



2009 Media/Scouts Notes

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Eastern Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Div.	Streak	Last 10
Phoenix Desert Dogs	15	11	.577	-	5-8	10-3	8-3	W2	5-5
Mesa Solar Sox	12	13	.480	2.5	6-7	6-7	4-4	L1	7-3
Scottsdale Scorpions	10	15	.400	4.5	4-8	6-7	3-7	L2	4-6

Western Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Div.	Streak	Last 10
Peoria Javelinas	17	9	.654	-	8-4	9-5	7-4	L1	7-3
Peoria Saguaros	12	14	.462	5.0	6-7	6-7	4-7	W1	4-6
Surprise Rafters	11	15	.423	6.0	5-9	6-6	5-5	W1	3-7

Once Around the Bases

	R	H	E	LOB	WP:	LP:
Scorpions	3	9	1	8	Judy (CLE) (2-1)	Veal (PIT) (3-1)
Saguaros	6	10	1	8	Meszaros (HOU) (1)	

Saguaros SS **Carlos Rivero** (CLE) went 2-for-4 with 2 runs, 1 double, 1 home run, and 1 RBI ... 1B **Yonder Alonso** (CIN) went 2-for-4 with one run, 3B **Brandon Hicks** (ATL) added a solo home run in the second inning ... Scorpions LF **Cole Gillespie** (ARI) went 2-for-4 with 1 run, 1 double, and 1 RBI ... RF **Domonic Brown** (PHI) hit his league-leading ninth double.

	R	H	E	LOB	WP:	LP:
Javelinas	6	12	0	10	Mejia (NYM) (1-3)	Cassel (CWS) (2-2)
Rafters	8	5	1	1	Kroenke (NYY) (1)	

The Rafters scored seven runs in the bottom of the first capped by CF **Marcus Lemon's** (TEX) grand slam ... DH **Colin Curtis** (NYY) added 1 run, 1 double, and 2 RBI ... SS **Ruben Tejada** (NYM) scored two runs and hit a solo home run in the fourth inning ... Javelinas DH **Jordan Danks** (CWS) went 1-for-3 with three runs and two RBI ... 3B **Brent Morel** (CWS) and SS **Carlos Triunfel** (SEA) each collected three hits and scored one run.

	R	H	E	LOB	WP:	LP:
Desert Dogs	11	12	2	9	Ray (TOR) (2-1)	Haynes (LAA) (0-1)
Solar Sox	5	12	0	11	None	

Phoenix's CF **Corey Brown** (OAK) reached five times by going 3-for-3 with 3 runs, 1 home run, and 3 RBI ... 3B **Josh Bell** (BAL) collected two hits and three RBI ... C **Nevin Ashley** (TB) added 1 run, 1 double, 1 triple, and 1 RBI ... Mesa's 2B **Starlin Castro** (CHC) went 2-for-5 with one RBI.

AFL Weekly Infield Breakdown

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

12:35 p.m.: HINF: 10:00 a.m., HBP: 10:15 a.m., VBP: 11:00 a.m., VIN: 11:45 a.m.

6:35 p.m.: HINF: 4:00 p.m., HBP: 4:15 p.m., VBP: 5:00 p.m., VIN: 5:45 p.m.

Teams are REQUIRED to take Infield and BP every Monday during the season.

Today, November 13, 2009

Surprise at Javelinas, 12:35 PM (F)

54 Matt Harrison (LHP/TEX) 1-2, 15.00 @

39 Scot Drucker (RHP/DET) 1-1, 5.14

Mesa at Phoenix, 12:35 PM (L)

23 Andrew Miller (LHP/FLA) 0-0, 3.86 @

43 Reyohi Tanaka (RHP/BAL) 1-1, 5.54

Saguaros at Scottsdale, 6:35 PM (A)

15 Mike Leake (RHP/CIN) 0-2, 2.31 @

54 Joe Martinez (RHP/SF) 1-0, 4.32

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Scottsdale at Surprise, 12:35 PM (A)

31 Chaz Roe (RHP/COL) 0-2, 4.50 @

19 Aaron Crow (RHP/KC) 0-2, 7.94

Saguaros at Desert Dogs, 12:35 PM (F)

20 Steve Garrison (LHP/SD) 2-1, 4.11 @

37 Stephen Strasburg (RHP/WSH) 3-1, 5.28

Mesa at Javelinas, 6:35 PM (L)

74 Tommy Mendoza (RHP/LAA) 1-1, 5.06 @

12 Nick Hill (LHP/SEA) 0-1, 8.16

— Game Played @ Glendale —

Sunday, November 15, 2009

Off Day

(A, F, L) – Umpire Roster Key

AFL Alumni of the Day

Seven Fall League alumni from each major league (14 in total) – 1B Mark Teixeira (NYY) and Albert Pujols (STL), 2B Aaron Hill (TOR) and Chase Utley (PHI), 3B Evan Longoria (TB) and Ryan Zimmerman (WSH), SS Derek Jeter (NYY), OF Torii Hunter (LAA), Andre Ethier (LAD), and Matt Kemp (LAD), C Joe Mauer (MIN) and Brian McCann (ATL), and DH Adam Lind (TOR) – won 2009 Silver Slugger Awards.

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.

Surprise Rafters (11-15)

TODAY'S STARTER: LHP **Matt Harrison** (TEX) takes the bump for his third start and fourth appearance ... received a loss in last start on 11/02 vs. Phoenix (0.0 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, and 0 SO) ... tossed one inning of shutout relief to earn first win on 10/23 at Phoenix ... 4-5 with a 6.11 (43 ER/63.1 IP) ERA, 23 BB, and 34 SO in 11 starts with TEXAS ... 0-1 with 3.00 (3 ER/9.0 IP), 4 BB, and 7 SO in three starts with Double-A Frisco.

OTHERS: OF **Colin Curtis** (NYY) is third in the league in batting average (.391) ... tied for fourth in doubles (7) ... fifth in slugging percentage (.672) and on-base percentage (.451)438 (14-32) batting average with 4 doubles, 3 home runs, and 13 RBI with runners on base ... 12-game on-base streak (10/13-29)388 (19-49) with 11 runs, 4 doubles, 1 triple, 2 home runs, and 8 RBI during the streak ... 1B **Ike Davis** (NYM) is tied for fourth in the Fall League with seven doubles500 (6-12) with 2 doubles, 2 home runs, and 12 RBI with runners in scoring position667 (2-3) with one double and six RBI with the bases loaded327 (18-55) with 10 runs, 5 doubles, 3 home runs, and 6 RBI during 14-game active on-base streak that began on 10/17 ... hit a grand slam and collected six RBI on Opening Day ... IF **Brandon Laird** (NYY) is second with six home runs ... averaging one home run every 13 at bats ... fourth with 23 RBI ... fifth with 49 total bases... .375 (3-8) batting average with one home run and six RBI with runners in scoring position and two outs ... IF **Daniel Descalso** (STL) and OF **Tyler Henley** (STL) are batting .444 (4-9) with a .500-plus OBP when leading off an inning ... Henley is batting .429 (6-14) with 2 runs, 1 home run, and 2 RBI over the last four games played ... OF **Mitch Moreland** (TEX) is batting .333 (5-15) with a .643 slugging percentage, 1 double, 1 home run, and 6 RBI with runners in scoring position ... OF **Marcus Lemon** (TEX) boasts a .462 (12-26) with 5 runs, 2 home runs, and 8 RBI over the last 10 games478 (11-23) batting average with 4 runs, 1 home run, and 4 RBI over his last seven games ... LHP **Michael Dunn** (NYY) is averaging a league high 16.20 SO/9.0 IP for relievers ... OF **Daryl Jones** (STL) is tied for fourth in the Fall League with six stolen bases ... hit by pitch a league-high four times ... RHP **Grant Duff** (NYY) is tied for second in the league with two saves ... RHP **Jenrry Mejia** (NYM) leads all starters with a 10.32 SO/9.0 IP ratio ... RHP **Ian Kennedy** and RHP **Mike Parisi** (STL) are in the top five in innings pitched ... Kennedy is second in strikeouts (23) ... second among starters with 10.95 base runners/9.0 IP ... RHP **Tanner Schepers** (TEX) has a WHIP of 0.78 ... holding the opposition to a .167 batting average ... averaging seven base runners per 9.0 IP ... 3B **Mike Moustakas** (KC) is averaging one home run every 14.75 at bats ... 12 RBI and a .800 slugging percentage with runners in scoring position ... seven RBI on 10/15 vs. Mesa.

TEAM: Top defensive team with a .983 fielding percentage ... only 16 errors in 26 games ... third in the league with 149 runs and 141 RBI ... hitters have been hit by a pitch 10 times ... boast a .303 (64-211) batting average and .372 on-base percentage when leading off an inning as a team ... three-way tie with Javelinas and Phoenix for most runs in a game (17).

VS.

Peoria Javelinas (17-9)

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP **Scot Drucker** (DET) makes sixth start to earn a share of the league lead ... back-to-back no-decisions over the last two starts ... vs. Saguaros on 11/06 in last start (3.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO) ... 8-3 with a 4.78 (60 ER/113.0 IP) ERA, 38 BB, and 77 SO in 29 games (16 starts) with Triple-A Toledo ... tweeting his AFL experience @Utbaseball30 ... signed by the Tigers as a minor league free agent in 2008 ... originally drafted by Oakland in 13th round in 2004 ... played collegiately at Tennessee.

OTHERS: IF **Russ Mitchell** (LAD) is second in the AFL with 14 extra-base hits ... tied for second with 24 RBI and eight doubles ... third in total bases (52) ... fourth in in runs (20) ... tied for fourth in home runs (5) ... sixth in hits (27) ... hit .383 (23-60) with 15 runs, 7 doubles, 1 triple, 5 home runs, 21 RBI, and an OBP of .486 during two-year 17-game Fall League on-base streak (10/11/08-10/27/09) ... OF **Jordan Danks** (CWS) is second in the league with 24 runs scored and walks (17) ... tied for second in on-base percentage (.457) ... hit .329 (24-73) with an OBP of .462 during a two-year, 21-game Fall League on-base streak (11/14/08-11/04/09)462 batting average during 11-game hitting streak (10/14-28) ... hitting .348 (8-23) with one double and 14 RBI with runners in scoring position ... OF **Casper Wells** (DET) has a top 10 batting average (.367) ... leads the Fall League with a .750 slugging percentage ... tied for second with 24 RBI ... tied for fourth in on-base percentage (.451) ... sixth in RBI (20) ... averaging one home run every 15 at bats ... hit .339 (43-127) with an OBP of .439 during a two-year 35-game on-base streak (10/09/08-11/10/09)405 (30-74) batting average with 20 runs, 19 extra-base hits (8 doubles, 2 triples, 9 home runs), and 30 RBI during a two-year, 18-game hitting streak from 10/25/08-10/23/09 ... OF **Andrew Lambo** (LAD) hit .449 (22-for-49) with 8 runs, 3 doubles, 1 triple, 2 home runs, and 11 RBI during an 11-game hitting streak (10/15-11/02) ... batting .500 (3-6) with two home runs and nine RBI while slugging 1.000 with runners in scoring position and two outs ... owns two of the Pigs' three grand slams ... IF **Taylor Green** (MIL) hit .353 (12-34) with 6 runs, 2 doubles, 1 home run, and 3 RBI during 11-game Fall League hitting streak (10/09/08-10/20/09) ... OF **Lorenzo Cain** (MIL) shares the stolen bases lead with eight ... stole three bases in one game (11/06) ... tied for fifth with 13 walks ... RHP **Zach Braddock** (MIL) has a top 10 ERA at 0.84 ... leads in saves (3) ... holding the opposition to a .162 batting average ... RHP **Thad Weber** (DET) has allowed one walk in 9.0 IP ... RHP **Sergio Santos** (CWS) is tied for second in saves (2) ... tied for fifth in games finished (6) ... RHP **Josh Fields** (SEA) holding the opposition to a .167 batting average ... RHP **Anthony Varvaro** (SEA) owns a top 10 ERA (2.25) ... averaging 6.75 base runners/9.0 IP ... holding opposition to a .171 average ... leads all arms with a 0.83 WHIP ... RHP **Robbie Weinhardt** (DET) shares the AFL lead in holds (4) ... second among relievers with a 15 SO/9.0 IP ratio ... leads league with 25 strikeouts ... only reliever to be in the top four ... averaging 15 SO/9.0 IP ... RHP **Robert Wooten** (MIL) averages 8.10 base runners per nine innings pitched ... RHP **Phillippe Aumont** (SEA) has struck out 14 in 10.0 IP.

TEAM: The Javelinas' magic number is down to one to clinch a West division title and a spot in the AFL championship game ... Pigs' pitching staff leads Fall League with 223 strikeouts ... averaging 8.58 strikeouts per game ... bats are second with 175 runs ... third in the AFL with 26 home runs ... third with a .289 (262-907) average ... team is batting .368 (14-38) with 4 doubles, 3 grand slams, and 45 RBI with the bases loaded ... own a 5-1 record in one-run games.

Peoria Saguaros (12-14)

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP **Mike Leake** (CIN) takes the mound for his fourth start and fifth appearance ... lost in last appearance in relief on 11/02 at Mesa (3.0 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, and 3 SO) ... Cincinnati's 2009 first-round selection (eighth overall) from Arizona State ... Pac-10 Conference's only back-to-back pitcher-of-the-year award winner.

OTHERS: C **Matt McBride** (CLE) holds the league lead in on-base percentage (.500) ... tied for third with 15 walks ... fourth in slugging percentage (.622) ... top 10 batting average (.389)364 (8-22) with 5 runs, 2 home runs, and 2 RBI over the last 10 games500 (3-6) batting average with four RBI with runners in scoring position and two outs ... 15-game on-base streak (10/14-11/10) ... hit .500 (21-54) with 12 runs, 2 doubles, 2 triples, 4 home runs, and 14 RBI during the streak ... OF **Chris Heisey** (CIN) is in the top five in extra-base hits (13), total bases (50), and triples (3) ... OF **Cedric Hunter** (SD) hit .311 (14-45) with 4 runs, 2 doubles, and 5 RBI during a 12-game hit streak (10/20-11/08) ... possesses a SO/TPA ratio of 1/13.67 ... hitting .395 (15-38) with runners on base ... RHP **Josh Judy** (CLE) has a top five ERA (0.60) ... holding the opposition to a .189 batting average ... IF **Jose Vallejo** (HOU) is in a three-way tie for fourth in stolen bases (6) ... IF **Brandon Hicks** (ATL) owns a .455 (5-11) batting average with four RBI with runners in scoring position and two outs ... RHP **Logan Ondrusek** (CIN) has yet to allow a one walk in 9.2 innings pitched ... OF **Jonathan Gaston** (HOU) leads the league in triples (4)526 (10-19) batting average with 2 triples, 3 home runs, and 17 RBI with runners in scoring position ... boasts Cacti's only grand slam (10/26 at Scottsdale) ... collected eight RBI over the last 10 games ... 1B **Yonder Alonso** (CIN) is fourth in lowest TPA/SO ratio at 9.25 ... leads AFL with three sacrifice flies370 (10-27) with two home runs and 17 RBI with runners in scoring position ... RHP **Evan Scribner** (SD) leads the AFL in games finished with 10 ... tied for second with 10 appearances ... holding the opposition to a .182 batting average ... LHP **Lee Hyde** (ATL) leads the AFL with 11 appearances ... tied for the lead with four holds.

TEAM: Cacti pitching staff had a 23.1 IP consecutive scoreless innings streak (10/27-29) ... back-to-back shutouts on 10/28-29 ... staff owns three of six 2009 shutouts ... second with 211 strikeouts ... averaging 8.11 strikeouts per game... Cacti bats are second in the Fall League with 114 walks ... lead in stolen bases (38) ... tie for league lead in hit by pitches with Phoenix (12) ... own league's only victory when trailing after eight innings (10/20 at Phoenix).

VS.

Scottsdale Scorpions (10-15)

STARTING PITCHER: RHP **Joe Martinez** (SF) earns the start tonight against the Saguaros ... 1-0 with a 4.32 ERA (8 ER/16.2 IP) ... tied for fifth in the league with 17 strikeouts ... fifth among starters with a 9.18 K/9 IP ratio ... missed over two months of the 2009 season after a line drive hit him in the head in his second career big-league appearance ... earned a win at Houston in his first MLB appearance (Aug. 5, 2009) after the injury.

OTHERS: OF **Jose Tabata** (PIT) added two more hits Thursday to push his league-leading total to 35 ... hit safely in 13 of his last 14 games ... top 10 in average (.361) ... 10 multi-hit games ... hit .422 (19-45) with four three-hit games during his 10-game hitting streak (10/27-11/6) ... Scorpions season-high six RBI on Oct. 27 ... IF **Chase d'Arnaud** (PIT) was 2-for-5 with 1 double and 1 stolen base Thursday ... hit safely in 12 of 15 games this season ... OF **Cole Gillespie** (ARI) went 2-for-4 with 2 doubles, 1 RBI and 1 run Thursday ... the second-toughest Fall Leaguer to strike out, fanning just five times in 70 plate appearances (14.00 TPA/SO) ... OF **Domonic Brown** (PHI) was 2-for-4 with his league-leading ninth double on Thursday ... tied for third in extra-base hits (13) ... IF **Hector Gomez** (COL) has an 11-game hitting streak ... doubled in five of his last six games, tallying six two-baggers over that span ... tied for second in the league with eight doubles ... C **Wilin Rosario** (COL) was named week four player-of-the-week after hitting 3 home runs, knocking in 4 and scoring 6 runs ... owns Scorpions' only multi-homer game this season ... OF **Thomas Neal** (SF) is tied for the league lead in stolen bases (8) ... IF **Brandon Allen** (ARI) doubled for the second straight game and stole his first base of the season Thursday ... leads the league with 19 walks ... IF **Brandon Crawford** (SF) is top 10 in the league with 12 walks ... hitting .400 (6-15) against left-handed pitching ... LHP **Donnie Veal** (PIT) allowed more than one run for the first start this season Thursday, raising his ERA to 1.89 (4 ER/19.0 IP), seventh in the league ... tied for the league lead with three wins ... 18 strikeouts rank fourth217 opponent batting average is best among starters ... RHP **Steve Edlefsen** (SF) is tied for second in the league with 10 appearances, (nine scoreless) ... RHP **Scott Mathieson** (PHI) has had scoreless outings in seven of his nine appearances ... LHP **Matt Reynolds** (COL) is tied for third among relievers with a .162 opponent average ... sixth in WHIP (0.90) and tied for seventh in ERA (1.80) ... LHP **Tom Layne** (ARI) is sixth in ERA at 1.74 (2 ER/10.1 IP) ... RHP **Michael Cisco** (PHI) has the second-lowest opponent batting average among starters, at .228 (13-57).

TEAM: The Scorpions are second in ERA (4.73) ... second-lowest in home runs allowed with 23 ... second with two shutouts ... allowed the fewest hits in the league (241) ... only team that has yet to commit a balk or issue an intentional walk.

Mesa Solar Sox (12-13)

STARTING PITCHER: LHP **Andrew Miller** (FLA) has a 3.86 ERA (4 ER/9.1 IP) in his first three starts ... nine strikeouts in 9.1 innings ... pitched at five different levels in the Marlins system this season, recording a 5+ strikeout game at each stop (GCL Marlins, High-A Jupiter, Double-A Jacksonville, Triple-A New Orleans, and Florida) ... pitched at the lower levels of the organization while rehabbing an oblique injury suffered on April 20 at Pittsburgh ... 3-5 with a 4.84 ERA in 20 games (14 starts) with the Marlins ... originally drafted by the Tigers with the sixth pick in the 2006 draft.

OTHERS: IF **Jose Iglesias** (BOS) went 2-for-4 with a double Thursday ... six hits in his last eight at bats ... seven RBI in his last four games ... IF **Starlin Castro** (CHC) was 2-for-5 with 1 double, 1 RBI and 1 run ... sixth two-hit game in his last eight contests ... fourth in the Fall League with a .388 (31-80) average ... tied for third in the league in hits (31)... tied for fourth in the league with six stolen bases ... OF **Bryan Petersen** (FLA) leads the league in average and is the only player above the .400 mark (.405, 32-79) ... second in hits ... hit safely in 16 of 17 games, including a season-opening 12-game hitting streak ... top five in runs scored (17) ... batting .467 (14-30) when leading off an inning ... over his last four games, batting .500 (9-18) ... IF **Josh Vitters** (CHC) went 1-for-4 with two RBI ... top 10 average at .356 (21-59) ... riding a 10-game hitting streak ... IF **David Cooper** (TOR) doubled Thursday to give him hits in 10 of his last 11 tilts ... OF **Greg Burns** (FLA) went 2-for-4 with a run Thursday ... owns a .537 on-base percentage ... tied for fifth in the league with 13 walks in only 10 games ... OF **Ryan Kalish** (BOS) is batting .450 (9-20) with 14 RBI with runners in scoring position ... OF **Rene Tosoni** (MIN) is tied for third in the league in triples ... IF **Steve Singleton** (MIN) has driven in a run in seven of his last eight games ... C **Michael Brenly** (CHC) had two hits for the second straight game Tuesday and is 5-for-12 this season ... IF **Chris Parmelee** (MIN) knocked in the go-ahead run with a sac fly Monday, giving him a team-high 17 RBI, eighth in the league ... RHP **Richie Lentz** (BOS) allowed his second and third runs of the season Thursday ... eighth in ERA at 1.98 (3 ER/13.2 IP) ... tied for third in WHIP at 0.88 ... 13:2 K:BB ratio ... RHP **Randor Bierd** (BOS) is tied for the league lead with three wins ... LHP **John Gaub** (CHC) ranks third among relievers with a 14.09 K/9 IP ratio (12 K/7.2 IP) ... LHP **James Russell** (CHC) has posted eight straight scoreless outings ... no hits or walks in his last four appearances (4.1 IP) ... fifth in ERA at 1.59 (2 ER/11.1 IP) ... tied for third in WHIP at 0.88 ... RHP **Tommy Mendoza** (LAA) walked his first batter of the season Wednesday ... 11 strikeouts and one walk in 16.0 innings ... RHP **Alex Burnett** (MIN) worked a two-inning save Tuesday, allowing no runs on no hits and two walks while fanning three ... leads all relievers with a .138 opponent batting average ... Burnett, RHP **Chris Province** (BOS) and RHP **Blake Parker** (CHC) are tied for second in the league with two saves ... RHP **Jay Buente** (FLA) doubled his season total by striking out five batters Monday ... RHP **Andrew Cashner** (CHC) has 16 strikeouts in 16.2 innings ... LHP **Dustin Richardson** (BOS) is fourth among relievers with 13.03 strikeouts per 9.0 IP.

TEAM: The Solar Sox face the East-leading Desert Dogs in a game that has implications on the division race ... the Sox trail Phoenix by 2.5 games in the standings ... lost to the D-Dogs Thursday despite getting hits from every hitter in the lineup ... allowed the second-fewest hits in the league (249) ... batting .324 when leading off an inning and holding opponents to .227 in the same situation ... 15 different players have accounted for the Solar Sox' 23 home runs.

VS.

Phoenix Desert Dogs (15-11)

STARTING PITCHER: RHP **Ryohei Tanaka** (BAL) starts against Mesa today ... 1-1 with a 5.54 ERA (8 ER/13.0) and 10 strikeouts in five games (two starts) ... 4-4 with a 3.00 ERA in 21 games (12 starts) with Double-A Bowie in 2009 ... began the year as a reliever before starting 12 of his final 13 appearances ... opened his career in the U.S. with 17 straight scoreless innings and did not allow a run as a reliever (9 games, 13.0 IP).

OTHERS: C **Nevin Ashley** (TB) was 2-for-5 with 1 double, 1 triple, 1 RBI and 1 run scored Thursday ... tied for the league lead with the Saguaros' Jonathan Gaston with four triples ... on Wednesday became the second player this season to leg out two triples in one game (Scottsdale OF Jose Tabata) ... 5-for-10 with 2 doubles, 3 triples, 2 RBI and 4 runs scored in his last two games ... second in the league in hitting at .400 (22-55) ... third in slugging (.727) ... hit safely in his 14 games ... OF **Corey Brown** (OAK) reached base five times Thursday, going 3-for-3 with 1 home run, 3 RBI, 2 walks and 3 runs scored ... tied for second in the league with six home runs ... top five in hits (28) and RBI (21) ... second in total bases (54) ... extra-base hit in six straight games (Oct. 21-27) ... IF **Danny Espinosa** (WSH) was 1-for-3 with 3 walks, 2 runs and 1 stolen base Thursday ... tied for third with 20 runs scored ... IF **Brad Emaus** (TOR) was 1-for-3 with 1 RBI, 1 run and 1 walk ... toughest hitter in the league to strikeout at 1 strike out per 20.67 plate appearances ... OF **Grant Desme** (OAK) was 1-for-5 while collecting league-leading 25th RBI and league-leading 27th run scored ... leads the league with 10 home runs, and 15 extra-base hits ... second in slugging (.742) ... tied for third in hits (31) ... top 10 in average at .348 (31-89) ... hit .511 (23-45) with 10 homers and 22 RBI during an 11-game hitting streak from Oct. 14-28 ... homered in eight of 10 games (Oct. 15-28) ... sits four home runs shy of Brandon Wood's (LAA) 2005 Arizona Fall League record of 14 ... IF **Chris Marrero** (WSH) has six two-hit games in his last eight contests ... IF **Josh Bell** (BAL) had two hits and three RBI Thursday while extending his hitting streak to six games ... IF **Shawn O'Malley** (TB) was 1-for-3 with three walks and three runs Thursday ... eight walks in his last five games ... top 10 in the league with 12 walks ... IF **Jemile Weeks** (OAK) hit .366 (15-41) with 4 doubles, 3 triples, 6 RBI, 12 runs scored and 3 stolen bases over his 10-game hitting streak that ended Monday ... OF **Matt Angle** (BAL) is third in the league with seven steals ... RHP **Stephen Strasburg** (WSH) was named week four pitcher-of-the-week after earning his third win with a five-inning, one-run, six-strikeout performance ... tied for the league lead with three wins and tied for fourth with 17 strikeouts ... RHP **Drew Storen** (WSH) pitched a scoreless ninth Thursday and is tied for third in the league with a 0.84 ERA (1 ER/10.2 IP) ... tied for second in the league with two saves ... RHP **Toshiyuki Yanuki** (NPB) pitched 2.1 scoreless innings Wednesday to qualify for the league ERA leaders where he ranks first at 0.00 (0 ER/10.2 IP) ... RHP **James Simmons** (OAK) is fifth with 21.0 innings pitched ... RHP **Jeff Mandel** (WSH) pitched two scoreless innings Thursday and moved into the top 10 in ERA at 2.19 (3 ER/12.1 IP) ... fifth in WHIP (0.89) ... leads relievers with a 0.00 BB/9 IP (0 BB/12.1 IP) ... RHP **Robert Ray** (TOR) is third with 22 strikeouts and tied for third in innings (12.1).

TEAM: The Desert Dogs face a critical matchup against Mesa today in their hunt for a sixth straight AFL championship ... the league's best hitting (.296) and pitching (4.44) team ... league leader in runs (187) and second in home runs (31) ... hitting .412 (14-34) with 37 RBI with the bases loaded ... only team with fewer than 100 walks (77).

2009 Arizona Fall League Tidbits

- Eight Fall League alumni – first baseman Adrian Gonzalez (SD), second baseman Orlando Hudson (LAD), third baseman Ryan Zimmerman (WSH), shortstop Jimmy Rollins (PHI), outfielder Shane Victorino (PHI), outfielder Michael Bourn (HOU), outfielder Matt Kemp (LAD), and right-handed pitcher Adam Wainwright (STL) – were awarded 2009 National League Rawlings Golden Glove awards.
- Six Fall League alumni – catcher Joe Mauer (MIN), first baseman Mark Teixeira (NYY), third baseman Evan Longoria (TB), shortstop Derek Jeter (NYY), outfielder Adam Jones (BAL), and outfielder Torrii Hunter (LAA) – were awarded 2009 American League Rawlings Golden Glove awards.
- Long-time Minnesota Twins front-office executive and member of the Arizona Fall League oversight committee member, Terry Ryan, was honored as the 2009 recipient of the Roland Hemond Award in a pre-game ceremony prior to the start of the November 3 game at Scottsdale Stadium.
- The Arizona Fall League teamed with the Joe Niekro Foundation last week to raise \$11,088 for awareness of brain aneurysms. Every strikeout by pitchers of the seven teams (Atlanta Braves, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers, Houston Astros, Minnesota Twins, New York Yankees, and San Diego Padres) that Joe Niekro played for during his 22-year career was tallied and for 77 punch-outs, four committed sponsors contributed \$36 dollars to the Joe Niekro Foundation. The Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros also made donations to the foundation on behalf of their former player.
- The Arizona Fall League will have two games -- the Rising Stars Game on November 7 and the AFL Championship on November 21 – Televised nationally on the MLB Network and online at MLB.TV.
- Twitter and Facebook have infiltrated the Arizona Fall League; check out the latest informative tweets @MLBazFallLeague and the Arizona Fall League on Facebook.

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) PES RHP Chia-Jen Lo (HOU)
Week Three	PDD IF Jemile Weeks (OAK)	SCO LHP Donald Veal (PIT)
Week Four	SCO C Wilin Rosario (COL)	PDD RHP Stephen Strasburg (WSH)

Arizona Fall League Totals

Offensive

AVG: .281	H: 1543	RBI: 861	BB: 626	CS: 62
G: 156	TB: 2416	SAC: 10	IBB: 5	GIDP: 125
TPA: 6247	2B: 293	SF: 64	SO: 1213	SLG: .440
AB: 5486	3B: 62	HBP: 59	SB: 176	OBP: .357
R: 921	HR: 152			

Pitching

W: 77	GS: 156	IP: 1385.1	ER: 804	BB: 626
L: 77	CG: 0	H: 1543	HR: 152	IBB: 5
PCT: .500	SHO: 6	AB: 5486	SH: 10	SO: 1213
ERA: 5.22	GF: 156	TBF: 6247	SF: 64	WP: 99
G: 156	SV: 32	R: 921	HB: 59	BK: 11

Single-Game Highs

Offensive

Runs: 4 – Multiple
Hits: 5 – Laird (SUR/NYY)
2B: 2 – Multiple
3B: 2 – Multiple
HR: 2 – Multiple
RBI: 7 – Multiple
SB: 3 – Multiple

Pitching

IP: 5.0 – Multiple
Hits: 8 – Multiple
R: 8 – Multiple
ER: 8 – Hill (PEJ/SEA)
SO: 6 – Strasburg (PDD/WSH)
BB: 6 – Graham (PES/CLE)
HR: 3 – Strasburg (PDD/WSH)

1st Round Picks in the AFL

Thirty-seven former first-round draft picks will play in the 2009 Arizona Fall League. The 15 top 10 selections are listed below.

OF **Adam Loewen** (4th in 2002, Baltimore)
 LHP **Andrew Miller** (6th in 2006, Detroit)
 IF **Josh Vitters** (3rd in 2007, Chicago Cubs)
 C **Buster Posey** (5th in 2008, San Francisco)
 RHP **Aaron Crow** (9th in 2008, Washington)*
 RHP **Stephen Strasburg** (1st in 2009, Washington)
 LHP **Mike Minor** (7th in 2009, Atlanta)
 RHP **Drew Storen** (10th in 2009, Washington)

RHP **Mark Rogers** (5th in 2004, Milwaukee)
 IF **Mike Moustakas** (2nd in 2007, Kansas City)
 LHP **Danny Moskos** (4th in 2007, Pittsburgh)
 IF **Yonder Alonso** (7th in 2008, Cincinnati)
 C **Jason Castro** (10th in 2008, Houston)
 OF **Dustin Ackley** (2nd in 2009, Seattle)
 RHP **Mike Leake** (8th in 2009, Cincinnati)

* did not sign