

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026



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AFL Standings

Surprise Saguaros	3-0	-	W3
Salt River Rafters	2-1	1.0	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	1-1-1	1.5	T1
Scottsdale Scorpions	1-1-1	1.5	T1
Peoria Javelinas	1-2	2.0	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	0-3	3.0	L3

Monday's Top Performers

PAXTON KLING (SUR/TEX No. 20/CF) walked it off for Surprise with an RBI single into left field, going 4-for-5 with 5 RBIs, including an RBI double and a 3-run RBI triple.

AIDAN MILLER (SUR/MLB No. 59/PHI No. 2/DH) reached base five times, going 2-for-3 with 2 walks and a HBP.

JHONNY SEVERINO (GLE/PIT No. 28/3B) hit his first home run of the AFL (417 ft/106.6 mph) after hitting 31 in High-A Greensboro.

ARJUN NIMMALA (MSS/LAA No. 1/MLB No. 34/SS) launched his first home run of the season (401 ft/103.6 mph) while going 2-for-5 with 2 RBIs.

COLE CONN (MSS/ATH No. 21/C) went 2-for-5 with a 2B, 3B and three runs scored.

BRAYLON PAYNE (SCO/MIL No. 6/OF) went 2-for-5 with a 3B (110.6 EV), a walk and a run scored.

DEMETRIO CRISANTES (SRR/MLB No. 72, ARI No. 1/DH) went 3-for-5 with an RBI and run scored.

VANCE HONEYCUTT (PEO/BAL/CF) went 2-for-4 with a home run (388 ft/106.6 mph).

LUIS RUJANO (MSS/CHC/RHP) tossed 1.2 scoreless innings in relief, striking out three of his seven batters while walking one.

RYAN DROMBOSKI (SUR/PHI) did not allow a run on 3 hits in 3.1 innings pitched for Surprise.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

8. Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
15. Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
26. Zahir Hope - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
27. Caleb Bonemer - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
34. Arjun Nimmala - SS, Mesa Solar Sox (LAA)
44. Bryce Rainer - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
58. Tate Southisene - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (ATL)
59. Aidan Miller - SS, Surprise Saguaros (PHI)
63. Nathan Flewelling - C, Scottsdale Scorpions (TB)
66. Jarlin Susana - RHP, Salt River Rafters (WSH)
76. Angeibel Gomez - OF, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
78. Dax Kilby - SS, Salt River Rafters (NYY)
79. Charles Davalan - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
84. Demetrio Crisantes - 2B, Salt River Rafters (ARI)
95. Ike Irish - OF, Peoria Javelinas (BAL)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns for its 34th playing season. Welcoming hundreds of top Minor League prospects, the Arizona Fall League serves as the "finishing school" for players to reach the Major League level.

Starting Pitchers

Surprise @ Salt River: LHP Justin Lamkin (KC No. 8) makes his AFL debut today. He was drafted in the Competitive Balance-B round (71) in 2025 out of Texas A&M. Lamkin, was placed on the 7-day Injured List on May 27 and was transferred to the 60-day injured list on June 10, 2026. He was named to the All-Spring Breakout First Team in 2026.

The Rafters will hand the ball to **RHP R.J. Sales (WSH)**, drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 10th round (296) in 2024 out of UNC Wilmington. In college, he was named First Team All-CAA twice and ABCA Second Team All-Region. Sales, was acquired by the Nationals in a trade that sent All-Star closer Kyle Finnegan to the Detroit Tigers on July 31, 2025.

Glendale @ Mesa: RHP Alex Williams (MIA) was drafted in the 11th round (322) in 2022 out of Stanford. In 2026, he appeared in 20 games (18 starts), going 4-8 with a 5.78 ERA in 85.2 innings solely in Double-A. Williams recorded the second most starts (18) and strikeouts (87) of his career in 2026.

For the Solar Sox, **RHP Jake Bloss (TOR No. 11)** gets the start. He was drafted in the 3rd round (99) by the Houston Astros in 2023 out of Georgetown. Bloss was traded to the Blue Jays in exchange for LHP Yusei Kikuchi on July 29, 2024. He started 11 games across four levels in 2026. Bloss logged 39.1 innings and struck out 37.

Cactus Cuts

DIVISION SERIES: In the 2026 MLB Division Series, 87 of the 208 (41.8%) active players are Arizona Fall League alum. The New York Yankees led teams with 14, including Gerrit Cole, Max Fried, and Giancarlo Stanton.

2025 AFL, 2026 MLB: In 2026, 25 players from the 2025 AFL season spent time in the Major Leagues, including 2025 MVP Kevin McGonigle, who had the highest WAR by a 21-and-under rookie since Mike Trout (2010 AFL alum) in 2012.

WE ARE NO.1: There are five organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters, including Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers), Zahir Hope (OF/Scottsdale/Tigers), Arjun Nimmala (SS/Mesa/Angels), Dax Kilby (SS/Salt River/Yankees), and Demetrio Crisantes (2B/Salt River/Diamondbacks).

FUTURES GAME: AFL rosters include five players who represented their organizations in the 2026 MLB All-Star Futures Game presented by Nike: Eduardo Quintero (Dodgers), Caleb Bonemer (White Sox), Ike Irish (Orioles), Dakota Jordan (Giants), and Futures Game MVP, Nathan Flewelling (Rays), who hit a two-run home run.

GOMEZ STATESIDE DEBUT: OF Angeibel Gomez (KC No. 2/MLB No. 76) is the second-youngest player in Arizona Fall League history at 17 years and 295 days old on Opening Day. Only behind Michael De Leon in 2014, who was 17 years and 266 days old.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 6

Surprise @ Salt River	1:30	LHP Justin Lamkin vs. RHP RJ Sales
Glendale @ Mesa	6:30	RHP Alex Williams vs. RHP Jake Bloss

Wednesday, October 7

Peoria @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Winyer Chourio vs. RHP Drake George
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Thursday, October 8

Peoria @ Glendale	1:30	RHP Patrick Riley vs. LHP Emmet Olson
Mesa @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Kyle Robinson vs. RHP JT Etheridge
Surprise @ Scottsdale	6:30	TBD vs. RHP Joey Dixon

Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

The Arizona Fall League is set to have three mandatory batting practice and I/O days on Oct. 8, 15, and 19. Other days are at the discretion of the coaching staffs. The schedule for those days is below:

1:30 - Home I/O: 9:45 a.m., Home BP: 10:10 a.m., Visitor BP: 11:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 12:35 p.m.
6:30 - Home I/O: 2:45 p.m., Home BP: 3:10 p.m., Visitor BP: 4:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 5:35 p.m.