



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division

GB

Salt River	4-2	—
Scottsdale	3-3	1.0
Mesa	2-3	1.5

#### West Division

GB

Glendale	4-2	—
Surprise	3-2	0.5
Peoria	1-5	3.0

### Today's Games

#### SURPRISE @ SALT RIVER

##### Surprise

RHP Zach Haake (KC)

0-0, 7.71 ERA

##### Salt River

RHP Garrison Bryant (NYM)

0-0, 13.50 ERA

#### MESA @ SCOTTSDALE

##### Mesa

RHP Evan Fitterer (MIA)

0-1, 11.57 ERA

##### Scottsdale

LHP Kody Funderburk (MIN)

1-0, 4.50 ERA

#### PEORIA @ GLENDALE

##### Peoria

LHP MacKenzie Gore (SD)

0-1, 11.57 ERA

##### Glendale

RHP Jordan Hicks (STL)

1-0, 4.50 ERA

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/23

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise	X	off	X	X	TBD	TBD
Peoria	X	-	X	X	-	X
Glendale	X	-	-	X	TBD	TBD
Salt River	X	-	-	X	TBD	TBD
Scottsdale	X	X	-	X	X	X
Mesa	X	off	X	X	X	X

12:35 p.m. - HINF: 9:10 a.m., HBP: 9:25 a.m., VBP: 10:40 a.m., VIN: 11:40 a.m.

6:35 p.m. - HINF: 3:10 p.m., HBP: 3:25 p.m., VBP: 4:40 p.m., VIN: 5:40 p.m.

Teams are REQUIRED to take batting practice and infield every Monday and Thursday

### Fall League Alum of the Day

**Jesse Winker** (Surprise Saguaros, 2014) played in his first career MLB All-Star Game this year, batting sixth and starting in left field for the National League squad. He made his MLB debut in 2017 and has since posted a big league slash of .288/.385/.504 in 413 games, playing all five of his MLB seasons with the Cincinnati Reds. His body of work in 2021 featured a .949 OPS, the sixth-best mark in the National League among hitters with at least 250 at-bats. He was the 49th-overall pick of the 2012 draft out of Olympia High School (FL), and he suited up in the Fall League two years after turning pro. He posted a .338/.440/.559 slash in 19 games with the 2014 Surprise Saguaros as his team collected the second-most wins in the league.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Thursday, October 21

Scottsdale @ Surprise	12:35 p.m.	LHP Tanner Tully vs. RHP Owen White
Glendale @ Salt River	6:35 p.m.	RHP Landon Knack vs. RHP Wilmer Flores
Mesa @ Peoria	6:35 p.m.	RHP Ryan Jensen vs. RHP Stephen Woods Jr.

#### Friday, October 22

Surprise @ Glendale	12:35 p.m.	RHP Jackson Rutledge vs. RHP Coleman Crow
Mesa @ Salt River	6:35 p.m.	RHP Michael Dominguez vs. RHP Abner Uribe
Peoria @ Scottsdale	6:35 p.m.	RHP Hans Crouse vs. RHP Caleb Sampen

# AFL Player Notebook

## Peoria

**#24 Jesse Franklin V (ATL)** - Played two seasons at the University of Michigan, capped off by a runner-up finish in the 2019 College World Series. Drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 2020 with a third-round selection. Left-handed hitter; played 101 games with High-A Rome in 2021 with a .244/.320/.522 slash. 24 home runs in 101 career minor league games. Hit 23 home runs with the Michigan Wolverines in 115 career college games.

**#60 Hans Crouse (PHI)** - Second-round draft selection in 2017 out of Dana Hills High School (CA). Originally selected by the Texas Rangers and was traded to the Phillies in 2021 in a six-player deal that included big leaguers Kyle Gibson and Ian Kennedy. Made his MLB debut on September 26 against the Pirates, tossing three innings of one-run baseball. Pitched a total of seven innings for the Phillies in 2021, allowing four runs. 51 innings in 2021 with Double-A Frisco, posting a 3.35 ERA.

**#54 Juan Then (SEA)** - Currently on the Seattle Mariners' 40-man roster. International sign by the Mariners out of San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Made his professional debut at 17 years old. Pitched exclusively for High-A Everett in 2021, posting a 6.46 ERA in 54.1 innings. Pitched 48.1 innings in 2019 between High-A, Low-A and the Mariners' rookie-league affiliate, posting a combined 2.98 ERA. 205 strikeouts in 214 professional innings.

**#10 Ji-Hwan Bae (PIT)** - MLB Pipeline's 22nd-ranked Pirates prospect. Signed with the Atlanta Braves in September 2017 but deal was voided due to Atlanta international signing violations. Signed with Pittsburgh shortly after for a \$1.25 million signing bonus. Played in 83 games for Double-A Altoona in 2021, posting a .278/.359/.413 slash.

## Salt River

**#63 Wilmer Flores (DET)** - Made his minor league affiliate debut in 2021 at 20 years old. Played a total of 14 games in 2021 between Low-A Lakeland and the Florida complex league. 66 total innings in 2021 with a 3.68 ERA, 24 walks and 90 strikeouts. Pitched two innings in his Fall League debut, allowing one run on one hit with two strikeouts. Brother of Wilmer Flores (same name) of the San Francisco Giants.

**#10 Ezequiel Tovar (COL)** - Made his professional debut with the Rockies at the age of 16 in the Dominican Summer League. Played in 104 games between Low-A Fresno and High-A Spokane in 2021, posting a combined .287/.322/.475 slash in 432 combined at-bats. Hit 15 home runs in 2021 with 24 stolen bases. Started his Fall League campaign going 3-for-13 with three singles.

**#67 Ken Knutson (Pitching Coach, NYM)** - 30+ years of professional and NCAA Division I coaching experience. Spent 17 years as the head baseball coach at the University of Washington and five years as the pitching coach at Arizona State. Began coaching with the Mets in the summer of 2021 after working as a throwing development coach for Cleveland from 2015-2020. Works for the Arizona Pitching Arsenal as a throwing instructor.

**#1 Carlos Cortes (NYM)** - Third-round selection by the Mets in the 2018 draft. Began his 2021 Fall League campaign going 3-for-4 with a triple. Played 79 minor league games in 2021, all with Double-A Binghamton, posting a .257/.332/.487 slash. Played two seasons at the University of South Carolina, posting a career .274/.378/.528 slash. MLB Pipeline's 10th-ranked Mets prospect.

## Mesa

**#50 Jefry Yan (MIA)** - Six strikeouts in his first two innings of Fall League work (4.50 ERA). Debuted as a professional at 17 years old in the Angels system. Debuted in the Marlins organization in 2021, pitching 31 innings between Low-A Jupiter and Double-A Pensacola. Posted a 2.61 ERA in 31 innings this year. Longer-limbed left-hander at six-foot-three and 170 pounds.

**#6 Andy Weber (CHC)** - Fifth-round selection of the 2018 draft out of the University of Virginia. 139 at-bats in 2021 between Double-A Tennessee and the Cubs' complex league affiliate. .214/.302/.321 career slash in Double-A. Played two summers with the Thunder Bay Border Cats (Ontario, Canada) in the collegiate summer Northwoods League.

**#48 Cameron Bishop (BAL)** - 26th-round draftee in the 2017 draft out of UC Irvine. Pitched 48.1 innings with Double-A Bowie in 2021, posting a 3.17 ERA with 54 strikeouts. Played exclusively with Low-A Delmarva in 2018 and exclusively with High-A Frederick in 2019. Pitched 11 innings in the Cape Cod Baseball League in 2017, allowing one run.

**#7 Logan Davidson (OAK)** - 29th overall selection of the 2019 draft out of Clemson. Started his 2021 fall campaign going 2-for-5 with two doubles. Played exclusively for Double-A Midland during the 2021 season (119 games) posting a .212/.307/.313 slash. Member of the A's 60-man player pool in 2020. 12th-ranked A's prospect according to MLB Pipeline with an estimated big league ETA in 2022.

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## Scottsdale

**#28 Tanner Tully (CLE)** - 26th-round selection in 2016 out of Ohio State. Played in 26 games in 2021 between Double-A Akron and Triple-A Columbus, pitching 113 innings with a 3.50 ERA. In 2019, led Double-A Akron in innings pitched with 129 1/3 (4.38 ERA). 574.1 career minor league innings with a 1.290 WHIP and 3.84 ERA

**#23 Michael Helman (MIN)** - Played one season at Texas A&M before being drafted in the 11th round of the 2018 draft. Played exclusively in 2021 with High-A Cedar Rapids, posting a .246/.336/.462 slash in 398 at-bats. 26 career minor league home runs in 829 at-bats. Started the 2021 Fall League going 3-for-6 with a double. 21 stolen bases in 2021 with High-A Cedar Rapids.

**#11 Matt Dyer (TB)** - Fourth-round selection in the 2020 draft out of the University of Arizona. Played two season in Tucson after transferring from the University of Oregon in his freshman season. Did not play NCAA baseball in 2018 due to transfer eligibility but played 28 summer games with Yarmouth-Dennis in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Played 63 total games in 2021 between Low-A St. Lucie and Low-A Charleston. Traded in 2021 from the Mets to the Rays as part of a trade that sent Rich Hill to the Mets.

**#15 Patrick Bailey (SF)** - 13th-overall pick of the 2020 draft out of NC State. Posted a collegiate .296/.466/.685 slash for NC State in 2020 before the COVID-19 shutdown. 55-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played 47 games with Low-A San Jose in 2021 and posted a .322/.415/.531 slash in Low-A. Promoted to High-A Eugene for 33 games and won a High-A West championship. Began the 2021 Fall League going 1-for-3 with a double.

## Surprise

**#21 Michael Siani (CIN)** - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Reds prospect. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2018 draft out of William Penn Charter School (PA). Played on the 18U USA National Team. Played exclusively with High-A Dayton in 2021, posting a .216/.321/.327 slash in 97 games. 60-grade speed and arm according to MLB Pipeline.

**#11 Andres Chaparro (NYY)** - Made his pro debut at 17 years old with the Yankees' affiliate in the Dominican Summer League. Played 65 games with Low-A Tampa in 2021 before being promoted to High-A Hudson Valley for the final 36 games of the season. Posted a combined .267/.381/.468 slash in 2021. Played exclusively with Low-A Staten Island in both 2018 and 2019.

**#59 Mitch Ellis (KC)** - Signed with the Royals as an international free agent out of Bundoora, Australia. Played two seasons with the ABL's Melbourne Aces, tossing a combined 16.2 innings from 2019-2021. Pitched 48.2 innings for High-A Quad Cities in 2021, posting a 5.36 ERA with 56 strikeouts. Switch-hitting pitcher in an American League organization.

**#40 Jackson Rutledge (WAS)** - Second-tallest player in the AFL (6'8") behind Spencer Mraz (TEX/Sagueros, 6'10"). Drafted with the 17th-overall pick in the 2019 draft out of San Jacinto College (TX). Played one season at the University of Arkansas in 2018, pitching 15.2 innings with a 3.45 ERA. Pitched 36.1 total innings in 2021 between High-A Wilmington, Low-A Fredericksburg and the Nationals' complex league team, posting a combined 7.68 ERA. Third-ranked Nationals prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

## Glendale

**#31 Jeff Belge (LAD)** - 18th-round selection in the 2019 MLB Draft out of St. John's (NY). Played three collegiate seasons in the Big East Conference, posting a 4.37 ERA in 177 innings. Played exclusively for High-A Great Lakes in 2021, posting a 5.61 ERA in 43.1 innings with 63 strikeouts. Two strikeouts in his first inning of Arizona Fall League work. 94 career minor league strikeouts in 66.2 innings.

**#24 J.B. Olson (CWS)** - 10th-round selection of the 2017 draft out of the University of Oklahoma. Pitched in 30 games for Double-A Birmingham in 2021, posting a 6.28 ERA in 43 innings. Career 4.90 ERA in the minors with 106 strikeouts in 119.1 total innings. 2.1 innings of work in the 2021 Fall League, allowing two earned runs on three hits.

**#2 Orlando Martinez (LAA)** - Signed with the Angels as an international free agent out of Cuba. Made his professional debut in 2018 with rookie-level Orem and Low-A Burlington. Played 102 games in 2021, all with Double-A Rocket City, posting a .258/.313/.445 slash. 16 home runs in an even 400 at-bats in 2021. Began the 2021 Fall League going 4-for-8 with a triple.

**#35 Korey Lee (HOU)** - 32nd-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of Cal. Played in 88 minor league games in 2021, posting a .277/.340/.438 slash. Played over half of his games in 2021 with Double-A Corpus Christi, collecting 185 at-bats and hitting eight home runs. 65-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played two summers for the La Crosse Loggers in the summer collegiate Northwoods League.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: Tuesday's afternoon contest between the Scottsdale Scorpions and Glendale Desert Dogs saw a combined seven home runs by six total players. Marco Luciano (SF) led the charge with two homers, one in the first inning and one in the third.

2: The Peoria Javelinas allowed a season-best one run in their Tuesday afternoon contest, a 4-2 victory over the Salt River Rafters. Michael Burrows (PIT) pitched three innings of shutout baseball, the most of all six pitchers Peoria used on Tuesday.

3: After going 2-4 on Tuesday afternoon, Spencer Torkelson (DET) has a Fall League batting average of .474. He was one of three hitters in the Rafters lineup to maintain an OPS above .900 on Tuesday (Michael Toglia, COL; Carlos Cortes, NYM).

4: Today's evening contest features one of the hottest pitching matchups on the Fall League slate to this point. MacKenzie Gore (SD), the 56th-ranked prospect in baseball according to MLB Pipeline, will square off against Jordan Hicks (STL) and his triple-digit offerings. First pitch between Gore's Javelinas and Hicks' Desert Dogs is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. MST at Camelback Ranch.

5: Today's three-game slate features afternoon games hosted by East division teams and a night game hosted at Camelback Ranch, a West division ballpark. It will take a 36-mile drive from Salt River Fields or a 28-mile drive from Scottsdale Stadium to watch two Fall League games today.

### **Important dates to remember:**

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields

