES ⚡ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022



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## AFL Standings

Team	W-L	GB
Surprise Saguaros	11-5	—
Glendale Desert Dogs	8-7-1	2.5
Scottsdale Scorpions	8-8-1	3.0
Peoria Javelinas	8-9	3.5
Mesa Solar Sox	7-8-2	3.5
Salt River Rafters	6-11	5.5

## Today's Games

Note: All games today will be 7 innings.

### Peoria vs. Salt River

Phoenix Municipal Stadium - 11:35 a.m.

#### Peoria

LHP Tim Cate (WSH)  
0-1, 60.75 ERA

#### Salt River

LHP Joey Wentz (DET)  
1-0, 0.00 ERA

### Glendale vs. Scottsdale

Phoenix Municipal Stadium - 3:05 p.m.

#### Glendale

RHP Sam Benschoter (CIN)  
1-0, 0.00 ERA

#### Scottsdale

RHP Noah Denoyer (BAL)  
1-1, 6.55 ERA

### Surprise vs. Mesa

Phoenix Municipal Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

#### Surprise

LHP Walter Pennington (KC)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### Mesa

LHP Justin Fall (MIA)  
1-0, 7.88 ERA



## Today's Headlines

**Heston Kjerstad (BAL)** went 3-for-5 on Friday with a double and two RBI, helping lead his Scottsdale Scorpions to a 10-3 victory over the Salt River Rafters. Kjerstad now holds an AFL batting slash of .373/.403/.661 (22-for-59) through 13 games.

**Nick Yorke (BOS)** had a 3-for-5 showing with the Scottsdale Scorpions on Friday, hitting a double and driving in two runs. Yorke now holds a .911 OPS in the Fall League (18-for-53) and is one of 22 qualified hitters with a figure above .900.

**Mike Vasil (NYM)** pitched four scoreless innings with the Peoria Javelinas on Friday, leading his team to a 4-0 victory over the Mesa Solar Sox. Vasil allowed three hits and struck out five while lowering his Fall League ERA to 4.82 over three appearances (9 1/3 IP).

**Justin Fall (MIA)**, an Arizona State alumnus, returns to the mound at Phoenix Municipal Stadium tonight for the first time since his final season with the Sun Devils (2021). Fall was a 17th-round pick in the 2021 MLB Draft and made 18 career starts at Arizona State.

Today's schedule features the first AFL games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium in 10 years. The 17-year home of the AFL's Phoenix Desert Dogs (1995-2002; 2004-2012), Phoenix Municipal Stadium also hosted the Mesa Saguaros and Phoenix Saguaros for parts of the 1990's. The ballpark opened in 1964 and has been the Spring Training home of the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Athletics, as well as the home ballpark of the Triple-A Phoenix Giants/Firebirds. Since 2015, the venue has been the home ballpark of Arizona State University baseball.

## Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

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

### Sunday, October 23

No games scheduled - League-wide off day

### Monday, October 24

Surprise @ Peoria	12:35 p.m.	Kumar Rocker (TEX) vs. TBD
Salt River @ Mesa	6:35 p.m.	TBD vs. TBD
Scottsdale @ Glendale	6:35 p.m.	TBD vs. Christian Roa (CIN)

# Phoenix Municipal Stadium - AFL Ballpark Comparison



Ballpark	Left	Center	Right	Opened	Capacity
Camelback Ranch	345'	410'	345'	2009	13,000
Peoria Sports Complex	340'	410'	340'	1994	12,339
<b>Phoenix Municipal Stadium</b>	<b>345'</b>	<b>410'</b>	<b>345'</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>8,775</b>
Salt River Fields at Talking Stick	345'	410'	345'	2011	11,000
Scottsdale Stadium	360'	430'	330'	1992	12,000
Sloan Park	360'	410'	360'	2014	15,000
Surprise Stadium	350'	400'	350'	2002	10,500

## Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

**Dustin Pedroia (Scottsdale Scorpions, 2004)** was an Arizona State Sun Devil from 2002-2004, returning to the Valley of the Sun for the Fall League just months after his second-round selection in the 2004 MLB Draft. The right-handed-hitting infielder made his MLB debut in 2006. He played all 14 seasons of his MLB career with the Boston Red Sox, earning four All-Star selections, two World Series championships (2007 and 2013), four Gold Glove Awards and the American League MVP Award in 2008.

## AFL Player Notebook

### Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#### #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.

#### #18 Adam Hackenberg - Chicago White Sox

Selected in the 18th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Clemson University. Played 91 games in 2022 between High-A Winston-Salem (78) and Double-A Birmingham (13), posting a combined .223/.317/.332 batting slash. Holds a career .246/.332/.358 slash in the Minors (118 games).

#### 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

#### #23 Denzel Clarke - Oakland Athletics

Played three collegiate seasons at Cal State Northridge before his fourth-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft. Played 93 games in 2022 between High-A Lansing (51) and Single-A Stockton (42), posting a combined .254/.316/.449 batting slash. Cousin of Josh Naylor (Cleveland Guardians).

#### #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.

### #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

### #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

### #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, posting a combined .220/.387/.427 slash.

### Jake Elmore - Philadelphia Phillies (Hitting Coach)

Selected in the 34th round of the 2008 MLB Draft out of Arizona State. Played in a career 217 MLB games between the Diamondbacks, Astros, Reds, Rays, Brewers and Pirates, posting a career .215/.292/.275 MLB batting slash. Served as a hitting coach with Single-A Clearwater in 2022.

#### 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

### #27 Gage Workman - Detroit Tigers

Selected in the 14th round of the 2017 MLB Draft out of Arizona State. Posted a career .298/.372/.496 batting slash with the Sun Devils (2018-2020). Played two collegiate summer seasons in the Cape Cod Baseball League (Brewster Whitecaps, 2018-2019).

### Jason Robbins - Colorado Rockies (S&C Coach)

Served as a strength and conditioning coach at Arizona State University and the University of Indiana before joining the Colorado Rockies. Earned his bachelor's and master's degree in exercise science from the University of Toledo where he also played football.

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #43 Joey Wentz - Detroit Tigers

Pitched 32 2/3 innings with the Tigers in 2022, posting a 3.03 ERA with 13 strikeouts. Selected with the 40th-overall pick in the 2016 MLB Draft out of Shawnee Mission East High School (KS). Pitched a combined 53 1/3 innings in 2022 between the Tigers, Triple-A Toledo and High-A West Michigan.

## Scottsdale Scorpions

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

### #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. Committed to pitch at Arizona State before accepting a high school draft selection.

### #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).

#### Today's Starting Pitcher

### #25 Noah Denoyer - Baltimore Orioles

Pitched 71 2/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Bowie (51 2/3), High-A Aberdeen (18) and the Florida Complex League (2), posting a combined 2.89 ERA with 99 strikeouts. Played two collegiate summer seasons in the Northwoods League (Thunder Bay Border Cats, 2017; Eau Claire Express, 2019).

# 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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