



2006 AFL Championship Game Information

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AFL Standings

East Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Divison	Streak	Last 10
*Phoenix Desert Dogs	20	11	.645	-	11-5	9-6	8-5	W1	7-3
Mesa Solar Sox	15	16	.484	5.0	8-7	7-9	6-6	L1	5-5
Scottsdale Scorpions	15	17	.469	5.5	9-6	6-11	5-8	L3	4-6

West Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Divison	Streak	Last 10
*Grand Canyon Rafters	16	16	.500	-	8-9	8-7	8-5	L1	4-6
Peoria Saguaros	15	17	.469	1.0	6-10	9-7	7-6	W1	5-5
Peoria Javelinas	14	18	.438	2.0	7-9	7-9	5-9	W2	5-5

*Clinched division title

Thursday's Results

Phoenix 7, Grand Canyon 4 (7) W-Dumatrait, Phil (2 - 0) L-Finch, Brian (2 - 2)
 Peo Saguaros 5, Mesa 0 (8) W-Kendrick, Kyle (2 - 0) L-McGinley, Blake (1 - 1)
 Peo Javelinas 1, Scottsdale 0 (7) W-Lerew, Anthony (1 - 2) L-Malone, Corwin (0 - 4) SV-Devine, Joey (2)

AFL Championship – Today – 1:05 PM - Scottsdale Stadium

Grand Canyon Rafters @ Phoenix Desert Dogs – 1:05 PM

54 A.J. Murray (LHP/TEX) 3-2, 5.30 @ 31 Virgil Vazquez (RHP/DET) 2-1, 2.81

*Game will be televised on MLB.TV over the internet. Visit mlbfallball.com for details

2006 Superlatives

Seven players on the two rosters of the AFL championship are first-round draft picks (**Tulowitzki, Walker, Powell, Lubanski, Maier, Bass, and Dumatrait**) ... 86 of the 200 players on MLB playoff rosters this past post-season were AFL Alums ... 24 of the 50 player who played in the World Series were AFL Alums ... The Desert Dogs were the only AFL team to finish with a winning record (20-11) ... Dog **1B Chip Cannon (TOR)** led the AFL in HR (11) and RBI (29), and finished 4th in hitting (.352) ... Desert Dog **RHP Kyle Yates (TOR)** led the AFL in strikeouts with 25 ... **400 Club:** Javelina **SS Yunel Escobar (ATL)** finished the season at .407, the lone AFL player to hit above .400 in 2006... Desert Dog **SS Ben Zobrist (TB)** reached base safely in all 27 of his games played in the regular season and finished 3rd in the league in hitting (.366) and on-base-percentage (.469).

Arizona Fall League Alum-of-the-Day – 1B Albert Pujols – Scottsdale, 2000

St. Louis Cardinals first basemen **Albert Pujols** was inducted into the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame this year. A member of the 2006 World Series Champion Cardinals, Albert hit .331 with 49 home runs this past season. A Pujols-autographed baseball is being auctioned for the charity of choice of 2006 Darnell Stenson Sportsmanship award winner **Kevin Frandsen** of the Scottsdale Scorpions and San Francisco Giants. To bid, visit mlbfallball.com.



2006 Arizona Fall League Player Superlatives

***Chip Cannon (PHX/TOR)**: Led the AFL in home runs (11), RBI (29), and slugging (.714). He finished 2nd in on-base percentage (.474) and 4th in hitting (.352)

Kevin Frandsen (SCT/SF): Recipient of the Arizona Fall League's 2006 Dernel Stenson Sportsmanship Award. He finished 1st in the league in on-base percentage (.480), 2nd in hitting (.388), 3rd in slugging (.588).

***Ben Zobrist (PHX/TB)**: Zobrist reached base safely in all 27 of his games played this fall. He finished 3rd in hitting (.366) and on-base percentage (.469), and led the league in runs scored (29).

Yunel Escobar (JAV/ATL): Led the league in hitting (.407) and finished 4th in on-base percentage (.463)

***Kyle Yates (PHX/TOR)**: Finished the regular season 2-0, with a 1.13 ERA in 24.0 IP. Led the league in strikeouts (25) and opposing batters hit only .224 against him.

Billy Sadler (SCT/SF): Named AFL pitcher-of-the-week for 10/16-10/21. Finished the fall 2-0 with 3 saves and a 1.29 ERA in 14 innings pitched. He struck out 22 batters and opposing hitters hit .184 against him.

Leonel Rosales (SAG/SD): Led the AFL in saves with 7 and finished with a 2.57 ERA in 14.0 IP.

Ryan Braun (SCT/MIL): Led the league in extra-base hits (16) finished 2nd in slugging percentage (.641) and tied for 2nd in home runs (6), and tied for 3rd in RBI (25)

Eric Patterson (MESA/CHC): Eric led the league with 15 stolen bases (in 17 chances) and tied for 6th in hitting at .345

Amaury Marti (SAG/STL): Tied with Patterson for 6th in hitting (.345) and hit 4 home runs with 14 RBI. He also was 4th in slugging percentage (.571)

Michel Abreu (MESA/NYM): Michel was 2nd in the AFL in home runs with 6 and tied for 3rd in RBI with 25.

Trevor Crowe (JAV/CLE): Finished 4th in on-base percentage (.449) and 8th in batting (.329)

Jason Jaramillo (SAG/PHI): Hit .379 (25-66) during the fall to lead all catchers. He posted 17 RBI in 17 games played.

Kevin Kouzmanoff (JAV/SD): Traded from the Indians to the San Diego Padres during the AFL season, Kevin remained a member of the Javelinas and finished with a .382 batting average (21-55) in 15 games played.

Mark Reynolds (SCT/ARI): Mark made the 2006 AFL leader boards in RBI (2nd -26), home runs (T4th - 5), on-base percentage (5th - .564), extra-base hits (T3rd - 13), and hitting (10th - .327).

Jesse Chavez (GCR/PIT): Jesse had possibly the best fall of any pitcher, going 3-0 with 4 saves and recording a 0.64 ERA in 14.0 IP. He yielded only 1 ER and allowed a total of 6 hit, while striking out 11.

Troy Tulowitzki (GCR/COL): Hit .329 with 10 RBI in 22 games this fall after hitting .291 with 13 home runs and 61 RBI for Class-AA-Tulsa

Kory Casto (SAG/WSH): Hit .302 with 17 walks for the Saguaros this fall after a 2006 season in which he hit 20 home runs and drove in 80 runs for Class-AA-Harrisburg

Mark McLemore (MESA/HOU): Mark struck out 8 of 9 batters in his last start vs. the Desert Dogs on 11/13. He finished with the season with 16 strikeouts.

*Players in *italics* and with a bullet are playing in today's championship game