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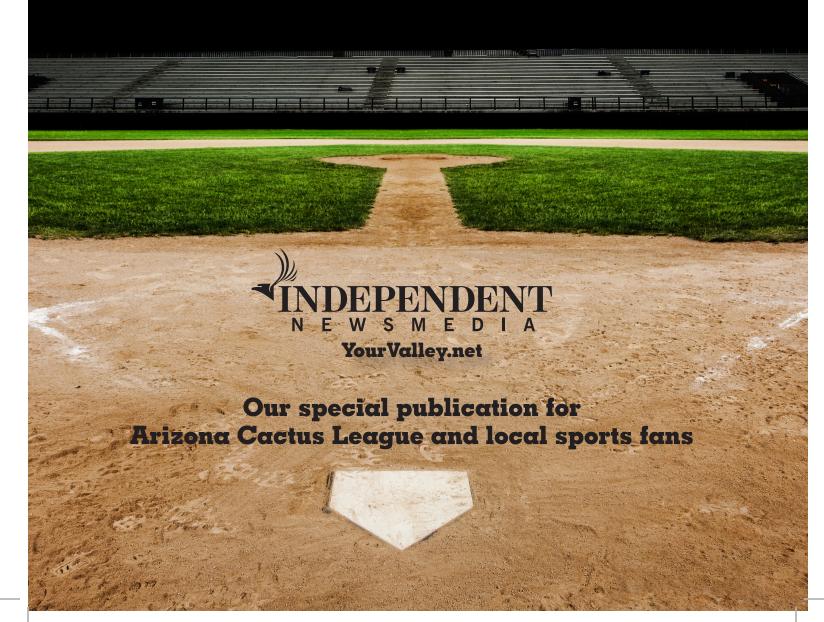
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A tribute to baseball

We hope you enjoy this year's special section featuring spring training across the Valley of the Sun. Please note, due to ever-changing schedules, we did not print a full listing of the spring training game schedule this year. Thank you for supporting us.

This guide can also be found on YourValley.net.



Humberto Castellanos, a pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks, gets ready to deliver the throw during an October 2021 game at Chase Field. Check out the Cactus League preview on page 6. [Associated Press]



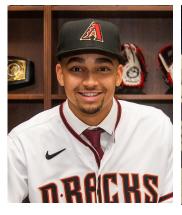
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Pandemic continues to cast shadows on spring training, add MLB lockout

Cactus League: Ballparks will be ready to open if, when needed

By Philip Haldiman

he global COVID-19 pandemic has left the state of professional athletics in a continued state of flux, but this year spring training is up in the air for a different reason — a possible Major League Baseball player lockout potentially delaying or canceling the season in Arizona.

Pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report to spring training the week of Feb. 14, with opening day still planned to kick off Feb. 26.

But with reports of little negotiation movement, the possibly of a delayed or canceled spring training increases, and remained unknown by the print deadline of this publication.

This possibility of lost revenue has brought concerns from West Valley officials and businesses.

Cactus League Executive Director Bridget Binsbacher said she is concerned about a possible work stoppage impacting spring training in 2022 but did not want to speculate on the outcome of the ongoing MLB negotiations.

"After two years of COVID-disrupted spring training, our stakeholders are counting on a strong 2022 Cactus League season. I believe it is vital to the recovery of Arizona's hard-hit tourism industry," she said. "I can tell you that we're hearing from fans across the country that they are looking forward to baseball in the Arizona sunshine."

Banking on a season

Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business in 2018 reported spring training generated a total impact of \$644 million, as well as about 6,400 jobs annually and \$31.9 million in state and local tax revenues.

But the past two years have come with

SPRING TRAINING

Arizona State University's W.P. Carey School of Business in 2018 reported spring training generates about 6,400 jobs annually and \$31.9 million in state and local tax revenues. But that all changed when the pandemic hit in 2020, causing fewer games, fewer fans and fewer out-of-state tourists visiting Arizona. With the ongoing pandemic and a possible delay or cancellation of spring training due to the Major League Baseball players lockout, much is left up in the air this year.



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In 2020, when the spring training season was cut short by the start of the pandemic, total economic impact generated was nearly cut in half to \$363 million. Overall attendance in 2020 was 949,113, with about 60% of the games played before the season was canceled on March 12.

In 2021, though a full spring training season was played, overall attendance was 446,905, as fan capacity was limited to 25% because of COVID-19 protocols.

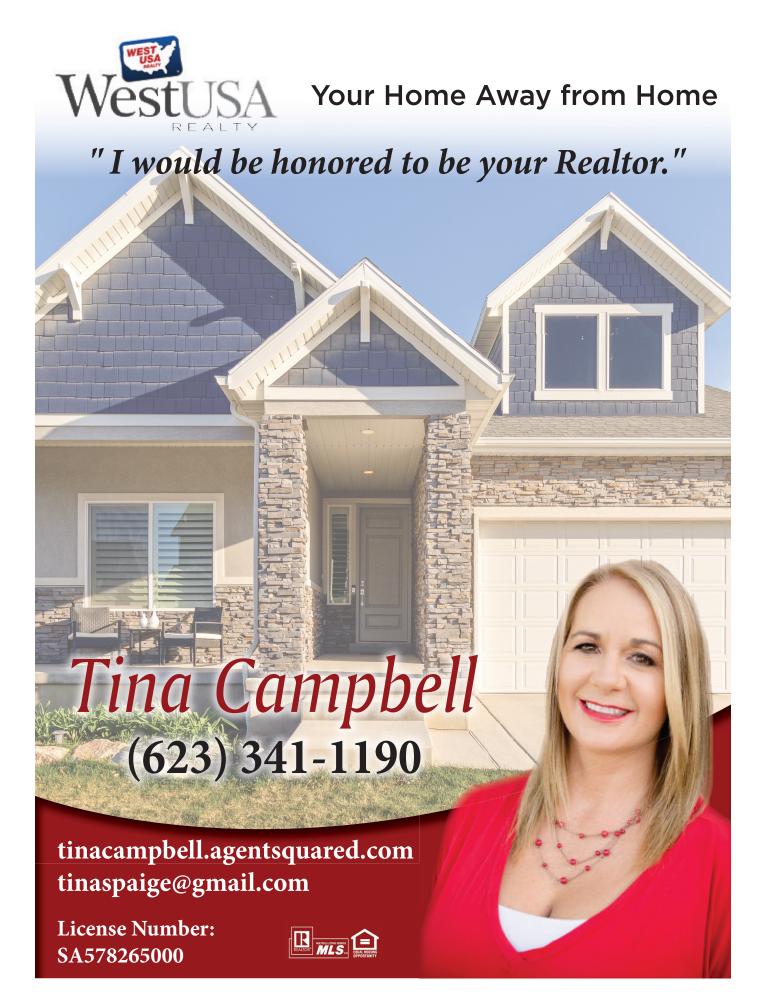
Because many people still weren't comfortable traveling, local fans made up a far

larger share of the crowd. Normally, about six of 10 fans at Cactus League games are from out of state, according to Binsbacher.

All said, Valley cities are preparing for spring training to open as planned.

"This much we know: our 10 ballparks will be ready to open when needed," Binsbacher said. "During the last two seasons, we've learned to be prepared for unforeseen challenges. That's why I'm confident that no matter what the circumstances, our eight host municipalities and the tribal community will be ready to work together to ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable

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spring training experience for all involved."

Waiting on a resolution

With no sign of negotiations in sight that might lead to an end of the MLB players lockout as of press time, local businesses directly tied to spring training continue to plan for opening day of Cactus League baseball as if they weren't juggling so many unknowns.

The Peoria Diamond Club's mission is to raise money to fund West Valley youth charities and organizations. The money is raised though the nonprofit's volunteer participation in spring training games at the Peoria Sports Complex, where it is paid according to how many games are played in the season.

The organization is reliant on income from activities volunteers provide at games, such as a 50/50 raffle, a speed pitch booth and auction table.

In 2020, the Diamond Club donated more than \$18,000 to 10 nonprofits, such as Special Olympics of Arizona, Arizona Burn Foundation and Desert Valley Elementary School. The organization's total giving for the 2018-19 season was \$115,789 to 45 children's charities.

Because of the pandemic the Diamond Club canceled its biggest yearly fundraiser in 2020 and 2021, a charity game that is typically the first game of the season.

General Manager Rosalind Shanley said cancellation of any spring training game hurts the Diamond Club financially.

The pandemic has caused the business to rely more on sponsorships and donations to run smoothly, as well as been challenging selling sponsorship packages, Shanley said.

There is still great need, so Shanley humbly asks the community step up and help PDC continue to help the kids.

"Although we have a great story and many sponsors step up because their hearts are in the right place, it is somewhat easier and satisfying to be able to supply them benefits, such as our charity game party and ticket packages at the spring training games. It is a nice selling point for us, and the last two years have proven to be a challenge in providing the benefits that we — and they — were accustomed to," she said. "We do digital marketing and have other benefits available in those packages, but a day at the game for them or their clients is a nice perk."

Spring training is the premier annual fundraising event for the Charros in Scottsdale. Funds raised through the sale of Charro Lodge passes at Scottsdale Stadium and magazine advertising are donated back to the community.

In 2018, the Scottsdale Charros awarded more than \$1 million to local nonprofits, Scottsdale Unified School District schools and programs for college scholarships.

Executive Director Dennis Robbins said Charros' revenue was cut by 40% in 2020 when the pandemic began. And in 2021, when stadium capacity was severely limited, revenue was down more than 50%.

"Last year we cut staff, programs, and events because of the pandemic. If spring training were canceled it would make it very difficult to raise the revenue we need to fund our charity and educational partners," Robbins said. "It is difficult to plan and sell tickets, sponsorships, and advertisements when we are in the midst of a lockout."

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Editor's note: Editor Mark Carlisle contributed to this report.



The Atlanta Braves are the 2021 World Series Champions. The team's spring training home is in Florida. [Associated Press]







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In this July 10, 2019, file photo, Ron Besaw, right, operates a laptop computer as home plate umpire Brian deBrauwere gets signals from radar with the ball and strike calls during the fourth inning of the Atlantic League All-Star minor league baseball game in York, Pennsylvania. MLB will experiment with robotic umpires at the Triple A level this season. [The Associated Press]

By Matt Loeschman

The eternal argument rages on between die-hard sports fans: leave human error as part of the game or use technology available to assure the call — some that can alter win/loss outcomes — is always correct?

For the past decade or so, America's major professional sports leagues have veered toward using all the tech they have to make sure games are called as fairly as possible.

Different leagues have implemented varying levels of technology into their respective games

Here's an overview of technology in major sporting leagues in the U.S.:

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball has used an instant replay system for nearly 15 years.

MLB first instituted replay review — to be used at the umpire's discretion — on disputed home run calls (fair or foul, in or out of the ballpark, fan interference) on Aug. 28, 2008.

Replay review was expanded starting in the 2014 season, giving managers one challenge to start the game and allowing them to challenge two times in total provided the first challenge resulted in an overturned call.

In addition, a wider range of calls were made subject to review. Replay review was modified again in 2015, permitting managers to retain their challenge after every overturned call. Now, managers have just 20 seconds to decide whether they want to challenge a play.

One of the toughest jobs for MLB umpires is calling balls and strikes consistently. Technology may eventually make that a moot point.

Robot umpires will be just one step from the major leagues this season as MLB is expanding its automated strike zone experiment to Triple-A, the highest minor league level.

MLB's website in late January posted a hiring notice seeking seasonal employees to operate the Automated Ball and Strike system for 11 Triple-A teams.

The independent Atlantic League became the first American professional league to let a computer call balls and strikes at its All-Star Game in July 2019 and experimented with ABS during the second half of that season. It also was used in the Arizona Fall League for top prospects in 2019, drawing complaints of its calls on breaking balls.

The Major League Baseball Umpires Association agreed in its labor contract that started in 2020 to cooperate and assist if MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred decides to use the system at the MLB level.

"It's hard to handicap if, when or how it might be employed at the major league level, because it is a pretty substantial difference from the way the game is called today," Chris Marinak, MLB's chief operations and strategy officer, said in March 2021.

MLB also said robot umpires will be used at some spring training ballparks in Florida in 2022.

FOOTBALL

The first major sport to implement instant replay in the U.S. was the National Football League.

Prior to the 1986 season, owners voted 23-4-1 — 21 votes were needed to pass — to adopt limited use of instant replay in the upcoming year.

The initial process lacked coach's challenges and technology familiar to today's fans. Most reviews were initiated upstairs by the replay official, except when game officials requested a review of their ruling after conferring on the field.

Over the years, there have been numerous tweaks and improvements to the system. Now, coaches are allowed two challenges per game — if they win both, they are given a third and final challenge. A failed challenge costs the team a timeout.

A team can only use a challenge if they have at least one timeout remaining. Replay reviews in the final 2 minutes of each half and overtime are initiated from the replay booth. All turnovers and scoring plays are automatically reviewed from the booth.

Replays are reviewed on-field through

large Microsoft Surface tablets.

From 1999 to 2020, there were 5,608 NFL games played. A total of 7,475 plays were reviewed and 2,940 (39%) plays were reversed. The average delay was 2 minutes, 38 seconds, according to NFL.com.

BASKETBALL

Since 2019-20. National Basketball Association head coaches have the option to challenge a referee's call during the course of a game.

Each team is entitled to one challenge throughout the entire game. A team may use a challenge to trigger instant replay review of only the following three events — a called personal foul charged to its own team, a called out-of-bounds violation, or a called goal-tending or basket interference violation.

Every NBA game is broadcast on television with several cameras, allowing officials on the court and at replay headquarters in Secaucus, New Jersey, to get multiple angles of the play in auestion.

The Women's National Basketball Association does not employ the coach's challenge, but does use video review in several different situations.

HOCKEY

The National Hockey League allows coaches to have unlimited challenges. If a challenge is unsuccessful, their team receives a 2-minute minor penalty the first time and a 4-minute double minor penalty each subsequent time. In the past, a failed challenge only cost a head coach his timeout.

In today's NHL, coaches usually only challenge if they are 100% sure a referee missed a call. When a play is challenged, it is reviewed by a group of officials in Toronto and their decision is then relaved back to onice officials.

The coaches challenge which can be used to challenge goaltender interference, offside and many other situations, was first introduced during the 2015-16 season. Now, most if not all NHL arenas have cameras stationed on each blue line to more easily determine whether a player was offside.

SOCCER

Every Major League Soccer match uses VAR, or video assistant referee. This is a qualified official who watches the game on screens that show every available broadcast feed camera angle, in order to provide assistance and advice to the referee on the field.

The VAR communicates with the on-field referee whenever a play may merit review, but may only be used for "clear and obvious errors" in four match-changing situations: goals, penalty decisions, direct red-card incidents and cases of mistaken identity.

VAR is used for incidents in the four match-changing situations often in the background without fans noticing. When appropriate, the referee will be advised to watch the incident on a screen by the side of the field.

VAR cannot overrule the final decision of the referee on the field — it is only used for advice. In the 2019 season. MLS referees reviewed 41 of 1.257 goals scored in league play, with 27 of those goals eventually being ruled out.

In the United States' second-tier pro league, United Soccer League Championship, VAR has not been implemented despite many fan requests to use the system. Phoenix Rising FC is part of USL Championship, which broadcasts all its matches on television and seemingly would have the capability to add VAR.

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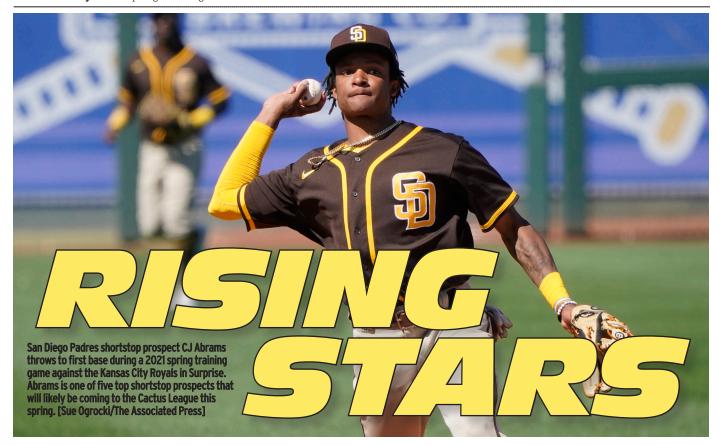


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Shortstops shine among top Cactus League prospects in 2022

By Mark Carlisle

efore many of today's household names were slugging homers and striking out batters at big league ballparks, they were first introduced to major league play in spring training stadiums in the Cactus League.

Each year, spring training in Arizona gives a chance to get an early look at many of the top prospects in majors. This spring could feature five of the top six shortstop prospects in baseball.

MLB Pipeline maintains a list of the Top 100 Prospects in baseball, most recently updated midway through the 2021 season.

Fifty-one of that list are in the minors of Cactus League teams, but because of the MLB lockout, it has not been announced as of deadline which of these prospects will be headed to the Valley this spring.

Players who have been invited to spring training in the past are likely to be invited again. For many younger players, teams want to give them some time in the minors before putting them against big league players, even if it is just for an exhibition game.

Some of the best talent is concentrated in the northwest Valley. In Peoria, the Mariners and Padres are two top-ranked Cactus League farm systems (second and fourth overall) and account for three of the top five prospects in the Cactus League. In Surprise, the Royals also have a top-five prospect and are ranked as the seventh-best MLB farm system. Over at Salt River Fields in Scottsdale, the hometown Diamondbacks are ranked as baseball's ninth-best farm system.

Top Cactus League prospects:

Julio Rodriguez. OF. second-ranked. Seattle Mariners

Bobby Witt. SS. third-ranked. Kansas City Royals

Marco Luciano. SS. fifth-ranked. San Francisco Giants

CJ Abrams. SS. sixth-ranked. San Diego Padres

Noelvi Marte. SS. 11th-ranked. Seattle Mariners

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(Player. Position. Ranking in MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects)

Julio Rodriguez, OF, Second

Rodriguez, from the Dominican Republic,



is the top-ranked prospect on display in the Cactus League. (The top overall prospect, catcher Adley Rutschman, is in the Orioles' system and will play spring training Florida).

Rodriguez' outfield pros-

pect counterpart Jarred Kelenic, who is a year older than Rodriguez, broke into the majors with Seattle last year. If Rodriguez, 21, follows the same timetable, he will join the Mariners at some point this season. That seems all the more likely seeing that he thrived in the minors last season.

Since Rodriguez has been invited to spring training the last three years, it seems all but certain that he'll make the trip again. The 6-foot-3 outfielder also





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Noelvi Marte, SS, 11th

Marte, 20, was not on MLB Pipeline's



preseason list in 2021, but jumped all the way to 11th overall by midseason. It helped that the 6-foot-1 shortstop flashed both power (17 homers) and speed (24 stolen bases) in A- and High-A ball last year.

Marte is younger, has not risen as high through the minor league ranks as Rodriguez and has never been invited to spring training before, so it's more of an uncertainty if he will arrive in Peoria.

The Dominican is in a crowded field among shortstop prospects. Despite being the 11th-ranked overall prospect, there are four shortstops ahead of Marte in the rankings.

George Kirby, RHP, 33rd

Kirby rose higher up the ranks than any



other prospect in the Cactus League, jumping from 92nd to 33rd overall. He is the seventh-ranked right-handed pitcher.

The 24-year-old was the Mariners first-round draft pick in 2019 after pitch-

ing at Elon University in North Carolina. The New York native struck out 10.6 batters per nine innings and had a 3.06 ERA in 15 starts across High-A and Double-A ball last year.

MLB Pipeline ranks Kirby as having the best control among any minor league prospect. His walk rate did worsen last year compared with two stellar seasons prior. He walked just six batters in 88 1/3 innings during his final year at Elon and walked no one in 23 innings during his first pro season in 2019. After the minors were canceled in 2020, Kirby returned to walk 15 batters last year. His walks-per-nine-innings rate rose from a combined 0.5 in 2019 to a still solid 2.0 in 2021.

Emerson Hancock, RHP, 34th Harry Ford, C, 98th

San Diego Padres CJ Abrams, SS, 6th

Abrams played a ton in spring training



for a prospect last year, an indication that the Padres may be ready to bring the 2019 sixth-overall pick to the majors as soon as this year.

The 21-year-old Georgia native played in 25 spring

training games in 2021, though he hit only .240 and struck out 13 times in 50 at-bats.

The third-ranked shortstop prospect did much better afterward back in Double-A, hitting .296 and swiping 13 bases. Abrams doesn't have much power, with only five homers in 76 total minor league games in his pro career.

Abrams exhibits the MLB Pipeline speed ranking among minor league prospects, earning the highest possible grade.

Followers of the Friars will know it's a crowded infield at the major league level that Abrams is trying to break into. The weak spot appeared to be Jake Cronenworth at second base, but he had a breakout season last year and became an All-Star. The big names and hefty contracts of Fernando Tatis Jr., Manny Machado and Eric Hosmer, all at least one-time All-Stars themselves, aren't likely to budge either.

The possibility of the National League designated hitter would open up another spot in the lineup for Abrams.

Luis Campusano, C, 37th

Campusano appeared in one major



league game in 2020, and it was a dream, as he hit a home run. He started the season in the majors in 2021, and it was a nightmare. Across 11 games he hit .088 and was sent back to the minors.

After hitting .295 with 15 homers in Triple A, the game's seventh-ranked catching prospect may be ready for another crack at the majors.

Campusano is a Georgia native and was the Padres second-round pick in 2017. The 23-year-old has been to spring training the last two years.

Robert Hassell, OF, 43rd

Hassell was drafted eighth overall out of



high school by the Padres in 2020. After not having a minor league season in 2020, the left-hander's first pro experience was a dismal spring training in 2021 in Peoria — he hit just .130 and struck out

16 times in 23 at-bats.

The 20-year-old Tennessee native did much better in the minors, hitting .303 with 11 home runs and 34 stolen bases.

MacKenzie Gore, LHP, 56th

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Texas Rangers Jack Leiter, RHP, 12th

Leiter was the second overall pick in



last year's draft and is the highest ranked draft prospect among Cactus League teams. He is the son of Al Leiter, who pitched 19 sea-

Right off the bat, Leiter is the second-ranked

sons in the majors.

right-handed pitching prospect in baseball. The high expectations were earned from two seasons at Vanderbilt where he had a combined 2.08 ERA and struck out 14.4 batters per nine innings.

Josh Jung, 3B, 48th

Jung is the second-ranked third baseman



prospect and top among Cactus League teams. He will be 24 by the start of the season and is poised to break into a major league team that has made a splash in the free agent market this offseason but

still has a need at third base.

Jung was drafted eighth overall by the Rangers in 2019 after being one of the best hitters in Texas Tech history. His stellar college numbers (.348 average, 1.032 OPS) have extended into the pros. After being promoted to Triple-A midway through last year, Jung hit .348 and had an OPS

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of 1.088 in 35 games.

The San Antonio, Texas, native has been to the last two spring trainings, hitting a combined .267 across 15 at-bats. He's still looking for his first extra base hit in the Cactus League.

Cole Winn, RHP, 60th

Winn was picked 15th overall by the



Rangers in 2018. He had a nightmare spring training experience in 2021. In his lone appearance he walked a batter, allowed two singles, a double and a home run while recording only one out. The limited sam-

ple size led to an ERA of 108.

That outing was not representative of his skills, as he went on to shut down Double-A batters in 2021, posting a 2.31 ERA, 11.2 strikeouts per nine innings and a stellar 0.82 WHIP. He ended the season with two Triple-A starts where he struggled in the first but had a scoreless five-inning performance in the second.

The 22-year-old out of Orange Lutheran High School in California seems poised to break into the majors soon.

Justin Foscue, 2B, 83rd Sam Huff, C/1B, 91st

Kansas City Royals Bobby Witt, SS, 3rd

Witt was the picked second overall by

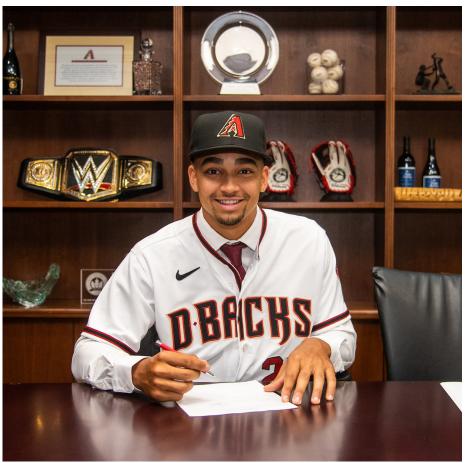


the Royals in 2019. The 21-year-old Texas native seems on the brink of his MLB debut after splitting 2021 between Double- and Triple-A where he hit .290 and flashed an incredible combination of power and

speed, slugging 33 homers and swiping 29 bases.

Witt will almost certainly be back for his third straight spring training, and some expect him to break camp in the Royals starting lineup. While Witt is the top-ranked shortstop in a competitive field of shortstops, he can also play third and may start his big league career at that position.

The prospect's combo of power and speed is reminiscent of a similarly named Royals infielder, Whit Merrifield.



Jordan Lawlar, drafted sixth overall by the Diamondbacks in 2021, signs a contract with the team on July 31, 2021. The 19-year-old is the D-backs top prospect, the sixth-ranked shortstop in a talented field and the 13th overall ranked prospect by MLB Pipeline. [Submitted photo]

Witt is the son of Bobby Witt Sr., who ended a 16-year pitching career earning a World Series ring with the 2001 Diamondbacks.

Nick Pratto, 1B, 65th

The 23-year-old Pratto is likely nearly ful-



ly cooked as a prospect after attending each of the last four spring trainings. He is the game's thirdranked first baseman prospect and the top among Cactus League teams.

He split 2021 between

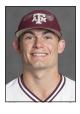
Double- and Triple-A and had no trouble in the minors' top level, earning a 1.001 OPS and hitting 21 homers in 63 games in Triple-A.

Pratto has yet to dawn the Royals uniform in a major league ballpark but has done just fine wearing it in Surprise. Last year, he played 22 spring training games and hit .345 with four home runs.

Like Witt, Pratto comes from Orange County, California. He was picked 14th overall by the Royals out of Huntington Beach High School in 2017.

Asa Lacy, LHP, 66th

Lacy dropped down the pitching pros-



pect rankings after a poor pro premiere in 2021. The fourth-overall pick in the 2020 draft amassed a 5.19 ERA in High-A ball, dropping him from third to fifth in the left-handed pitcher rankings.

Lacy's silver lining was a stellar 13.7 strikeouts per nine innings, but he also allowed a dismal 7.1 walks per nine innings. He at least ended the minor league season on a high note, pitching in the Arizona Fall League to earn a 2.345 ERA across 7 2/3 innings for the Surprise Saguaros.

This year the 22-year-old Texas native

Celebrating the Surprise Sundancers: Volunteers with Heart

By Orlando Cruz, Your Licensed Insurance Agent

It seems such a long time ago that I was attending and participating in the spring Cactus League activities. As a licensed insurance agent, I was going to the games to help Medicare beneficiaries and those who were soon-to-be Medicare eligible.

I would arrive at my table at the concourse section of the stadium and begin meeting and greeting on behalf of the Medicare healthcare carriers I work with. Around the tenth game of the season in 2020, we got the news that we were done. Like so many other businesses and sports, COVID-19 shut us down. The rest of 2020 and 2021 drug on and passed us by and now here we are in 2022, still battling this virus.

While my team of licensed insurance agents will be participating in many of the games, I as a resident of Surprise would like you to help me recognize an incredibly special group of volunteers with a real heart for community work which assists the city in running these events; the Surprise Sundancers.

According to the City of Surprise, these volunteers put in the tremendous amount of the work that it takes to run a baseball stadium and host, on average, more than 6,000 paying customers per game for 30 days in a row. While the City of Surprise has a number of employees to assist with this elaborate operation, they cannot host this major event or many others without the Surprise Sundancers.

The Surprise Sundancers is a nonprofit organization composed of more than 750 volunteers that help at each and every game. There are hundreds of them supporting sports fans with everything from directing traffic and parking to taking tickets at the gate entrance and helping folks find their seats. They are easy to spot as each volunteer sports a yellow polo or jacket.

Not only do the Surprise Sundancers help with the baseball season, but they assist the city with every other event the City of Surprise hosts as well. These other events include the Veterans Day Parade and Easter events, for example. What's even more impressive is that this group of volunteers gives out more than \$100,000 in scholarships annually.

The vast majority of members in the Surprise Sundancers are seniors. I am amazed that despite the challenges we have faced over the past two years they continue to stand up and volunteer. As a resident of Surprise and a person working with our senior market, I want to recognize their contributions to our community and simply say thank you.

When you attend a baseball game this season and you see a yellow jacket, please thank them and stop by the group's 50/50 table to buy a ticket. They are always there to lend a helping hand in Surprise and gather funds for those scholarships so every little bit each of us can





give counts. For information on the Surprise Sundancers, visit surprisesundancers.org.

If you or someone you love should ever need Medicare guidance, please do not hesitate to call me, your licensed insurance agent Orlando Cruz, at (623) 826-2580. You can also see our list of Medicare seminars and schedule of free events at agentcruz.com/eventscal. Enjoy your spring baseball season this year! I hope to see you at the stadium. By calling the above number you will be directed to a licensed insurance agent.

will try to recapture the college success he had at Texas A&M, where he had a 2.07 ERA in three seasons.

Lacy has never been to spring training.

MJ Melendez, C, 67th

CAMELBACK RANCH-GLENDALE Los Angeles Dodgers Diego Cartaya, C, 28th

The Dodgers spent years waiting for



catching prospect Keibert Ruiz to pan out before eventually shipping him to the Nationals in the midseason trade that brought Max Scherzer to LA. Now, another Venezuelan catcher tops their list

of prospects.

The 20-year-old Cartaya had a good 2021, hitting .298 with a 1.023 OPS in Single-A. He's among the highest newcomers on the MLB Pipeline Top 100 list, earning the 28th spot. He's fifth among catchers.

Cartaya has never been to spring training.

Ryan Pepiot, RHP, 61st

Pepiot's solid Double-A season in 2021



was spoiled after he was called up to Triple-A. A 2.87 Double-A ERA was overshadowed by a mark of 7.13 in Triple-A.

Though the 24-year-old is on the older side for prospects, the poor Tri-

ple-A showing will mean he'll likely spend at least the first few months of 2021 in the minors before the Dodgers are ready to test him in the big leagues.

The Indianapolis native was drafted by the Dodgers in the third round of the 2019 draft out of Butler University. He has never played in spring training before.

Pepiot's always struggled to keep his ERA down consistently but boasts a tie with Royals prospect Jackson Kowar for the top-ranked change-up by MLB Pipeline.

Michael Busch, 2B, 75th

Busch is the fourth-ranked second baseman prospect but can also play first base and played some left field in college. When the time comes, he'll fit right in among a



Dodger team that values versatility among position players.

The 24-year-old Minnesota native was picked 31st overall by the Dodgers in 2019 out of the University of North Carolina

at Chapel Hill.

In Double-A last year, Busch continued his knack for the long ball with 20 homers but poor average, only hitting .267. It was a similar trend when he appeared in 13 spring training games last year. He hit only .154 (2 for 13) but managed a homer and a double.

Bobby Miller, RHP, 78th Andy Pages, OF, 100th

Chicago White Sox Colson Montgomery, SS

The White Sox have long been among



the top-ranked farm systems in baseball and have had many faces toward the top of MLB Pipeline's Top 100 in recent years, but most of that talent has graduated to the majors. It led to the team winning its

division for the first time in over a decade last year, but the minors have dried up.

The White Sox are the only team Cactus League team without a single player among MLB Pipeline's Top 100 prospects.

Montgomery was the 21st overall pick in the 2021 draft. He got his feet wet in the pros in the Valley with a .287 average in 26 games in the Arizona Complex League.

Yoelqui Cespedes, OF Jake Burger, 3B

GOODYEAR BALLPARK Cleveland Guardians Tyler Freeman, INF, 59th

Cleveland will debut a new name and lo-



gos in Goodyear this spring and also will exhibit some of their players of the future.

Freeman mainly plays shortstop but also plays some second and third. The Rancho Cucamonga, California, native was Cleveland's second-round pick in 2017.

Freeman is tied for MLB Pipeline's top hitting grade. In Double-A last year he had a remarkable .323 batting average but has yet to pair it with any power or speed. Great contact hitting may be all that's required for success in the middle infield, two positions that are often desperate for decent hitters.

Freeman has been to spring training each of the past three seasons, amassing a .356 average. Though he's yet to crack Triple-A, appearing in 22 spring games last year may be a sign the Guardians are nearing bringing Freeman up to the majors soon.

Nolan Jones, 3B/OF, 68th

Jones shows all the signs of a player



ready to be called up. The 23-year-old played in the Arizona Fall League to end 2019 — often a spot reserved for players close to making their major league debut. After the canceled 2020 minor league season,

he spent all of 2021 in Triple-A, and he's been invited to spring training for four straight years.

However, his performance at the plate has not been great and declined after promotion to Triple-A last season, when he hit .238 and had an OPS below .800. Jones mainly plays third base but can also play first base and right field, all typically positions awash with big bats to compete for spots in the lineup.

The Pennsylvania native is still ranked as the fourth-best third base prospect in baseball but will have to impress in Goodyear — something he's not done in his prior four spring trainings — to find a spot on the major league roster. If not, he'll have to prove he can exceed in the minors before getting his shot in the Big Show.

Jones was originally a hockey standout, but concussion issues led to him to focus on baseball. He was drafted out of high school by Cleveland in the second round of the 2016 draft.



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Gabriel Arias, INF, 82nd

Arias wraps up a talented crop of infield



prospects for the Guardians. He mainly plays shortstop but has also played second and third.

The Venezuelan native. who will be 22 by the start of the year, may pass Jones in the development stag-

es. Arias has also been to each of the last four spring trainings — the first three in Peoria with the Padres before he was traded to Cleveland in 2020 — and also spent all of last year in Triple-A. Arias posted a .284 average and an OPS just above .800 — not earth-shattering numbers but better than Jones and the bar will be lower for Arias since he plays middle infield.

Arias earned MLB Pipeline's top arm grade among prospects, meaning he'll likely end up on the left side of the infield, most likely staying at shortstop.

Daniel Espino, RHP, 92nd

Cincinnati Reds Hunter Greene, RHP, 26th

Greene was the second overall pick in the



2017 draft. The 22-year-old Los Angeles native excelled in Double-A last year, with a 1.98 ERA, but struggled after being promoted to Triple-A, where his ERA was 4.13.

Greene, the fourthranked right-handed pitching prospect, was one of three prospects whose fastball earned a perfect grade from MLB Pipeline. He consistently throws it 98-102 mph and compliments it with a good slider. He's also working on developing a change-up and has recently added a low 90s cutter.

In his only spring training appearance last year, Greene gave up three earned runs in one inning.

Nick Lodolo, LHP, 31st

Lodolo, also a Los Angeles-area native,



likely will be a rotation mate with Greene someday soon in Cincinnati.

Lodolo was drafted seventh overall by the Reds out of TCU in 2019. He is the second-ranked left-handed pitching prospect in baseball.

The Southpaw's 2021 was similar to Greene's — posting a 1.84 ERA in Double-A only to notch a 5.40 mark in Triple-A. However, Lodolo's poor Triple-A performance was across just three starts.

In two spring training seasons, Lodolo has put up a 14.14 ERA. While most ERA's that large are in an outing or two, Lodolo has six spring training outings totaling seven innings under his belt. Still a small sample, of course, but only one out of six outings in spring training was Lodolo able to put up a scoreless frame.

Matt McLain, SS, 90th

McLain, from Orange, California, contin-



ues the pipeline of Southern California prospects to Cincinnati.

The 22-year-old was originally drafted by the Diamondbacks out of high school as the 25th overall pick in 2018 but chose to go to UCLA. The Reds then

drafted him 17th overall in 2021.

McLain quickly elevated out of Rookie-ball in the Arizona Complex League and was promoted to High-A ball last year. Though he mainly plays shortstop, Mc-Lain has also played center field and second and third base.

AMERICAN FAMILY FIELDS OF PHOENIX

Milwaukee Brewers **Garrett Mitchell. OF. 51st**

Mitchell was teammates at UCLA with



Reds prospect Matt Mc-Lain and is from the same hometown of Orange, California. The Brewers drafted the 23-year-old 20th overall in 2020.

The left-handed hitting outfielder hit above .350

in his final year in college and his first partial season in High-A ball, but that average dropped to .186 in 35 games in Double-A after he was promoted midway through 2021.

Last year was Mitchell's first spring training, but he played in nearly every game and hit .367.

Sal Frelick, OF, 88th

Similar to Mitchell, reality quickly caught



up to Frelick as he skyrocketed through the minor league levels last year.

Frelick, 21, was the 15th-overall pick in last year's draft out of Boston College. He ended college with a .359 average in his

final season and started the pros with a sky-high average of .442 in 20 games split between Rookie and Single-A ball.

However, the left-handed batting Boston native slumped after being promoted to High-A, hitting .167 in his final 15 games in the minors last year.

Brice Turang, SS/2B

Since being drafted 21st overall in 2018,



Turang has risen though the minor league ranks up to Triple-A for the latter end of last season but hasn't particularly excelled at any level. The 22-yearold has never slugged above .385 and his OPS

has never reached .800.

The middle infielder does add some speed — 50 steals across the last two seasons — but he'll likely need to improve his bat before Milwaukee can be excited about calling him up.

The Southern California native has played in each of the past three spring trainings but hit .189 and posted an OPS of just .486 across 53 at-bats.

EAST VALLEY

SALT RIVER FIELDS AT TALKING STICK Diamondbacks

Jordan Lawlar, SS, 13th

Lawlar was drafted sixth overall by the



D-backs in 2021 and will likely need a few years in the minors before he's ready to put on a show at Chase Field. Still, MLB Pipeline ranks him as the prospect with the 13th most potential and third among

players from last year's draft.

The 6-foot-2 19-year-old is the sixthranked shortstop in a crowded field.

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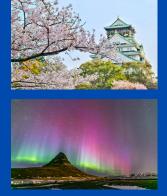
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It's not unheard of for a 19-year-old to get an invite to spring training, but Lawlar is still recovering from a shoulder injury he sustained shortly after joining the D-backs' rookie-level Arizona Complex League team last August. The timetable for his return looked to have him back close to the start of the season, but the team will likely be careful not to rush him back.

Lawlar had just six plate appearances in rookie ball at Salt River Fields in 2021, but still managed to impress in that small sample, hitting a single and double and stealing a base.

In his senior year at Dallas Jesuit College Prep in the spring of 2021, Lawlar hit .425 with four home runs and flashed the speed with 27 stolen bases in just 28 games. He was named the Texas Gatorade Player of the Year. The Dallas-are native had committed to play college ball for Vanderbilt before he was drafted by the D-backs.

Corbin Carroll, OF, 20th, 5th outfielder Carroll also suffered a season-ending



shoulder injury early in the minor league season last year. He'd gotten off to a meteoric start prior to that, hitting .435 with a 1.465 OPS.

The D-backs' 2019 first-round pick (16th overall)

has been invited to spring training each of the past two years but has only one atbat per year to show for it, striking out each time.

Carroll, the fifth-ranked outfield prospect in baseball, is part of a crowded outfield crop. Pavin Smith, who plays first base and outfield, became a regular in the major last year. Though Seth Beer mainly plays first, he could bring more competition for outfield spots if he bumps Smith to the outfield. Beer also projects to play in the majors in 2022 after five games in the bigs last year. The possibility of the National League adding a designated hitter would help each fit into the lineup.

Still in the minors alongside Carroll are outfielders Alek Thomas and Kristian Robinson, though Robinson, a native of the Bahamas, has sat out since he was arrested in spring 2020 for allegedly assaulting an Arizona Department of Public Safety officer.

The 21-year-old Carroll is the fastest of the D-backs outfield prospects and while Robinson and Thomas have both mainly played center field in the minors, Carroll is likely to beat them out for the spot and be a terrific defensive center fielder.

Alek Thomas, OF, 40th, 10th outfielder Thomas had committed to play both



baseball and football at TCU before he was drafted by the Diamondbacks in the second round of the 2018 draft. The Chicago native is ranked as baseball's 10th best outfield prospect.

Though Thomas is ranked behind Carroll, he may jump into the majors first because Carroll's injury last season slowed him down, especially after all minor leaguers lost a season when the minors shut down in 2020.

Thomas was promoted to Triple A midway through 2021 and thrived, hitting .369 with 11 doubles, four triples and eight homers in 34 games.

The Diamondbacks have brought the 21-year-old to each of the past three spring trainings, though he hasn't played much. He's gone 2 for 8 with a home run.

Scouts expect he will play either center or left, both a fit for his above-average speed and below-average arm power.

Seth Beer, 1B/OF, 4th first baseman Beer is the fourth-ranked first baseman



prospect and has played in spring training in each of the past three years.

The 25-year-old is not likely to be considered a prospect for much longer, as he played five games in the major at the end of last

season and is expected to be a regular in the D-backs lineup this season.

Beer made quite the splash with his cup of coffee in the majors, going 4 for 9 with a double and a home run.

The Illinois native was undrafted out of high school but was so impressive at Clemson, including winning Baseball America's Freshman of the Year honors in 2016, he boosted his draft status to a first-round pick out of college in 2018. Beer was drafted by the Astros but was one of four mi-

nor leaguers sent to Arizona in the Zack Greinke trade.

A.J. Vukovich. 3B. 10th ranked third baseman

Blake Walston. LHP Ryne Nelson. RHP

Colorado Rockies Zac Veen. OF. 50th

Veen was the ninth-overall pick out of



high school in 2020. The Florida native skipped Rookie ball and went straight to Single-A where he proved capable in every offensive aspect, hitting for good average (.301), decent power (15 homers)

and great speed (36 steals).

Scouts think the 6-foot-4, left-handed hitting Veen may have the speed to play center in the pros, but the Rockies have yet to put him there. He's mainly played rightfield and some left.

Benny Montgomery, OF, 93rd Ryan Rolison, LHP, 95th

SCOTTSDALE STADIUM San Francisco Giants Marco Luciano, SS, 5th

Luciano is the third-best prospect in the



Cactus League and the second-best shortstop prospect in baseball.

Scouts think the 20-yearold Dominican Republic native will likely need one more year in the minors before he debuts. He's

only reached High-A ball, but he started last season playing in nearly every game in spring training and ended it back in the Valley for the Arizona Fall League — spots often reserved for players knocking on the door of the majors.

Luciano's most impressive aspect is his pop at the plate, slugging a combined .500 in two minor league seasons, and he has a knack for drawing walks when teams pitch around him.

In the majors, shortstop is occupied by four-time Gold Glover and 2021 MVP candidate Brandon Crawford. Scouts say Lu-

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Stadium Snapshots

American Family Fields of Phoenix

Home: Milwaukee Brewers

Address: 3805 N. 53rd Ave., Phoenix

Opened: 1998 with extensive renovations in 2019

Tickets: 1-800-933-7890

Features: Recessed playing field and shaded

concourse with 7,000 seats

Most Unique Concessions Item: Following the renovations, larger concession spaces are father off the concourse, allowing for better crowd flow. They also have one feature not found in the former Maryvale Baseball Park: concession workers can actually cook there instead of distributing food prepped in a commissary. Condiment stations now feature Secret Stadium Sauce, imported from Miller Park.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: A family favorite, the lawn seating is intimate, sunny and offers a great view of the game and place to spread out and relax.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature:

Extensive renovations paid for by the Brewers and the city of Phoenix were finished in 2019. Upgrades included a new entry plaza will behind home plate that feature the primary ticket office and gates. The east side of the plaza area includes the lobby entrance to the new clubhouse building. In addition, an entry to the new retail store from outside of the home plate gate allows fans access to the store during non-game times.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: In the middle of the sixth inning, the renowned Klement's Sausage Race takes place. The five racing sausages run from the right field corner to home plate in a battle for sausage supremacy.

What's in a name: For years, the stadium was known as Maryvale Baseball Park. In November 2017, the Phoenix City Council voted in favor of a plan to renovate the park. The plan keeps the Brewers at the American Family Fields of Phoenix through at least the year 2042.

Camelback Ranch

Home: Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox

Address: 10710 W. Camelback Road, Glendale

Opened: 2009

Tickets: 623-302-5000, ext. 2.

Features: More than 118,000 square feet of major and minor league clubhouse space, 13 full baseball fields and three half-fields with a capacity of 13,000 (10,000 permanent seats, space for 3,000 on the lawn).

Most Unique Concessions Item: If you're feeling hungry, step up to the plate and try an 18-inch slice of pizza at Double Play Deli and Pizza on the concourse behind home plate.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: The entire Sonoran Desert-inspired complex of Camelback Ranch covers 141 acres and includes seating room for 3,000 on the lawn, plus 12 luxury suites and a party deck

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: A 5-acre lake system with a river that serves the dual purpose of irrigation for the fields and

beautiful landscaping. The lake is stocked with fish and supports numerous species of water fowl, including cranes and geese.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: Kids can run the bases post-game on Bowlero Family Sundays, and seniors age 55 and up can stroll the bases post-game on Senior Stroll every Thursday, presented by Prevagen! Discounted tickets are available for active and retired military (with valid ID), and seniors for Sunday-Wednesday games, based on availability. Discounted tickets are only available on day of game at the box office.

What's new(-ish): Opened before spring training in 2020, the Ballpark Boulevard extension gives fans another option to slide right into and out of Camelback Ranch. The boulevard has been extended to meet 99th Avenue, stretching from Camelback Road on the south to Maryland Avenue on the north. Ballpark Boulevard previously dead-ended just beyond Camelback Ranch. Visitors now more directly access Glendale's Sports and Entertainment District — including Westgate, Tanger Outlets, Gila River Arena (Arizona Coyotes) and State Farm Stadium (Arizona Cardinals).



Goodyear Ballpark

Home: Cleveland Indians and Cincinnati Reds **Address**: 1933 S. Ballpark Way, Goodyear

Opened: 2009 **Tickets**: 623-882-3430

Features: 8,000 stadium seats, 1,500 lawn seats, six luxury suites, terrace seating on the third level behind home plate and 300 seats in the Right Field Pavilion.

Most Unique Concessions Item: Fans of these Ohio-based teams can get a taste of home with a Cleveland Polish boy at the 1901 Charter Grille of wolf down a Cincinnati Skyline Coney at the Queen City Grill

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: The free Kids Zone, which includes baseball-themed inflatable activities, a kid-sized Wiffle ball field and tons of grass to run and play on.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: The statue of "The Ziz" in the Home Plate Plaza. The fiberglass sculpture stands 60 feet 6 inches, which represents the distance between home plate and the pitcher's mound.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: Kids can run the bases after the game every Sunday

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: The name for the concession stand behind the center field wall — Hangar 46 — ties in the ballpark's airport backdrop as well as the year the city was incorporated.

Hohokam Stadium

Home: Oakland A's

Address: 1235 N. Center St., Mesa

Opened: Stadium rebuilt in 1997, Oakland became the stadium's tenant in 2015 after further refurbishments

Tickets: 1-877-493-2255

Features: Seated capacity of 10,000. Shaded terrace level. Lighted stadium. The Right Field Lounge is a reserved, covered patio behind Section 119 just past first base for guests to enjoy a catered meal and watch the game.

Most Unique Concessions Item: Ike's Love & Sandwiches, a true taste of the East Bay.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: Get a glimpse of the batter's eye. Hohokam takes you inside the cage with a live HD view during batting practice.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: Shade. Over half of the seating bowl is shaded for the entirety of the game. There are also covered patios for picnics where fans can still catch every pitch of the game.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: A speed-pitch daily competition presented by Baseballism. Compete in a number of age categories to show off your arm at the game. Winners will be announced and shown on the scoreboard and will receive Baseballism custom swag only available to those who have the best arm.

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: The A's opened the original Hohokam in 1977 and played there for only two springs. Almost 40 years later, the A's returned to Mesa to open the current rendition of Hohokam Stadium — two years after the Chicago Cubs played their final game at the site.



Peoria Sports Complex

Home: San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners Address: 16101 N. 83rd Ave., Peoria Opened: 1994, recent renovations of teams' clubhouses and other continuing upgrades to stadium were finished in 2017.

Tickets: 1-800-677-1227

Features: Capacity of 11,333, main lighted stadium, two clubhouses and 12 full-size practice fields.

Most Unique Concessions Item: The foot-long "Ruthian" hot dog is reserved for those with a bambino-sized appetite.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: Several craft beer brands and flavors from the Pacific Northwest and Southern California.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: Peoria Cove, a ship-themed kids attraction with a mini baseball field, splash pad and playground.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: Availability is

extremely limited, but on Sunday games, children

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2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 77-85 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Joe Madden Chairman: Dennis Kuhl General Manager: Perry Minasian



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Spring Training Ballpark

Diablo Stadium 9,558 capacity

2021 Team Stats

i	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
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Shohei Ohtani



2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 86-76 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Mark Kotsay President: David Kaval General Manager: David Forst

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Ballpark

RingCentral Coliseum 63,132 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 701,430

Spring Training Ballpark

HoHoKam Stadium 12,500 capacity



Sean Manaea

2021 Team State

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
2	5,395	743	1,283	271	19	199	698	
3	SO	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS	
5	1.349	88	2.189	.238	.316	.406	.722	





2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 95-67, NL Central Division Champions Post Season Record: Lost NL Divisional Series 3-1

Team Leaders

Manager: Craig Counsell Chairman and Principal Owner: Mark Attanasio General Manager: Matt Arnold

Player Development Director: Carlos Villanueva

Ballpark

41,900 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1.824.282

Spring Training Ballpark

American Family Fields of Phoenix 7,000 capacity



Devon Williams

2021 Team Stats

G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,362	738	1,251	255	18	194	700
ВВ	so	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
FOC	1 465	02	2 124	222	217	200	712



TRIVIA TIME Test your knowledge on Arizona spring baseball

By Jason W. Brooks

From its humble beginnings of hosting just a handful of teams in the mid-1900s, Arizona's Cactus League spring training has grown to half of the teams in Major League Baseball each year.

- 1. The Baltimore Orioles only came to Arizona once for spring training the same year they moved after 53 years as the St. Louis Browns. Which year was it?
- 2. Which Arizona spring training team broke a 108-year World Series championship drought in 2016?
- 3. How many Major League teams currently call Chandler home?
- 4. Which state has the most teams that go to Arizona for spring training?
- 5. Which team started coming to Arizona for spring training in 2009 after more than 60 years of going to Vero Beach, Florida?
- 6. Where did the Chicago White Sox train and play in Arizona before moving to Camelback Ranch?
- 7. On March 23, 2017, which career pitcher hit a 465-foot home run at Salt River Fields in Scottsdale?
- 8. Which current Arizona spring training team, aside from the Arizona Diamondbacks, is closest to its regular-season home stadium.
- 9. Who was the first African-American man to manage a team in spring training?
- 10. Which 300-game winner came to Arizona for 17 of his 22 spring-training seasons, in the 1960s, 70s and 80s?
- 11. Which Cactus League facility opened in 2014?
- 12. What is the name of one of the few vendors ever inducted into a league hall of fame, known for "Lemonade, lemonade like grandma made!"?
- 13. In 2021, which Los Angeles Angels star hit 468-foot and 464-foot home runs, 13 days apart?
- 14. In 2021, which AL team set a team record with four consecutive ties in Cactus League games?
- 15. Which Cactus League team will have a new name in 2022?
- 16. Which MLB team, then known as the Colt 45s, played in Apache Junction in 1962 and 1963?



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2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 71-91 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: David Ross Chairman: Tom Ricketts General Manger: Carter Hawkins Player Development Director: Matt Dorey

Ballpark

41.649 capacity Wrigley Field 2021 Season Attendance 1,978,934

Spring Training Ballpark



Jason Heyward

2021 Team State

G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,306	705	1,255	225	26	210	672
ВВ	SO	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
502	1,596	86	2,162	.237	.312	.407	.719





2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 52-110 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Torey Lovullo Managing General Partner: Ken Kendrick

President/CEO: Derrick Hall Player Development Director: Josh Barfield

Ballpark

Chase Field 48,405 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1,043,010

Spring Training Ballpark

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick 11,000 capacity

2021 Toam State

	H 1,297		
	TB 2,099		



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Luke Weaver



2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 106-56, NL wild card Post Season Record: Won NL wild card game Won NL division series 3-2 Lost World Series 4-2

Team Leaders

Manager: Dave Roberts President and CEO: Stan Kastan

President & Baseball Operations: Andrew Friedman Player Development Director: William Rhymes

Ballpark

Dodger Stadium 56,000 capacity 2021 Season Attendance

Spring Training Ballpark

Camelback Ranch 13,000 capacity

2021 Team Stats

			H 1,330				RBI 799
			ТВ	-			
613	1,408	65	2,336	.244	.330	.429	.759



Cody Bellinger



2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 107-55, NL West Division Champions Post Season Record: Lost NL Division Series 3-2

Team Leaders

Manager: Gabe Kapler Chairman: Greg Johnson General Manager: Scott Harris

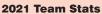
Player Development Director: Kyle Haines

Ballpark

Oracle Park 41,915 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1,679,484

Spring Training Ballpark

Scottsdale Stadium



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G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
162	5,462	804	1,360	271	25	241	768	
ВВ	SO	SB	TB	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS	
502	1 461	66	2 404	2/10	320	440	760	



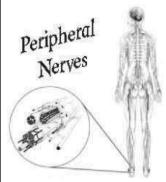
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2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 67-95 Post Season Record: Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Terry Francona Chairman and CEO: Paul J. Dolan General Manager: Mike Chernoff Player Development Director: James Harris

Ballpark

Progressive Field 35,041 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1,114,368

Spring Training Ballpark

Goodyear Ballpark 10,311 capacity



Yu Chang

2021 Team Stats

G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,332	717	1,269	248	22	203	686
ВВ	so	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
450	1 207	100	2 170	220	202	407	710





2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 90-72 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Scott Servais Chairman & Managing Partnerr: John Stanton President & Baseball Operations: Jerry Dipoto Player Development Director: Andy McKay

Ballpark

T-Mobile Park 47,943 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1,215,985

Spring Training Ballpark

Peoria Sports Complex 12,339 capacity



Kendall Graveman

2021 Team State

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G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,355	697	1,209	233	11	199	673
ВВ	so	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
535	1,492	64	2,061	.226	.303	.385	.688





2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 79-83 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Bob Melvin
Chairman: Peter Seidler
General Manager: A.J. Preller
Vice President & Baseball Operations: Nick Ennis

Ballpark

Petco Park 42,445 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 2,191,950

Spring Training Ballpark

Peoria Sports Complex 12,339 capacity



Yu Darvish

2021 Team Stats

G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,384	729	1,305	273	21	180	695
ВВ	so	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
506	1 22/	110	2 160	242	221	401	722





2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 60-102 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Chris Woodward Chairman & Managing Partner: Ray C. Davis General Manager: Chris Young Player Development Director: Ross Fenstermaker

Ballpark

Choctaw Stadium 48,114 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 2,110,258

Spring Training Ballpark

Surprise Stadium 10,000 capacity



Jordan Lyles

2021 Team Stats

	H 1,254		HR 167	RBI 598
	TB 2,028	-		





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Plenty of sunny Valley attractions between Cactus League games

From hiking to museums to casinos, everything's covered

By Steve Stockmar

nder Arizona's irresistible sunshine, in between Cactus League practices and games, the Valley of the Sun has plenty to keep visitors' adventures going and going.

As always, check on some of these indoor options for their most current status regarding COVID precautions.

OUTDOORS

South Mountain, Phoenix

The 14.3-mile National Trail is a recommended South Mountain hike. South Mountain is one of the largest municipal parks in the country at 16,000 acres. Also, hike east a few miles along the trail from Buena Vista Lookout to Fat Man's Pass. A narrow natural tunnel arcs over the trail and makes a good turn-around point.

Camelback Mountain, Phoenix

The 1.2-mile Echo Canyon trail (or Summit Trail) ascends 1,264 feet to the top of Camelback Mountain. Experts advise to expect to use your hands just as much as your feet while clambering up this rocky path. But since Camelback is the highest moun-

tain in the Phoenix area, its views make it all worthwhile. A slightly less steep route to the summit is available via the Cholla Trail, at the east end of the mountain, which rises nearly the same number of vertical feet in 1.75 miles.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park, Peoria

Surrounded by the Sonoran Desert, Lake Pleasant features more than 23,000 acres of water and unblemished desert landscape as one of the most scenic recreation areas in the Valley. Adventures to embark upon including kayaking, fishing, scuba diving, camping, stargazing and even scorpion hunting.

Usery Mountain Regional Park, Mesa

The 3.2-mile (round trip) Wind Cave Trail makes a great hike in the Pass Mountain. Although the "cave" is more of a shallow arch than a gaping, mysterious, bat-infested hole, sweeping views to the north and west make it worth a visit.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior

Opened to the public in 1929 and located about 45 minutes east of Mesa, the Arboretum features nearly 3 miles of paths

and trails winding through colorful gardens, woodlands and native riparian habitat.

McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Scottsdale

The preserve comprises more than 195 miles of trails across 30,580 total acres. Free guided hike and bike tours offered weekly.

Saguaro Lake

Set in the Sonoran Desert and rimmed with canyon walls, boat access camping is available at the east end of the lake. According to Bass Master Magazine, the best time for trophy bass is February to mid-April. From Mesa, travel 27 miles north on State Highway 87 to Bush Highway/Forest Road (FR) 204 and turn right. Follow FR 204 for four miles to the lake.

Cave Creek Ranger District, Scottsdale

On Tonto National Forest, it is in the farthest left hand corner of the forest and is notable for the water, hiking and horseback riding recreation. It consists of more than 570,000 acres of desert, semi-desert grassland, Chaparral, and Pinyon-Juniper types of vegetation.

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2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 83-79 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: David Bell Cheif Executive Officer: Robert H. Castellini General Manager: Nick Krall

Scouting & Player Development Director: Brad Meador



Great American Ball Park 42,319 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1.505.024

Spring Training Ballpark

Goodyear Ballpark



Joey Votto

2021 Team State

			Juis				
G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,423	786	1,352	295	13	222	756
ВВ	so	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
553	1,425	36	2,339	.249	.328	.431	.759



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2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 74-87 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Bud Black

Owner, Chairman and CEO: Richard L. Monfort General Manager: Bill Schmidt

Player Development Director: Chris Forbes

Ballpark

Coors Field 48,897 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1.938.645

Spring Training Ballpark

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick 11,000 capacity

2021 Team Stats

	H 1,338			
	TB 2,207	•		



Dom Nunez



10,311 capacity

2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 74-88 Did not make playoffs

Team Leaders

Manager: Mike Matheny

Chairman and CEO: John Sherman Senior Vice President, Baseball Operations/

General Manager: J.J. Picollo

Player Development Director: Chino Cadahia

Ballpark

Kauffman Stadium 37,903 capacity 2021 Season Attendance: 1,159,613

Spring Training Ballpark

2021 Team Stats

G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
162	5,427	686	1,349	251	29	163	647
ВВ	so	SB	ТВ	Avg.	OBP	SLG	OPS
421	1 250	124	2 1 4 7	240	200	200	702



Daniel Lynch



2021 Record and Results

Regular Season Record: 93-69, AL Central champions Post Season Record: Lost AL wild card game

Team Leaders

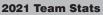
Manager: Tony La Russa Chairman: Jerry Reinsdorf General Manager: Rick Hahn

Player Development Director: Chris Getz

Ballpark

Guarantee Rate Field 40.615 capacity 2021 Season Attendance 1,596,385

Spring Training Ballpark



	H 1,373		
	TB 2,262		



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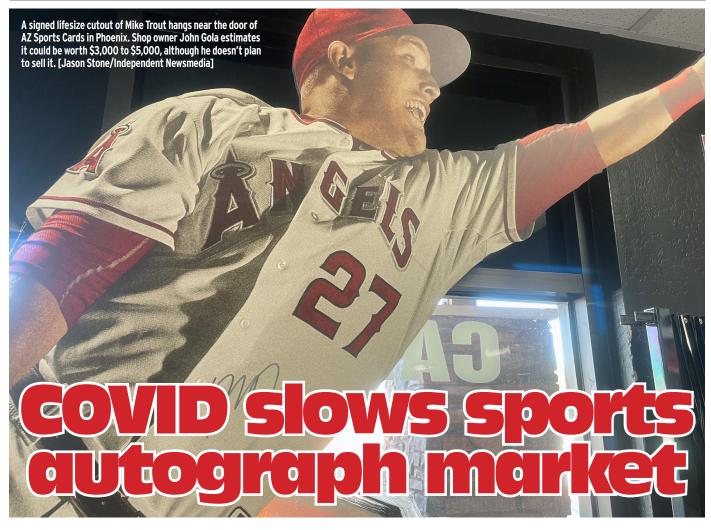
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Access cut to current players, but past stars flourish

By Jason Stone

Thanks to COVID-19, the sports card market has been flying through the roof as people have more time to clean out closets and garages.

But also thanks to COVID-19, the sports autograph market has seen better days.

John Gola, owner of AZ Sports Cards, 10045 W. Camelback Road in Phoenix, has experienced the difference during the past couple years with the virus keeping fans farther way from players and spring training facilities in Arizona roping off the first three rows of seats for players' safety.

"The last few years with the pandemic and them cutting down on accessibility, it's really hurting the business," Gola said.

Those who seek autographs, called "graphers," are doing their best to overcome the latest challenges, he said.

But possibly not having a full spring training season in 2022 because of the Major League owners' lockout is the latest blow to the market.

"It's tough because during spring training, it's like Black Friday in here every day," Gola said.

Finding what sells

With access to current players reduced, sports collectors are trying to make the most from old autographs of past players and current ones who do sign today.

That's because in good times, autographs from sports legends on bats, balls, jerseys and even shoes can make somebody rich.

A Babe Ruth signed 1933 baseball card last year sold for more than \$761,000, according to Bleacher Report, the most expensive sports figure autograph on record.

At Gola's store, his most expensive items sold were balls with Ruth's signature, one which fetched \$10,000 and another one that went for \$5,000.

Most dealers sell autographs in the range of \$25 to \$2,500, depending on sever-

al factors.

Like anything, the bigger star, the more demand player the better.

Affecting value

But whether a player is alive or dead can affect the value greatly, said Mike Slusarek, co-owner of The Batters Box, 2855 W. Cactus Road in Phoenix. Simply put, once somebody dies they obviously can't sign anything else, making their existing autographs more in demand.

Slusarek said prices can double when a player dies, such as the case of Hall of Fame baseball player Hank Aaron, who died in 2021.

The autograph market is bracing for the death of Willie Mays, the Hall of Fame baseball player who is now in his 90s.

"When he dies, his autograph will take a jump," Slusarek said.

Kobe Bryant was a death that impacted his autograph market.

"Everything of his went crazy but then it settled down a little bit to where it was before." Gola said.

One dead player whose autograph isn't too in demand, however, is late Hall of Famer Bob Feller. That's because Feller was known to sign his name on things frequently, flooding the market with his signature. Slusarek said.

"The old joke is the rare Bob Feller card is the one without his autograph," he said.

But some other players such as Negro Leagues legend Satchel Paige, who played in the Majors at the end of his career, rarely signed things, making his signature more valued.

The Batters Box recently bought a signed card with Feller and Paige together.

Attention pays

Any players who are in the news — good or bad — seem to see higher prices for their autograph values, Slusarek said.

Even O.J. Simpson realized a price increase to his autograph and cards in the time around his murder trial in the 1990s. Ironically, Simpson eventually was jailed on kidnapping and conspiracy charges related to sports memorabilia

"People were sending cards to prison for him to sign and things like that," Slusarek said.

The demand has leveled off in the years since then, he said, but there's still a market for O.J. memorabilia.

What raises value

Autographs on so-called premium items such as baseballs, bats, footballs and jerseys can raise the value. But the instrument used on the item is important.

Blue ballpoint pens — not black — are best for baseballs, instead of markers that bleed. An autograph on an 8x11 photo, however, would be best for markers. Slusarek said.

Sports cards are fine to get signed, but it also depends on what card and who the person is.

"A lot of people use cards to get signed because they're easy to carry around." Batters Box co-owner David SedImeier said. "Cards can be tricky though."

Cards with a shiny finish can bleed or both if any kind of pen or marker touches it. Other cards, especially older cardboard ones, have no problem taking a sig-



Mike Slusarek shows off a Nolan Ryan jersey with the autographs from 10 of the pitchers who have recorded at least 3,000 strikeouts in the Major Leagues. The Batters Box in Phoenix got the jersey from a sports show in 2003. [Jason Stone/Independent Newsmedia]

nature to it.

But Sedlmeier and Slusarek both agree you don't want to have every card signed. For instance, a card worth three of four figures could be marred by a signature. whereas the value of a card that's normally worth 50 cents could be greatly improved with a signature.

"You're not defacing it if it's a card that's not ultra expansive," Sedlmeier said.

He said an autograph card of Paul Goldschmidt, a former Arizona Diamondbacks All-Star, could go for \$20 whereas it's not worth even a buck without the signature.

Of course, the autograph could be worth more for a player from a home market. However, that's not always the case in Arizona.

"Obviously, the Diamondbacks do better here than in Minnesota," Slusarek said. "But here you got guys who want Yankees and Dodgers or wherever they've come from."

Personalized autographs also lose some value. For instance, a Mickey Mantle autograph wouldn't be as valuable if it said, "To Dave..." on it or some similar personalized statement.

Slusarek said some modern players will deliberately put the autograph seeker's name along with a signature to help reduce the chances of it being sold for bigger money.

Autographs of "steroid-era" players such as Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Mark McGwire have taken a hit in recent years, but they're starting to rebound, Slusarek said. Bonds and Clemens, however, were denied entry into the Hall of Fame this winter on their final shot on writer' ballots.

Gola said in his opinion their non-election to the Hall of Fame won't make a difference. He said "collectors are pretty intelligent as far as that goes" and will always remember the asterisk associated with their statistics.

No matter what, Gola has an autograph that he has no plans on selling.

He does contracting work on the side and was able to secure a huge cutout of Mike Trout diving to make a catch from a Dick's Sporting Goods construction site.

There were only four made for the store but only one survived. Making it even better, Trout signed it one day in 2016 at Tempe Diablo Stadium at a spring training game.

Gola plans to keep it hanging in his store near the door.

"I've already turned down \$1,000," Gola said. "It would probably go easy \$3,000 to \$5,000 because of its uniqueness."

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can sign up to take the field with a player or announce a batter.

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: Peoria Sports Complex was the first spring training facility built to host two teams, and the Mariners and Padres have remained its tenants since 1994.



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Opened: 2011 **Tickets**: 480-312-2586

Features: 7,000 fixed seats in the grandstand and 4,000 lawn seats for a total estimated seating capacity of 11,000. However, the record attendance at Salt River Fields was set at 14,035 on March 16, 2019, when the Diamondbacks hosted the Cubs.

Most Unique Concessions Item: The Sonoran Hot Dog is a quarter-pound hot dog wrapped in hickory-smoked bacon and slow-cooked on the grill. Served on a freshly-baked bun and topped with pico de gallo, pinto ranch beans, and a drizzle of mayo. Also, the Talking Stick Mega Dog features a half-pound, foot-long hot dog topped with slow-smoked pulled pork and Southwest Macn-Cheese, which is a blend of cheddar, jack, and Gouda cheese folded into cavatappi pasta and blended with green chilies.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: The Cold Stone Kids Fun Field is a family-focused destination where kids can take Wiffle ball batting practice and run the bases just like big leaguers.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: A uniquely designed roof that mimics the traditional Native American ramada.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: Kids can run the bases after the game every Sunday.

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: Salt River Fields

is the first U.S. Green Building Council LEED Goldcertified sports venue of its kind in the United States.

Sloan Park

Home: Chicago Cubs

Address: 2330 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Mesa.

Opened: 2014

Tickets: 1-800-THE-CUBS.

Features: Capacity of 15,000. Lighted stadium. Sloan Park is lovingly called "Wrigleyville West" by Cubs fans and locals. There are many homages to Wrigley Field at Sloan Park, from a replica marquee sign where fans can get their photos taken to the outfield berm that is shaped to resemble the bleachers in Chicago. The roof replicates parts of the Cubs' home field in Chicago as well.

Most Unique Concessions Item: Chicago Dog. Best Known Ballpark Amenity: Player walkway. Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: Marquee.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: Singing "Go Cubs Go" after a Cubs win.

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: SRP Citrus Grove food trucks



Scottsdale Stadium

Home: San Francisco Giants

Address: 7408 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale **Opened**: 1992, with major renovations finished in the winter of 2021

Tickets: 480-312-2586 **Features**: 12,000 capacity

Most Unique Concessions Item: Brisket and pulled pork sandwiches straight from the smoker is a fan favorite.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: Large selection of specialty beers, including San Francisco's own Anchor Steam.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature:

Picturesque views of Camelback Mountain and the McDowell Mountains.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: Kids get to run the bases and seniors get to stroll the bases after every 1:05 p.m. game.

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: Scottsdale Stadium renovations were finished in time for spring training 2020. They are: A new clubhouse. Additional shaded areas for the Charros Lodge in right field. Upgrades to the main stadium entrance. An expanded press box. Upgrades to the right field concourse.

Surprise Stadium

Home: Kansas City Royals and Texas Rangers **Address**: 15850 N. Bullard Ave., Surprise

Opened: 2003

Tickets: 623-222-2222 or 888-755-2583

Features: 7,000 fixed seats with the berm able to

hold up to 3,600 people

Most Unique Concessions Item: Deliciousness evolves from the variety offered such as roasted

corn with a bevy of seasonings, puffy tacos, Chuckie's fried pork tenderloin sandwich, crispy fries (both wavy and curly), fresh elephant ears and a cool shaved iced "Snowie" offering more than 30 flavors.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: Fans might catch a glimpse of batting practice along the Sanderson Ford Concourse's batting cages. From tee-work to casual baseball talk, this special amenity brings the game that much closer to fans.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: The love for the game is prevalent with quotes from Babe Ruth, George Will, Bob Lemon, Bryant Gumbel, Red Smith and Humphrey Bogart. The lower deck concourse also features plaques commemorating the Rangers' and Royals' greatest players and managers as well as local community heroes.

Best Ballpark Game Tradition: To honor those who have served, Surprise honors a different military branch before each Sunday game. Branch members perform a flag raising and color guard ceremony before the national anthem.

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: The playing field in the stadium is named after the city's first Parks and Recreation Director, Billy Parker. Parker played three years in the big leagues and hit a game winning home run in his first big league game. Billy's love of youth sports can still be seen today in the city of Surprise's youth program offerings.

Tempe Diablo Stadium

Home: Los Angeles Angels

Address: 2200 W. Alameda Drive, Tempe

Opened: 1968 with extensive renovation in 2005

Tickets: 480-858-7575

Features: 9,558 seats, six-plus practice fields and

main stadium

Most Unique Concessions Item: A "tap room" near home plate offers four choices from Four Peaks, a brewery based in Tempe.

Best Known Ballpark Amenity: The grand entrance in front of the stadium is a well-known sight to behold.

Most Distinguishable Stadium Feature: The iconic butte beyond left field of the stadium defines the spring training scene in Tempe.

Renovations on the way: In summer 2021, the City of Tempe and the Los Angeles Angels reached an agreement on \$50.9 million renovation to the ballpark in exchange for the Angels agreeing to stay in the ballpark through 2035. Renovations include a new home team clubhouse, which was finished in time for this spring training season.

And in 2024, the ballpark will have new suites and new group event areas, a new outfield concourse, shade installation over the bowl seating, seat replacement, upgraded lighting and improving the Major League Baseball training facility and

Most Interesting Stadium Tidbit: Tempe Diablo Stadium was home to the Seattle Pilots/ Milwaukee Brewers franchise from 1969 to 1972. After a few years without a team, the facility took in the new Seattle Mariners in 1977. The Mariners moved to Peoria in 1993. The Angles moved in that spring and have trained in Tempe since.

Sources: Cactus League, City of Goodyear, City of Peoria, Twitter, Wikimedia Commons, azbex.com

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1.1954

2. The Chicago Cubs

3. Zero

4. California sends five

5. The Los Angeles Dodgers

6. Tucson

7. Jake Arrieta

8. The San Diego Padres are 367 miles from Petco Park

9. Frank Robinson managed the Cleveland Indians in 1975.

10. Gaylord Perry

11. Sloan Park in Mesa

12. Derrick Moore

13. Shohei Ohtani

14. The Seattle Mariners

15. The Cleveland Guardians, formerly the Indians

16. The Houston Astros





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ciano has a good arm but question if he has the speed to stay at shortstop. It's possible he may end up at third or right field instead.

Joey Bart, C, 16th

San Francisco can't just have anybody behind the plate.



After future Hall of Famer and three-time World Series champion Buster Posey hung up the cleats at the end of 2021, his heir-apparent is ready to take over.

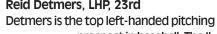
Bart, now baseball's third-ranked catching prospect and top among Cactus League teams, has long been near the top of MLB Pipeline's list of top prospects. He made his major league debut filling in for Posey in 2020, who sat out the pandemic-affected season. Bart played 33 of the 60-game season that year but was sent back down to the minors when Posey returned in 2021. Bart played only two major league games last year.

The 2018 second overall pick out of Georgia Institute of Technology hits for good average and decent power. Now the 25-year-old Georgia native just needs to make his major league look a little more like his minor league one. He is still considered a rookie in 2022.

Bart has played in the last three spring trainings in Scottsdale.

Luis Matos, OF, 77th Heliot Ramos, OF, 80th Kyle Harrison, LHP, 99th

TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM Los Angeles Angels Reid Detmers, LHP, 23rd





prospect in baseball. The Illinois native was drafted as the 10th overall pick out of the University of Louisville in 2020. His first pro season in 2021 started in Double-A, passed through Triple-A and ended with five

starts in the majors.

The 22-year-old had a good year in the minors — a 3.19 ERA and 15.7 strikeouts per nine innings — but struggled in his cup

of coffee in the bigs, posting a 7.40 ERA.

His fast rise also made him shoot up MLB Pipeline's rankings, moving from 74th to 23rd.

Detmers will be in line for a decent workload as he returns to Tempe for his second spring training as the team decides at what point of the season he'll be added a big league rotation that includes Noah Syndergaard and AL MVP Shohei Ohtani.

Sam Bachman, RHP, 87th Jordyn Adams, OF

SLOAN PARK

Chicago Cubs Brennen Davis, OF, 14th

Davis went to Chandler Basha High



School where he helped the Bears win a state 6A basketball title while winning defensive player of the year honors. After that, he focused on baseball and was drafted by the Cubs in the second round

in 2018.

The 22-year-old outfielder's 2021 started in High-A, through Double-A and ended in Triple-A. The quick rise shot Davis from 61st all the way to 14th among MLB Pipeline's prospect ranks. He is the third-ranked outfield prospect in the game.

Davis provides a good combo of power and speed, though both need to be developed a little more if he's going to have a 30-30 season in the majors. He notched 19 homers and eight steals in the minors last year.

Davis has played in the last two spring trainings in Mesa, but has only hit 4 for 22.

Brailyn Marquez, LHP, 86th Cristian Hernandez, SS

HOHOKAM STADIUM Oakland Athletics

Tyler Soderstrom, C, 42nd

Soderstrom is the eighth-ranked catch-



ing prospect in baseball and has also played some first base. He was selected 26th overall out of high school in the 2020 draft.

The Northern California native slugged 12 homers in 57 games in Single-A last year and hit three doubles

and a single in 10 at-bats during last spring training in Mesa.

Max Muncy. SS

Not to be confused with the Dodgers'



star first baseman with the same name, who was also drafted by the A's. The younger Muncy is a Southern California native who was drafted 25th overall out of high school by Oakland in 2021.

Nick Allen, SS/2B

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ZOOS

Phoenix Zoo

Beginning in 1962 with Operation Oryx, one of the world's most successful global wildlife conservation programs, the zoo has become renowned for its contributions to conservation science. Today, more than 7,000 Arabian oryx exist worldwide, setting a precedent for subsequent Phoenix Zoo conservation initiatives involving Black-footed ferrets, Chiricahua leopard frogs, narrow-headed gartersnake, thick-billed parrots, Mexican wolves and others.

Wildlife World Zoo, Litchfield Park

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WALKING AROUND

Old Town Scottsdale

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Historic Downtown Glendale

Old Towne's brick-trimmed sidewalks and glowing gaslights lead the way to eateries, antique shops and specialty stores.

MUSEUMS

Arizona Museum of Natural History, Mesa

The only natural history museum in the greater Phoenix area, it exhibits the natural and cultural history of the Southwestern U.S.

Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix

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Mountain biking is just one of the ways to enjoy Lake Pleasant Regional Park in Peoria. [Steve Stockmar/Independent Newsmedia]

countries with galleries that reflect the diversity and history of many world cultures.

Heard Museum, Phoenix

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Phoenix Art Museum

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Arizona Military Museum, Phoenix

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Alwun House, Phoenix

Alwun House is a nonprofit volunteer-based arts organization in downtown Phoenix's historic Garfield neighborhood and has been exhibiting out-of-the-ordinary performances pushing downtown's cutting-edge since 1971.

CASINOS

Desert Diamond Casino West Valley, Glendale

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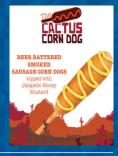
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