

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-0	N/A	W1
Mesa Solar Sox	1-0	N/A	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	1-0	N/A	W1
Peoria Javelinas	0-1	1.0	L1
Salt River Rafter	0-1	1.0	L1
Surprise Saguaros	0-1	1.0	L1

Monday's & Tuesday's Top Performers

Tuesday 10/8

Mariners No. 1 prospect **Colt Emerson** (Peoria; Mariners) went 5-for-6 with four doubles, which set a new AFL single-game record. Emerson also had five RBI, two runs and a stolen base in his AFL debut.

Reds infielders **Matt McLain** (Glendale) and **Christian Encarnacion-Strand** (Glendale) each had two hits, including a double. McLain had two RBI and scored three runs, while Encarnacion-Strand added three RBI.

White Sox prospects **Colson Montgomery** (Glendale) and **Tim Elko** (Glendale) each had two hits and combined to score five runs. Montgomery had a double, single, and an RBI and Elko hit a two-run HR and had three RBI.

Michael Turner (Glendale; White Sox) hit the first HR of the AFL season in his first at-bat. The two-run shot had an exit velo of 106.5 mph and went 432 ft.

Pirates No. 4 prospect **Termarr Johnson** (Scottsdale) went 2-for-4 with a leadoff HR in his first AFL at-bat. He scored two runs and had two RBI on the night.

Monday 10/7

Max Ferguson (Mesa; Red Sox) delivered a walkoff single in the bottom of the 9th inning, driving in the only run of the AFL season-opener vs Surprise. He also had a double earlier in the game.

Denzel Clarke (Mesa; A's) had two hits, two stolen bases and scored the winning run on Opening Night.

8 pitchers between Mesa and Surprise combined to allow just one run on 12 hits with 14 Ks on Opening Night. **Leandro Lopez** (Surprise; Rangers) started the game and dominated with 3.0 IP, 0 R, 4 K/0 BB.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects in AFL

- 17. Jac Caglianone - 1B/LHP, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- 19. Ethan Salas - C, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
- 27. Colt Emerson - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- 28. Leodalis De Vries - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
- 35. Bryce Eldridge - 1B, Scottsdale Scorpions (SF)
- 36. Xavier Isaac - 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (TB)
- 37. Colson Montgomery - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CHW)
- 38. Cole Young - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- 41. Chase DeLauter - OF, Surprise Saguaros (CLE)
- 44. Moises Ballesteros - C/1B, Mesa Solar Sox (CHI)
- 52. Jett Williams - SS/OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
- 65. Edwin Arroyo - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)
- 74. Drew Gilbert - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
- 75. Termarr Johnson - 2B, Scottsdale Scorpions (PIT)

Today's Notes & Headlines

The Arizona Fall League, returning for its 32nd year, is designed to serve as the "finishing school" of the minor leagues for players, coaches, umpires & aspiring employees.

Season highlights include the AFL Home Run Derby on Friday, Nov. 8 & the annual AFL Fall Stars Game on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Sloan Park. The AFL Championship Game is on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Salt River Fields. The Fall Stars Game & Championship Game will air LIVE on MLB Network, MLB.com and the MLB App.

Today is the first time during the 2024 season in which all six teams are playing, and the first of 26 days on the schedule that will feature three games. The Scottsdale Scorpions and Surprise Saguaros will play their home openers today, the Peoria Javelinas' home opener is on Friday, and the Mesa Solar Sox, Glendale Desert Dogs and Salt River Rafter have already opened at home.

Here are some notable "firsts" to begin the 2024 AFL season...

First Hit: Collin Price (Surprise; Astros)

First Extra-Base Hit: Creed Willems (Surprise; Orioles)

First Home Run: Michael Turner (Glendale; White Sox)

First RBI: Max Ferguson (Mesa; Red Sox)

First Run: Denzel Clarke (Mesa; A's)

First Stolen Base: Denzel Clarke (Mesa; A's)

First Pitcher Strikeout: Jake Walkinshaw (Mesa; A's)

First Pitcher Win: Jack Dashwood (Mesa; Angels)

First Save: Eddy Yean (Scottsdale; Pirates)

Upcoming Games & Probable Pitchers

Wednesday, October 9

Peoria @ Surprise (1:30)	LHP Patrick Montverde (MIA) vs. RHP Luinder Avila (KC)
Salt River @ Glendale (1:30)	LHP Yu-Min Lin (ARI) vs. RHP Connor Phillips (CIN)
Mesa @ Scottsdale (6:30)	RHP Cooper Adams (BOS) vs. RHP Cale Lansville (SF)

Thursday, October 10

Surprise @ Scottsdale (1:30)	LHP Juan Rojas (BAL) vs. LHP Kendry Rojas (TOR)
Salt River @ Mesa (1:30)	RHP Jackson Fristoe (NYY) vs. RHP Grant Kipp (CHI)
Peoria @ Glendale (6:30)	RHP Ryan Bergert (SD) vs. RHP Jerming Rosario (LAD)

Friday, October 11

Salt River @ Surprise (1:30)	RHP Gabriel Hughes (COL) vs. RHP Alex Santos II (HOU)
Scottsdale @ Glendale (6:30)	RHP Noah Hall (NYM) vs. RHP Griff McGarry (PHI)
Mesa @ Peoria (6:30)	LHP TJ Fondtain (TB) vs. RHP Adam Maier (ATL)

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

This week's remaining batting practice & infield/outfield days are as follows:
N/A

1:30 Game - Home I/O: 9:45 am, Home BP: 10:10 am, Visitor BP: 11:25 am, Visitor I/O: 12:35 pm
6:30 Game - Home I/O 2:45 pm, Home BP: 3:10 pm, Visitor BP: 4:25 pm, Visitor I/O: 5:35 pm

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