

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES 🌴 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022



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AFL Standings

Team	W-L	GB
Surprise Saguaros	7-1	—
Peoria Javelinas	6-3	1.5
Glendale Desert Dogs	5-3	2
Mesa Solar Sox	4-5	3.5
Scottsdale Scorpions	3-6	4.5
Salt River Rafters	1-8	6.5

Today's Games

Peoria @ Salt River

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick - 12:35 p.m.

Peoria

RHP Hunter Stanley (CLE)
0-0, 3.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Chad Patrick (ARI)
0-1, 15.43 ERA

Scottsdale @ Surprise

Surprise Stadium - 12:35 p.m.

Scottsdale

RHP Will Bednar (SF)
0-0, 27.00 ERA

Surprise

RHP Rhett Kouba (HOU)
1-0, 9.00 ERA

Glendale @ Mesa

Sloan Park - 6:35 p.m.

Glendale

RHP Chase Solesky (CWS)
0-1, 6.75 ERA

Mesa

LHP Alex Ayala (TB)
0-0, 0.00 ERA



Today's Headlines

Nerwilian Cedeno (SD) went 3-for-4 with the Peoria Javelinas on Wednesday, posting a triple and home run. The infielder collected both of Peoria's two RBI on the day while lifting his AFL slash to a .364/.364/.818. His eight total bases led the AFL on Wednesday.

Ryan Cusick (OAK) tossed five innings of three-hit baseball for the Mesa Solar Sox on Wednesday, allowing one run in an eventual 9-2 victory. He now holds an even 1.00 ERA through nine innings of AFL action, allowing a combined five hits with five strikeouts.

T.J. Rumfield (NYY) had a 3-for-5 showing with the Mesa Solar Sox on Wednesday with a double and home run. Rumfield drove in two runs in a 9-2 victory over the Peoria Javelinas, raising his AFL slash to a .526/.583/.895 (10-for-19) in five games of action.

Jordan Walker (STL) went 2-for-5 for the Salt River Rafters on Wednesday, driving in two runs in a 7-5 victory over the Scottsdale Scorpions. Walker, the top-ranked player in the AFL according to MLB Pipeline (No. 6 overall), now holds a Fall League OPS of .931.

Lawrence Butler (OAK) hit his second AFL home run on Wednesday, tying him with 12 others for the AFL lead. Butler went 2-for-4 with three RBI; his Fall League slash now sits at a .368/.481/.842 through six total games (7-for-19).

The Surprise Saguaros are currently the only team in the AFL with a winning record in home games (2-1). Both the Saguaros and Peoria Javelinas are 5-0 on the road.

At Home: SUR: 2-1; PEO: 1-3; GLE: 1-1; MSS: 0-2; SCO: 2-4; SRR: 1-8.

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

Friday, October 14

Scottsdale @ Glendale	12:35 p.m.	Connor Van Scoyoc (LAA) vs. TBD
Mesa @ Surprise	12:35 p.m.	J.T. Ginn (OAK) vs. Colton Gordon (HOU)
Peoria @ Salt River	6:35 p.m.	Mike Vasil (NYM) vs. Matt Walker (DET)

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)

AFL Prospect Rankings - MLB Pipeline Top 100

#6	Jordan Walker - OF, Salt River Rafters (STL)	#51	Brennen Davis - OF, Mesa Solar Sox (CHC)
#13	Jordan Lawlar - SS, Salt River Rafters (ARI)	#54	Masyn Winn - SS, Salt River Rafters (STL)
#18	Noelvi Marte - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)	#69	Andy Pages - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
#20	Henry Davis - C, Surprise Saguaros (PIT)	#76	Matt McLain - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)
#23	Robert Hassell III - OF, Peoria Javelinas (WAS)	#87	Jackson Merrill - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
#24	Zac Veen - OF, Salt River Rafters (COL)	#95	Tink Hence - P, Salt River Rafters (STL)
#42	Jasson Domínguez - OF, Mesa Solar Sox (NYY)	#97	Nick Gonzales - 2B, Surprise Saguaros (PIT)
#47	Quinn Priester - P, Surprise Saguaros (PIT)	#98	Zack Gelof - 2B, Mesa Solar Sox (OAK)

Arizona Fall League Alumni Spotlight

Josh Hader (Surprise Saguaros, 2015) recorded a 1 1/3-inning save on Wednesday night in Game 2 of the NLDS between the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres. A 19th-round selection in the 2012 MLB Draft, Hader pitched in the Fall League during his fourth year as a professional, posting a 0.56 ERA in 16 AFL innings. The left-handed reliever made his MLB debut on June 10, 2017, going on to post a 2.08 ERA for the Milwaukee Brewers that year in 47 2/3 innings. A four-time All-Star and three-time National League Reliever of the Year, Hader holds a career 2.71 ERA in 332 1/3 innings pitched with 563 strikeouts.

AFL Player Notebook

Glendale Desert Dogs

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

#30 Alex Isola - Minnesota Twins

Played 58 games in 2022 with Double-A Wichita, posting a .286/.377/.471 slash. Selected in the 29th round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Texas Christian University; previously attended the University of Utah and Yavapai College (AZ). Born in Lincoln, California.

#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

#41 Chase Solesky - Chicago White Sox

Selected in the 21st round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Tulane University. Pitched 116 1/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Winston Salem (110 1/3) and Double-A Birmingham (6), recording a combined 4.10 ERA with 88 strikeouts. Born in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Mesa Solar Sox

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

#59 T.J. Rumfield - New York Yankees

Selected in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft. Played one collegiate season at Texas Tech before finishing his collegiate eligibility at Virginia Tech. Posted a .284/.381/.411 slash in 52 games with High-A Hudson Valley in 2022. Born in Richmond, Virginia; attended Temple High School in Temple, Texas.

#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

#31 Alex Ayala - Tampa Bay Rays

Selected in the ninth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Florida Southwestern State College. Pitched 57 innings 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.



AFL Player Notebook

Peoria Javelinas

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

#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.

#21 Joshua Mears - San Diego Padres

Second-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Federal Way High School (WA). Played 93 games in 2022 between Double-A San Antonio (24), High-A Fort Wayne (52) and the Arizona Complex League (17), posting a combined .217/.305/.486 batting slash.

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

#11 Johan Rojas - Philadelphia Phillies

Made his organizational debut with the Phillies 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.

#98 Tahnaj Thomas - Pittsburgh Pirates

Pitched exclusively with Double-A Altoona in 2022, posting a 3.02 ERA in 50 2/3 innings. Pitched 60 2/3 innings in 2021 with a 5.19 ERA for High-A Greensboro. Acquired by Pittsburgh from Cleveland in advance of the 2019 season. Born in Freeport, Bahamas.

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 Rafterers

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

#31 Fineas Del Bonta-Smith - Colorado Rockies

Pitched 50 innings with Double-A Hartford this year, posting a 3.96 ERA with 55 strikeouts. Played two collegiate seasons at San Jose State. Posted a 0.68 ERA with the 2018 St. Cloud Rox (Northwoods League), winning Team Co-MVP honors alongside teammate Evan Johnson (Seattle Mariners).

#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

#37 Chad Patrick - Arizona Diamondbacks

Selected in the fourth round of the 2021 MLB Draft from Purdue University Northwest. Pitched 46 1/3 innings in 2022 between High-A Hillsboro (28 2/3), Single-A Visalia (3.46) and the Arizona Complex League (4 2/3), posting a combined 3.30 ERA with 54 strikeouts. Born in Crown Point, Indiana.

Scottsdale Scorpions

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

#24 Justyn-Henry Malloy - Atlanta Braves

Played two collegiate seasons at Vanderbilt before transferring to Georgia Tech. Played on Team USA's 15-and-under national team. Selected in the sixth round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of Georgia Tech. Played 133 games in 2022 between High-A (71), Double-A (54) and Triple-A (8).

#43 Wilyer Abreu - Boston Red Sox

Posted a .247/.399/.435 slash with a career-high 19 home runs and 73 RBI in 2022. Acquired by the Red Sox from the Astros in 2022, splitting time this year between Double-A Corpus Christi and Double-A Portland. Debuted in the Astros organization in the 2017 Dominican Summer League.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#21 Will Bednar - San Francisco Giants

Selected with the 14th-overall pick in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Mississippi State. Pitched exclusively with Single-A San Jose in 2022, posting a 4.19 ERA with 51 strikeouts in 43 innings. 50 career innings in the Minors with a 3.78 ERA. Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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

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