



2009 Media/Scouts Notes

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Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Div.	Streak	Last 10
Phoenix Desert Dogs	7	4	.636	-	3-3	4-1	4-1	W1	7-3
Scottsdale Scorpions	6	5	.545	1.0	3-2	3-3	1-4	L1	5-5
Mesa Solar Sox	4	7	.364	3.0	1-4	3-3	2-2	W1	3-7

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Div.	Streak	Last 10
Surprise Rafters	7	4	.636	-	3-3	4-1	4-0	L1	6-4
Peoria Javelinas	6	5	.545	1.0	4-2	2-3	2-3	L2	6-4
Peoria Saguaros	3	8	.273	4.0	1-4	2-4	1-4	W2	3-7

Once Around the Bases

	R	H	E	LOB	
Sagueros	6	8	2	6	WP: Minor (ATL) (1-0) LP: Drucker (DET) (0-1)
Javelinas	0	7	0	7	SV: None

Sagueros starting LHP **Mike Minor** (ATL) tossed three shutout innings and only allowed 3 hits, 2 walks, and 1 strikeout ... 1B **Yonder Alonso** (CIN) went 2-for-4 with two RBI ... 3B **Brandon Hicks** (ATL) had one hit and two RBI ... Javelinas RF **Jordan Danks** (CWS) had two of the Pigs' seven hits.

	R	H	E	LOB	
Solar Sox	4	6	0	8	WP: Parker (CHC) (1-0) LP: Dunn (NYY) (0-1)
Rafters	3	8	1	4	SV: Burnett (1)

Mesa's 1B **David Cooper** (TOR) hit the game-winning solo home run with two out in the 10th inning ... C **Hank Conger** (LAA) added a two-run blast in the sixth inning ... Rafters CF **Jarrold Dyson** (KC) went 3-for-5 with one triple and one RBI ... 1B **Ike Davis** (NYM) and 3B **Brandon Laird** (NYM) each hit a solo home runs in the bottom of the ninth.

	R	H	E	LOB	
Scorpions	3	11	1	6	WP: Tanaka (BAL) (1-1) LP: Valdez (ARI) (0-1)
Desert Dogs	7	10	1	8	SV: None

Phoenix's RF **Matt Angle** (BAL) went 3-for-5 with 2 runs, 1 double, and 1 RBI ... 3B **Brandon Waring** (BAL) had three RBI ... 1B **Chris Marrero** (WSH) added a pair of RBI ... Scottsdale's 2B **Pedro Ciriaco** (ARI) and 1B **Brandon Allen** (ARI) collected three hits.

AFL Weekly Infield Breakdown

Team	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Dogs	X	X			X	
Javelinas	X	X		X		
Rafters	X		X			X
Sagueros	X		X			X
Scorpions	X		X		X	
Solar Sox	X		X	X		

12:35 p.m.: HINF: 10:00 a.m., HBP: 10:15 a.m., VBP: 11:00 a.m., VINP: 11:45 a.m.
 6:35 p.m.: HINF: 4:00 p.m., HBP: 4:15 p.m., VBP: 5:00 p.m., VINP: 5:45 p.m.
 Teams are **REQUIRED** to take Infield and BP every Monday during the season.

Probable Pitchers

Today, October 26, 2009

Mesa at Phoenix, 12:35 PM (A)

23 Mike McCardell (RHP/MIN) 0-0, 3.60 @
 28 Robert Ray (RHP/TOR) 0-0, 3.00

Sagueros at Scottsdale, 12:35 PM (L)

49 Zach Putnam (RHP/CLE) 0-0, 0.00 @
 56 Donnie Veal (LHP/PIT) 1-0, 1.80

Surprise at Javelinas, 6:35 PM (F)

34 Jentry Mejia (RHP/NYM) 0-1, 18.00 @
 31 Justin Cassel (RHP/CWS) 0-0, 9.53

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

Mesa at Sagueros, 12:35 PM (A)

37 Tommy Mendoza (RHP/LAA) 1-1, 1.64 @
 15 Mike Leake (RHP/CIN) 0-1, 1.80

Javelinas at Scottsdale, 12:35 PM (L)

12 Nick Hill (LHP/SEA) 0-1, 12.79 @
 35 Michael Cisco (RHP/PHI) 0-1, 9.00

Surprise at Phoenix, 6:35 PM (F)

33 Danny Gutierrez (RHP/TEX) 2-0, 0.00 @
 37 Stephen Strasburg (RHP/WSH) 1-1, 10.50

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Scottsdale at Mesa, 12:35 PM (A)

31 Chaz Roe (RHP/COL) 0-0, 0.00 @
 28 Andrew Cashner (RHP/CHC) 0-2, 6.35

Sagueros at Surprise, 12:35 PM (F)

20 Steve Garrison (LHP/SD) 0-1, 8.44 @
 19 Aaron Crow (RHP/KC) 0-0, N/A

Phoenix at Javelinas, 12:35 PM (L)

26 Mitch Talbot (RHP/TB) 1-0, 5.40 @
 54 Josh Butler (RHP/MIL) 2-0, 11.57

(A, F, L) – Umpire Roster Key

AFL Alumni of the Day

New York left fielder Johnny Damon went 2-for-4 with two RBI as the Yankees defeated the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, 5-2, in game five of the ALCS for New York's 40th American League pennant. Damon and the Sun Cities Solar Sox lost to the Mesa Sagueros, 2-1, in the 1995 AFL championship series.

UMPIRE ROSTER

Crew A — Alan Porter (CC), Toby Basner, Jon Merry, David Rackley **Crew F** — Cory Blaser (CC), Lance Barrett, Tyler Funneman, Manny Gonzalez **Crew L** — Vic Carapazza (CC), Chris Conroy, Mark Ripperger, John Tumpane

Arizona Fall League Rundown

Mesa Solar Sox (4-7)

TODAY'S PITCHER: RHP **Mike McCardell** (MIN), allowed two runs on three hits and three walks while striking out three over three innings in his last start, Oct. 20 at the Javelinas ... split the 2009 season between High-A Fort Myers and Double-A New Britain ... 9-6 with a 3.93 ERA in 17 starts at Fort Myers before earning his promotion in mid-July ... tied for seventh among all minor leaguers with 14 wins. **OTHERS:** IF **David Cooper** (TOR) hit a solo home run in the 10th inning Saturday to beat the Rafter's 4-3 in extra innings ... C **Hank Conger** (LAA) belted a two-run home run, his first of the Fall League ... OF **Greg Burns** (FLA) drew three walks and stole two bases ... RHP **Randor Bierd** (BOS) went five innings Saturday, allowing just one run on two hits and two walks ... OF **Bryan Petersen** (FLA) went 1-for-5 and ranks fourth in the league with a .441 average (15-for-34) ... also tied for third in hits. **TEAM:** The Solar Sox are in the midst of a four-game road stretch ... lead the league with three saves ... have not won consecutive games.

Phoenix Desert Dogs (7-4)

TODAY'S PITCHER: RHP **Robert Ray** (TOR) makes his third start of the season ... yielded one run over three innings in each of his first two starts ... made four starts with the Blue Jays in 2009, including his major league debut on May 2 vs. Baltimore ... earned his first career major league win by holding the White Sox to one unearned run on three hits and a walk over eight innings on May 16, 2009 ... missed nearly three months of the 2009 season with an injury. **OTHERS:** OF **Grant Desme** (OAK) was named Arizona Fall League player-of-the-week for Oct. 18-24 after batting .478 (11-for-23) with 5 home runs, 9 RBI and 8 runs scored in five games ... OF **Matt Angle** (BAL) had his fifth straight multi-hit game Saturday, going 3-for-5 with 1 double, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored and his league-leading sixth stolen base ... IF **Brandon Waring** (BAL) doubled and drove in three runs ... OF **Corey Brown** (OAK) had two hits Saturday and has now hit safely in eight of his nine games ... RHP **Ryohei Tanaka** (BAL) tossed 3.1 scoreless innings of relief to notch his first win. **TEAM:** The Desert Dogs lead the East Division with a 7-4 record ... league-low 4.59 team ERA and 35 walks ... offensively, Phoenix leads Fall League in batting (.333), home runs (21), and runs (93) ... OF **Darin Mastroianni** (TOR) has been added to the roster to replace injured OF **Cody Cipriano** (TB).

Scottsdale Scorpions (6-5)

TODAY'S PITCHER: LHP **Donnie Veal** (PIT) makes his third start today against the Saguaros ... 1-0 with 1.80 ERA (1 ER/5.0 IP) ... 5:0 K:BB ratio ... opponents are hitting .118 (2-for-17) against him ... split the 2009 season between Double-A Altoona, Triple-A Indianapolis and the Pirates after being selected from the Cubs in the 2008 Rule 5 Draft ... major-league debut at St. Louis on April 7, 2009. **OTHERS:** IF **Pedro Ciriaco** (ARI) is third in the league in hitting (.462) after tallying his fourth straight multi-hit game on Saturday ... IF **Brandon Allen** (ARI) had a season-high three hits with 1 double, 1 RBI, 1 walk and 1 run scored ... RHP **Joe Martinez** (SF) pitched four shutout innings and struck out three on Saturday ... LHP **Tony Watson** (PIT) notched his fourth straight scoreless outing with a perfect sixth inning ... reliever RHP **Scott Mathieson** (PHI) has pitched the third-most innings (5.0) among pitchers with 0.00 ERAs ... OF **Thomas Neal** (SF) is third in the circuit with five steals. **TEAM:** Scorpions pitchers have fanned a league-high 93 batters ... left-handed batters are hitting just .230 against Scottsdale.

Peoria Javelinas (6-5)

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP **Justin Cassel** (CWS) has yet to earn a decision in two previous AFL starts (0-0, 9.53 ERA) ... split the 2009 season between Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte ... went 7-11 with 4.63 ERA in 27 games (19 starts) ... younger brother of Kansas City Chiefs QB Matt Cassel. **OTHERS:** Boast a trio of the top 10 AFL leaders in batting average – OF **Casper Wells** (DET) at .440 (11-for-25), OF **Jordan Danks** (CWS) at .424 (10-for-33), and OF **Andrew Lambo** (LAD) at .419 (13-for-31) ... Wells has the longest hitting streak in the Fall League at 18 games spanning from 10/25/08 ... hitting .444 with 19 extra-base hits (8 doubles, 2 triples, and 9 home runs) and 30 RBI ... also has an active 27-game on-base streak that began on 10/09/08 ... Danks has an eight-game hitting streak with a .467 (14-for-30) average with 10 runs, 2 home runs, and 8 RBI ... Lambo has a knockout to total plate appearances ratio 1:17.00 ... IF **Russ Mitchell** (LAD), week one co-player-of-the-week, leads the Fall League in runs (13) and extra-base hits (10) ... second in the league in slugging percentage (.968) doubles (6), and home runs (4) ... tied for third with 13 RBI ... averaging one home run every 7.75 at bats ... RHP **Sergio Santos** (CWS) is tied for the league-lead in games finished with four ... RHP **Josh Butler** (MIL) shares the league-lead with two wins ... averages 9.64 SO/9.0 IP. **TEAM:** Leads the Fall League with 55 walks ... second in the league with 89 runs ... IF **Brent Morel** (CWS) added to the roster on 10/26, replacing IF **Dayan Viciedo** (CWS).

Peoria Saguaros (3-8)

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP **Zach Putnam** (CLE) makes his second start of the Fall League season... allowed one hit in two scoreless innings with three strikeouts on 10/20 at Phoenix ... Putnam went 6-2 with a 4.13 ERA in 38 games (5 starts) between High-A Kinston and Double-A Akron. **OTHERS:** OF **Chris Heisey** (CIN) has a top 10 batting average at .432 (16-for-37) batting average ... second in total bases (31) and hits (16) ... tied for second in doubles (5) ... top five slugging percentage (.838) ... relief RHP **Chia-Jen Lo** (HOU) is tied for third with eight strikeouts with Mesa's Dustin Richardson (BOS) ... Lo possesses a WHIP of 0.55 ... holding opposition to a .120 batting average ... SS **Lance Zawadzki** (SD) and SS **Zack Cozart** (CIN) are each batting .417 (5-for-12) over the last five games ... Cozart and 1B **Yonder Alonso** (CIN) each have six RBI over the last five game ... RHP **Craig Kimbrel** (ATL) has held the opposition to a .067 batting average ... C **Matt McBride** (CLE) has a .538 (7-for-13) batting average with runners on base with eight RBI ... relief RHP **Evan Scribner** (SD) is tied for the lead in games finished with four ... IF **Brandon Hicks** (ATL) has a .500 (3-for-6) batting average when leading off an inning. **TEAM:** Cacti bats are hitting .467 (7-for-15) with 11 RBI with the bases loaded.

Surprise Rafter's (7-4)

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP **Jenry Mejia** (NYM) received the loss in his last start on 10/20 at Scottsdale ... allowed three earned runs in each of his AFL starts ... split the 2009 season between High-A St. Lucie and Double-A Binghamton ... 4-6 with a 3.14 ERA and 91 strikeouts in 19 combined starts. **OTHERS:** Trio of players hitting above .400 – OF **Lucas Duda** (NYM) (.400), 1B **Ike Davis** (NYM) (.414), and C **Austin Romine** (NYY) (.400) ... Davis leads the Fall League with six doubles ... fourth with eight extra-base hits ... OF **Colin Curtis** (NYY) is tied for second with 11 runs ... RHP **Tanner Scheppers** (TEX) is holding the opposition to a .067 batting average ... averaging the fewest base runners per 9.0 IP at 3.60 ... OF **Daryl Jones** (STL), the Cardinals' "Best Athlete" and "Fastest Baserunner" by *Baseball America*, leads the Fall League with six stolen bases ... stolen multiple bases in two games ... been hit by a pitch four times ... RHP **Scott Gorgen** (STL) has yet to issue a walk in four appearances ... RHP **Danny Gutierrez** (TEX) has two wins and a 0.00 ERA in 6.2 innings pitched ... holding opposition to a .091 batting average. **TEAM:** Averaged 6.4 runs per game over the last 10 games ... batting .288 (101-for-351) with 12 home runs during that span ... C **Taylor Teagarden** (TEX) will be added to the Rafter's roster beginning 10/26.

2009 Arizona Fall League Tidbits

- The Arizona Fall League held its third annual Pat Tillman Foundation Benefit Night on Friday, October 23 at Scottsdale Stadium. An extensive sports memorabilia collection that includes an array of autographed major-league jerseys of current and former players was auctioned before and during the game. All proceeds from the sports memorabilia auction and one-half of the night's gate receipts will be donated to the Tillman Foundation.
- The Arizona Fall League will have two games -- the Rising Stars Game on November 7 and the AFL Championship on November 21 -- televised live-nationally on the MLB Network and MLB.TV.
- Twitter has infiltrated the Arizona Fall League; check out the latest informative tweets @MLBazFallLeague.

AFL Player and Pitcher-of-the-Week

	Player-of-the-Week	Pitcher-of-the-Week
Week One	SUR IF Brandon Laird (NYY) PEJ IF Russ Mitchell (LAD)	N/A
Week Two	PDD OF Grant Desme (OAK)	SUR RHP Danny Gutierrez (TEX) SCO RHP Chia-Jen Lo (HOU)

AFL Single Game-Highs

Offensive	Pitching
Runs: 3 – Multiple	IP: 5.0 – Biedr (MSS/BOS)
Hits: 5 – Laird (SUR/NYY)	Hits: 8 – Mendoza (MSS/LAA)
2B: 2 – Multiple	R: 8 – Multiple
3B: 2 – Tabata (SCO/PIT)	ER: 8 – Hill (PEJ/SEA)
HR: 2 – Multiple	SO: 5 – Multiple
RBI: 7 – Multiple	BB: 6 – Graham (PES/CLE)
SB: 2 – Multiple	HR: 3 – Strasburg (PDD/WSH)

1st Round Picks in the AFL

Thirty-six former first-round draft picks will play in the 2009 Arizona Fall League. The 14 top 10 selections are listed below.

OF **Adam Loewen** (4th in 2002, Baltimore)
 RHP **Mark Rogers** (5th in 2004, Milwaukee)
 LHP **Andrew Miller** (6th in 2006, Detroit)
 IF **Mike Moustakas** (2nd in 2007, Kansas City)
 IF **Josh Vitters** (3rd in 2007, Chicago Cubs)
 LHP **Danny Moskos** (4th in 2007, Pittsburgh)
 C **Buster Posey** (5th in 2008, San Francisco)
 IF **Yonder Alonso** (7th in 2008, Cincinnati)
 C **Jason Castro** (10th in 2008, Houston)
 RHP **Stephen Strasburg** (1st in 2009, Washington)
 OF **Dustin Ackley** (2nd in 2009, Seattle)
 LHP **Mike Minor** (7th in 2009, Atlanta)
 RHP **Mike Leake** (8th in 2009, Cincinnati)
 RHP **Drew Storen** (10th in 2009, Washington)

Arizona Fall League Totals

Offensive

AVG: .299	H: 706	RBI: 418	BB: 292	CS: 31
G: 66	TB: 1132	SAC: 2	IBB: 3	GDP: 58
TPA: 2714	2B: 139	SF: 28	SO: 512	SLG: .480
AB: 2358	3B: 25	HBP: 34	SB: 76	OBP: .381
R: 446	HR: 79			

Pitching

W: 33	GS: 66	IP: 584.0	ER: 392	BB: 292
L: 33	CG: 0	H: 706	HR: 79	IBB: 3
PCT: .500	SHO: 1	AB: 2358	SH: 2	SO: 512
ERA: 6.04	GF: 66	TBF: 2714	SF: 28	WP: 37
G: 66	SV: 9	R: 446	HB: 34	BK: 5

AFL Alumni in the MLB Postseason

The 2009 Major League Baseball postseason is comprised of 99 players (49 percent) who are alums of the Arizona Fall League. Leading the way are the Minnesota Twins and St. Louis Cardinals with 16 ex-Fall Leaguers. To round out the rest of the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies are second with 15 alums while Colorado Rockies have 12 and Los Angeles Dodgers have eight. In the American League, the L.A. Angels of Anaheim boast 12 alums and the Boston Red Sox have 11 on their squad while the New York Yankees have only nine.