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AFL Standings						
East Di	GB					
Mesa	9-9-1	_				
Salt River	7-11	2				
Scottsdale	7-13	3				
West D	GB					
Surprise	13-6	_				
Glendale	11-8	2				
Peoria	9-9-1	3.5				

# **Today's Games**

### SALT RIVER @ MESA

#### Salt River

RHP Wilmer Flores (NYM) 0-2, 10.13 ERA

#### Mesa

RHP Logan Gillaspie (BAL) 0-1, 15.00 ERA

#### SCOTTSDALE @ PEORIA

#### Scottsdale

RHP Connor Seabold (BOS) 1-2, 6.08 ERA

#### Peoria

RHP Hans Crouse (PHI) 0-1, 7.36 ERA

## SURPRISE @ GLENDALE

#### Surprise

RHP James Marinan (CIN) 0-0, 3.72 ERA

#### Glendale

RHP Chad Donato (HOU) 1-1, 9.72 ERA

# **Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/6**

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise	X	_	X	X	_	_
Peoria	X	-	X	X	_	X
Glendale	X	-	-	X	-	X
Salt River	X	-	-	X	-	X
Scottsdale	X	-	-	X	_	X
Mesa	X	X	X	X	_	X

**12:35 p.m**. - HINF: 9:10 a.m., HBP: 9:25 a.m., VBP: 10:40 a.m., VINF: 11:40 a.m. **6:35 p.m**. - HINF: 3:10 p.m., HBP: 3:25 p.m., VBP: 4:40 p.m., VINF: 5:40 p.m.

Teams are REQUIRED to take batting practice and infield every Monday and Thursday

# Fall League Alum of the Day

Freddie Freeman (Peoria Saguaros, 2009; Phoenix Desert Dogs, 2010) played in the Arizona Fall League at the age of 19 and 20. He made his MLB debut prior to his second AFL season and has since played 12 consecutive seasons with the Atlanta Braves. Freeman is a five-time All-Star and was named the National League MVP in 2020. He won his first World Series championship this week, posting a .318/.360/.636 slash in six World Series games. A career .295/.384/.509 hitter, Freeman has amassed 271 home runs in 1,565 MLB games. He was drafted in the second round of the 2007 draft by the Braves out of El Modena High School (CA) after playing on the United States' 16U and 18U national team.

# **Upcoming Games and Probable Starters**

# Saturday, November 6

Peoria @ Scottsdale 12:35 p.m. RHP Juan Then vs. LHP Kody Funderburk

Mesa @ Surprise 6:35 p.m. LHP Zach King vs. RHP Alec Marsh

Salt River @ Glendale 6:35 p.m. RHP Justin Jarvis vs. RHP Johan Dominguez

## Sunday, November 7

No games scheduled (league-wide off day)

# Fall League Player Profile



# **Brett Baty - NYM**Salt River Rafters - 3B

**Bats:** Left **Throws:** Right **Height:** 6'3" **Weight:** 210 lb.

Born: November 13, 1999 Birthplace: Round Rock, TX Drafted: 2019 (1st round, NYM) School: Lake Travis HS (TX) Favorite emoji:

Skull 💀

**Favorite restaurant since coming to Arizona:** 

Oregano's Pizza Bistro

Career if you weren't a baseball player:

Teacher/coach (Business or Math)

Most played music artist:

Morgan Wallen

Favorite AFL road ballpark:

Camelback Ranch (Glendale Desert Dogs)

# **AFL Player Notebook**

## Peoria

**#2 Jose Caballero (SEA)** - Drafted to the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 7th round of the 2017 draft. Attended Chipola College and won a junior college national championship in 2017. Played in 20 games in 2021 between Double-A Arkansas (8), High-A Everett (4) and the Mariners' complex league affiliate (8), posting a combined .258/.385/.484 slash. 195 career minor league games with a .287/.377/.439 slash.

**#21 Damon Jones (PHI)** - Made his MLB debut with the Phillies on August 10, 2021, pitching 1/3 of an inning (no runs). Played two seasons at Washington State, posting a combined 4.87 ERA in 112.2 collegiate innings. Drafted by the Phillies in the 18th round of the 2017 draft. Played exclusively with Triple-A Lehigh Valley in 2021 outside of his lone MLB appearance, posting a 5.44 minor league ERA in 41.1 innings.

**#29 Travis Kuhn (SEA)** - Drafted in the 19th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of San Diego. Pitched 28 innings for Low-A Modesto in 2021, posting a 3.86 ERA with 36 strikeouts. Pitched 5.1 innings for High-A Everett and one inning for Triple-A Tacoma in 2021. 5.1 scoreless innings of Fall League work in his first four appearances. Born in Laguna Hills, California.

# **Salt River**

**#2 Buddy Kennedy (ARI)** - Drafted in the fifth round of the 2017 draft out of Millville Senior High School (NJ). Played 96 total games in 2021 between Double-A Amarillo (66) and High-A Hillsboro (30), posting a combined .290/.384/.523 slash. 33 home runs in 304 career minor league games with a .285/.366/.447 slash. Recorded nine stolen bases in 30 games with High-A Hillsboro in 2021.

**#7 Mark Reed (Hitting Coach, ARI)** - Served as a Diamondbacks hitting coach in the Arizona Complex League in 2021. Worked as a coach for Arizona since 2011. Played in nine total minor league seasons, playing 26 career games in Triple-A. Finished his minor league career with a .238/.295/.316 slash. Drafted in the third round of the 2004 draft out of Bonita High School (CA).

**#15 Matt Dennis (COL)** - Played three seasons at Bradley University, posting a 3.28 ERA in 172.2 total innings. Drafted in the 14th round of the 2016 draft. Played all of 2016 with rookie-level Grand Junction, all of 2017 with Low-A Asheville and all of 2018 with High-A Lancaster. Made his Double-A debut with Hartford in 2019. Pitched 96 innings for Hartford in 2021, posting a 5.81 ERA in 23 total games (17 starts).

## Mesa

**#40 Danis Correa** (**CHI**) - Debuted as a professional in 2017 at 17 years old, playing in the rookie-level Arizona League and Dominican Summer League. Pitched 37 innings in 2021 between Low-A Myrtle Beach and High-A South Bend, posting a combined 1.95 ERA with 60 strikeouts. Career 1.180 WHIP and 2.60 ERA in 79.2 innings (three total seasons)

**#26 Kameron Misner (MIA)** - Drafted with the 35th-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of the University of Missouri. 22nd-ranked Marlins prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played 102 total games in 2021 between High-A Beloit and Double-A Pensacola, posting a combined .253/.355/.433 slash. Played in three seasons with the Missouri Tigers in the SEC, posting a .301/.424/.489 slash in 149 games.

**#30 Brody Rodning (TOR)** - Drafted in the 13th round of the 2017 draft out of Minnesota State-Mankato. Pitched three seasons with the Mavericks and two seasons in the Northwoods League (collegiate summer) with the Eau Claire Express. Pitched exclusively with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021, posting a 5.58 ERA in 40.1 innings. 4.39 career minor league ERA in 155.2 total innings.

# **AFL Player Notebook**

## **Scottsdale**

**#14 Ydwin Villegas (1B Coach, SF)** - Served as a coach for the Giants' affiliate in the Arizona Complex League in 2021. Worked as bullpen catcher for the San Jose Giants in 2019. Played seven seasons in the Giants' organization, playing 95 career games in Triple-A. 415 career minor league games as a shortstop, second basemen and outfielder. Born in Valencia, Venezuela.

**#38 Carlos Garcia** (**TB**) - Made his professional debut in 2018 with the Rays' affiliate in the Dominican Summer League. Pitched exclusively with High-A Bowling Green in 2021, posting a 4.23 ERA in 66 total innings. Allowed two runs in his first 10 2/3 innings of Fall League work, collecting 11 strikeouts and posting a 0.938 ERA. Played winter ball with the Australian Baseball League's Perth Heat in 2019-20, posting a 1.72 ERA in 15.2 innings.

**#15 Patrick Bailey (SF)** - Spent 2021 with High-A Eugene for 33 games and Low-A San Jose for 47 games, posting a combined .265/.366/.429 slash. Played three seasons at NC State prior to being drafted as the 13th-overall pick in the 2020 draft. Played on the USA 18U national team. Began the Fall League going 9-for-27 with two doubles and a home run.

## Surprise

**#59 Mitch Ellis (KC)** - Born in Bundoora, Australia. Played three seasons in the Australian Baseball League, one for the Brisbane Bandits and two for the Melbourne Aces, before signing with the Kansas City Royals prior to the 2021 season. Converted position player; 113 career at-bats in the ABL with a .239/.328/.354 slash. Posted a combined 4.83 ERA in 2021 between Low-A Columbia and High-A Quad Cities.

**#32 Donovan Casey (WSH)** - Drafted in the 20th round of the 2017 draft by the Dodgers out of Boston College. Played two seasons in the Cape Cod Baseball League with the Chatham Anglers. Acquired by the Nationals in the same deal that sent Max Scherzer to the Dodgers. Started the 2021 Fall League going 8-for-31 with two home runs and two doubles. .278/.338/.462 career minor league slash in four seasons.

**#52 Evan Lee (WSH)** - Drafted in the 15th round of the 2021 draft out of the University of Arkansas. Played in the College World Series in 2018. Pitched exclusively with High-A Wilmington in 2021, posting a 4.32 ERA in 77 innings. Career 4.23 minor league ERA in 112.2 innings. Seven strikeouts in his first 5.2 innings of Fall League work. Born in Bryant, Arkansas.

## Glendale

**#44 Nathan Burns** (LAA) - Pitched four seasons at Oregon State, posting a 4.60 ERA in 78.1 combined innings. Drafted in the 19th round of the 2021 draft. Pitched 16.1 total innings in 2021, reaching High-A Tri-City for two frames. Career 0.00 minor league ERA. Allowed one run in his first six innings of Fall League work. Born in

**#43 Danny Farquhar (Pitching Coach, CWS)** - Played in seven MLB seasons between the Mariners, Rays, White Sox and Blue Jays. Posted a career 3.93 ERA in 272.1 career MLB innings, posting 309 career strikeouts in 92 appearances (all in relief). Drafted by the Blue Jays in the 10th round of the 2008 draft out of Louisiana-Lafayette. Served as pitching coach for High-A Winston-Salem.

**#3 Jacob Amaya (LAD) -** Played exclusively with Double-A Tulsa in 2021, posting a .216/.303/.343 slash in 113 total games. 161 RBIs in 330 career minor league games. Drafted in the 11th round of the 2017 draft out of South Hills High School (CA). Born in El Monte, California. Made his professional debut at the age of 18 in the rookie-level Arizona League. Opened the 2021 Fall League going 6-for-23 with a double and home run.

# **Today's Fall League Five**

- 1: Brett Baty (NYM) went 3-for-4 with an RBI in a shutout victory over the Mesa Solar Sox on Thursday night. Baty has gone 5-for-11 this week, posting a .954 OPS in that time.
- 2: Victor Vodnik (ATL) tossed five scoreless innings on Thursday for the Peoria Javelinas, allowing two hits and striking out five without allowing a walk. The outing lowered Vodnik's Fall League ERA from 8.18 to 5.63 and his WHIP from 1.82 to 1.38. He has pitched in four games this fall (two starts) and has amassed 18 strikeouts in 16 total innings.
- 3: Justin Foscue (TEX) went 2-for-4 on Thursday with a solo home run, lifting his 2021 AFL slash to a .375/.489/.864. He now has three Fall League home runs in 11 games; he posted 17 total homers in 62 minor league games this year (229 at-bats).
- 4: Devin Sweet (SEA) struck out the side in his one relief inning for the Peoria Javelinas on Thursday. He has now pitched 6 1/3 frames in the Fall League (six appearances), allowing two earned runs and collecting 10 total strikeouts. Opponents have posted a .174 average against Sweet in his Fall League work.
- 5: A total of 15 runs (14 earned) were scored between all three AFL games on Thursday, putting the collective ERA for the day at 2.38. 25 total pitchers were used across the league while 16 of them did not allow a run. Both the Salt River Rafters and Peoria Javelinas shut out their opponents.

# **Important dates to remember:**

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields

