

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES 🌴 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022



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AFL Standings

Team	W-L	GB
Peoria Javelinas	1-0	—
Surprise Saguaros	1-0	—
Scottsdale Scorpions	1-0	—
Glendale Desert Dogs	0-1	1
Salt River Rafters	0-1	1
Mesa Solar Sox	0-1	1

Today's Games

Glendale @ Salt River

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

Glendale

RHP Christian Roa (CIN)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Peter Lambert (COL)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Scottsdale @ Mesa

Sloan Park - 12:35 p.m.

Scottsdale

RHP Thad Ward (BOS)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Mesa

RHP Mason Miller (OAK)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Peoria @ Surprise

Surprise Stadium - 6:35 p.m.

Peoria

RHP Efrain Contreras (SD)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Surprise

RHP Kumar Rocker (TEX)
0-0, 0.00 ERA



Today's Headlines

Heston Kjerstad (BAL) went 3-for-5 on Monday with a go-ahead home run and double for the Scottsdale Scorpions. His seventh-inning homer travelled 424 feet, paving the way for an eventual 7-4 victory over the Mesa Solar Sox. Kjerstad posted seven total bases.

Bryan Woo (SEA) pitched four shutout innings for the Peoria Javelinas on Monday, recording five strikeouts. The right-hander held the Glendale Desert Dogs hitless; the only traffic Woo allowed on the bases came from one walk.

Trevor Hauver (TEX) went 2-for-2 with a home run in an 11-6 win for the Surprise Saguaros over the Salt River Rafters. Hauver, an Arizona native, recorded four RBI and also walked twice. After one day of Fall League action, Hauver leads the AFL with a 3.500 OPS.

Emmet Sheehan (LAD) tossed three shutout innings for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Monday, allowing no hits. After one day of AFL action, Sheehan and Bryan Woo are the only AFL pitchers with a 0.00 ERA and three or more innings pitched.

Jordan Lawlar (ARI) went 2-for-3 on Monday with a three-run home run for the Salt River Rafters. MLB Pipeline's 13th-ranked overall prospect, Lawlar scored three runs and reached base safely in four of his five plate appearances.

Kumar Rocker (TEX) is scheduled to make his AFL debut with the Surprise Saguaros this evening in his team's home opener. The third-overall selection in the 2022 draft, Rocker will face a Peoria Javelinas team that scored five runs in a Monday win over Glendale.

Weekly Batting Practice Schedule

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	S
Glendale	X	-	X	TBD	X	TBD
Peoria	X	X	X	-	X	-
Salt River	X	-	X	-	X	-
Surprise	X	X	X	-	X	TBD
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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Schedule is subject to change.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Wednesday, October 5

Mesa @ Salt River	12:35 p.m.	RHP Ryan Cusick vs. RHP Anders Tolhurst
Peoria @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m.	RHP Christian Scott vs. RHP Noah Denoyer
Glendale @ Surprise	6:35 p.m.	RHP Chase Solesky vs. LHP T.J. Sikkema

Thursday, October 6

Surprise @ Salt River	12:35 p.m.	RHP Rhett Kouba vs. RHP Chad Patrick
Glendale @ Peoria	12:35 p.m.	LHP Russell Smith vs. RHP Hunter Stanley
Mesa @ Scottsdale	6:35 p.m.	RHP Colin Peluse vs. RHP Allan Winans

AFL Prospect Rankings - MLB Pipeline Top 100

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| #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

Nomar Garciaparra (Scottsdale Scorpions, 1994) was drafted in the first round of the 1994 MLB Draft out of Georgia Tech, making his way to the Fall League just months after the end of his collegiate career to play under manager Terry Francona. Garciaparra made his MLB debut in 1996; the right-handed-hitting infielder went on to appear in 1,434 career MLB games, collecting over 1,700 hits, 229 home runs and posting a career .313/.361/.521 batting slash.

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.

#13 Moisés Castillo - Chicago White Sox

Played in 110 games in 2022 between Double-A Birmingham (63 G) and High-A Winston-Salem (47), posting a combined .254/.353/.320 slash. Made his organizational debut with the Cardinals in 2016 at 16 years old, playing 62 games that year in the Dominican Summer League.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#49 Christian Roa - Cincinnati Reds

Selected in the second round of the 2020 MLB Draft out of Texas A&M. Pitched 91 innings in 2022 between High-A Dayton and Double-A Chattanooga, posting a 3.56 ERA. Career 3.55 ERA in 149 2/3 professional innings. Played one summer collegiate season with the La Crosse Loggers (Northwoods League).

Mesa Solar Sox

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

#3 Jose Salas - Miami Marlins

Played in 109 games in 2022 between Single-A Jupiter (61 G) and High-A Beloit (48), posting a combined .250/.339/.384 batting slash. Made his professional debut at 17 years old in the 2020-21 Venezuelan Winter League. Debuted in the Marlins organization in 2021, playing 55 games that year.

#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

#17 Mason Miller - Oakland Athletics

Pitched 14 total innings in 2022 between Triple-A Las Vegas, High-A Lansing and the Arizona Complex League, posting a combined 3.86 ERA. Career 3.15 ERA in 20 professional innings. Third-round selection in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Gardner-Webb University.



AFL Player Notebook

Peoria Javelinas

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

#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.

#26 Drew Millas - Washington Nationals

Selected by the Athletics in the seventh round of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Missouri State. Posted a .225/.340/.350 slash in 2022 between Single-A Fredericksburg, High-A Wilmington and Double-A Harrisburg. Played in 17 games for the 2021 Surprise Saguaros.

Today's Starting Pitcher

#58 Efrain Contreras - San Diego Padres

Made 17 starts with High-A Fort Wayne in 2022, posting a 5.74 ERA in 53 1/3 innings. Held a 2.11 ERA in his first season as a professional (2018; 68 1/3 IP), splitting time between Single-A and rookie-level affiliates. 261 strikeouts in 231 1/3 career professional innings.

Surprise Saguaros

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

#28 Trevor Hauer - 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. Went 2-for-2 with a home run on AFL Opening Day.

#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

#80 Kumar Rucker - Texas Rangers

Third-overall selection in the 2022 MLB Draft. Pitched at Vanderbilt from 2019-21, helping lead the Commodores to the College World Series in 2019 and 2021. Pitched on Team USA's 18-and-under national team. Pitched 20 innings for the Tri-City Valley Cats (Frontier League) in 2022.

Salt River Rafters

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

#7 Pedro Pages - St. Louis Cardinals

Named Conference USA's Defensive Player of the Year in 2019 with Florida Atlantic University. Selected in the sixth round of the 2019 MLB Draft. Played in 86 games in 2022 between Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis, posting a combined .227/.312/.381 slash.

#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

#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

#9 Reed Trimble - Baltimore Orioles

Selected in the second round of the 2021 MLB Draft out of the University of Southern Mississippi, holding a 1.053 OPS in his final collegiate season. Played in 31 games for Single-A Delmarva in 2022, posting a .291/.353/.393 slash. Career .246/.326/.315 hitter in 55 minor league games.

#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

#18 Thad Ward - Boston Red Sox

Selected in the fifth round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of the University of Central Florida. Pitched 51 1/3 innings in 2022 between Double-A Portland (33 1/3 IP), High-A Greenville (7), Single-A Salem (6) and the Florida Complex League (5), posting a combined 2.28 ERA.

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

5:00 p.m. MST



Friday, November 11

Peoria Sports Complex

6:35 p.m. MST



Saturday, November 12

Scottsdale Stadium

5:00 p.m. MST

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