

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES  TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022



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AFL Standings

W-L GB

Surprise Saguaros	11-7	—
Glendale Desert Dogs	9-8-1	1.5
Mesa Solar Sox	9-8-2	1.5
Scottsdale Scorpions	9-9-1	2.0
Peoria Javelinas	9-10	2.5
Salt River Rafters	7-12	4.5

Today's Headlines

Edouard Julien (MIN) went 4-for-5 on Monday with two home runs, a double and four RBI for the Glendale Desert Dogs. Julien is now the current AFL leader in on-base percentage (.569), slugging percentage (.842) and OPS (1.411) among qualified players.

Nick Yorke (BOS) collected five RBI for the Scottsdale Scorpions on Monday, going 2-for-5 with a home run, and reaching base safely in three of his six plate appearances. Yorke is 20-for-58 in the AFL with a .345/.444/.517 slash; eight of his hits have been for extra bases.

Tyler Black (MIL) had a 4-for-5 showing with the Glendale Desert Dogs on Monday, driving in two runs. With 15 hits in AFL action so far, Black ranks tied for eighth on the Fall League hit leaderboard. He currently holds a .294/.438/.548 AFL batting slash (15-for-51).

Owen Caissie (CHC) went 2-for-3 with the Mesa Solar Sox on Monday, driving in one run in an eventual 3-1 win over the Salt River Rafters. Caissie currently holds a .278/.316/.472 slash over a combined 10 AFL games (10-for-36).

Connor Thomas (STL) took the mound for the Salt River Rafters on Monday night, striking out seven batters in five innings. He now holds 24 strikeouts in AFL action, nine more than the league's second-highest total. On Monday, Thomas allowed one run and two hits.

34 regular-season games remain on the 2022 AFL schedule. If the Fall League season ended today, the Glendale Desert Dogs and Mesa Solar Sox would meet in a play-in semifinal with the winner going on to face the Surprise Saguaros for a league title.

Glendale @ Surprise

Surprise Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

Glendale

RHP Emmet Sheehan (LAD)
1-0, 1.86 ERA

Surprise

RHP Rhett Kouba (HOU)
1-0, 9.95 ERA

Salt River @ Scottsdale

Scottsdale Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

Salt River

RHP Peter Lambert (COL)
0-1, 9.00 ERA

Scottsdale

RHP Ryan Zeferjahn (BOS)
0-0, 5.14 ERA

Off Day:

Mesa Solar Sox
Peoria Javelinas

Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Glendale	X	-	-	X	-	-
Peoria	X	Off	TBD	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

Wednesday, October 26

Peoria @ Glendale 12:35 p.m. Christian Scott (NYM) vs. Chase Solesky (CWS)

Mesa @ Surprise 12:35 p.m. Ryan Cusick (OAK) vs. Colton Gordon (HOU)

Off Day: Salt River, Scottsdale

Thursday, October 27

Surprise @ Mesa 6:35 p.m. Walter Pennington (KC) vs. Colin Peluse (OAK)

Salt River @ Glendale 6:35 p.m. Anders Tolhurst (TOR) vs. Russell Smith (MIL)

Peoria @ Scottsdale 6:35 p.m. Hunter Stanley (CLE) vs. Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA)

Current League Leaders - Qualified Players

Hitting

Pitching

AVG	.500	Zach Britton (TOR)	ERA	0.00	5 tied <small>*Most IP: Joey Wentz (DET; 12)</small>
OBP	.569	Edouard Julien (MIN)	WHIP	0.13	Evan Reifert (TB)
SLG	.842	Edouard Julien (MIN)	AVG	.000	Evan Reifert (TB)
OPS	1.411	Edouard Julien (MIN)	K	24	Connor Thomas (STL)
HR	5	Heston Kjerstad (BAL)	W	2	6 tied
RBI	17	Heston Kjerstad (BAL)	SV	4	4 tied
SB	13	Johan Rojas (PHI), Zac Veen (COL)	IP	17 2/3	Connor Thomas (STL)

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Terry Francona (Scottsdale Scorpions, 1994) served as a manager in the Arizona Fall League after holding managerial duties within the Chicago White Sox organization. He made his MLB managing debut with the Philadelphia Phillies in 1997 and has since served as a manager for three different MLB teams over a combined 22 seasons. Francona helped lead the Boston Red Sox to World Series championships in both 2004 and 2007; his duties also earned him American League Manager of the Year Awards in 2013 and 2016.

AFL Player Notebook

Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#52 Luis Contreras - Milwaukee Brewers

Pitched 51 innings in 2022 between Double-A Biloxi (42 IP) and Triple-A Nashville (9), posting a combined 3.88 ERA with 73 strikeouts. Made his organizational debut with the Brewers at 23 years old. Holds a career 3.52 ERA in the Minors (110 IP). Born in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

#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

#56 Emmet Sheehan - Los Angeles Dodgers

Selected in the sixth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Boston College. Posted a 2.91 ERA in 68 innings this year between High-A Great Lakes and Double-A Tulsa. Pitched exclusively as a starter in his final two years at Boston College; has made 16 starts and 11 relief appearances in the Minors.

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).

#20 Cameron Barstad - Miami Marlins

Played exclusively with Single-A Jupiter in 2022, posting a .233/.335/.370 slash in 55 games. Holds a career .209/.319/.339 slash in the Minors (117 games). Selected in the sixth round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Junipero Serra High School (CA).

#1 Mason Auer - Tampa Bay Rays

Fifth-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of San Jacinto College. Played 115 games in 2022 between Single-A Charleston and High-A Bowling Green, posting a combined .290/.372/.487 slash. Played at Missouri State University in 2020. Born in Joplin, Missouri.



AFL Player Notebook

Peoria Javelinas

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

#44 Moises Lugo - San Diego Padres

Made his organizational debut with the Padres at 18 years old in the Dominican Summer League. Pitched 72 2/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A San Antonio and Triple-A El Paso, posting a combined 3.22 ERA with 97 strikeouts. Holds a career 3.23 ERA in the Minors (270 IP).

#4 David Fry - Cleveland Guardians

Selected in the seventh round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Northwestern State University (LA). Played exclusively with Triple-A Columbus in 2022, posting a .256/.329/.450 batting slash. Career .265/.345/.464 slash in the Minors (410 games). Born in Irving, Texas.

#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.

Surprise Saguaros

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

#48 Colin Selby - Pittsburgh Pirates

Pitched 35 2/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Altoona (32 2/3 IP) and Triple-A Indianapolis (3), posting a combined 2.27 ERA with 43 strikeouts. Selected in the 16th round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Randolph-Macon College (VA). Born in Chesapeake, Virginia.

#38 Grant Wolfram - Texas Rangers

Selected in the 18th round of the 2018 MLB Draft. Pitched exclusively with Double-A Frisco in 2022, posting a 4.42 ERA in 57 total innings. Played a collegiate summer season with the Kalamazoo Growlers (Northwoods League) and Wareham Gateman (Cape Cod Baseball League).

Today's Starting Pitcher

#00 Rhett Kouba - Houston Astros

Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Dallas Baptist University. Pitched 70 2/3 innings in 2022 between Single-A Fayetteville (15 IP) and High-A Asheville (55 2/3) posting a combined 4.08 ERA with 85 strikeouts. Born in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Salt River Rafters

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

#99 Kobe Robinson - San Diego Padres

13th-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Chattanooga State Community College. Born in Alcoa, Tennessee. Pitched exclusively with Single-A Lake Elsinore in 2022, posting a 3.57 ERA with 31 strikeouts. Played in the MLB Draft League in 2021 (West Virginia Black Bears).

#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.

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

#16 Kelvin Caceres - Los Angeles Angels

Pitched exclusively with Single-A Inland Empire in 2022, posting a 3.84 ERA in 77 1/3 innings. Holds a career 4.64 ERA in the Minors (207 2/3 IP) with 248 strikeouts. Made his organizational debut with the Angels at 18 years old in the Dominican Summer League.

#1 Adrian Sugastey - San Francisco Giants

Played 84 games in 2022 between Single-A San Jose (75 games) and the Arizona Complex League (9), posting a combined .239/.329/.334 slash. Holds a career .719 OPS in the Minors (127 games). Made his organizational debut with the Giants at 18 years old in the Arizona Complex League.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#54 Ryan Zeferjahn - Boston Red Sox

Selected in the third round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of the University of Kansas. Played three collegiate seasons with the Jayhawks, posting a combined 4.68 ERA (221 IP). Pitched 71 1/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Greenville (60 2/3 IP) and Double-A Portland (10 2/3), posting a combined 5.05 ERA.

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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