

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024











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Arizona Fall League Headlines

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

Play-In Semifinal & Championship Game Details

TONIGHT'S PLAY-IN SEMIFINAL GAME 6:30 pm at Scottsdale Stadium

The Play-In Semifinal between the No. 2 seed Scottsdale Scorpions and No. 3 seed Salt River Rafters will be broadcast LIVE on the Arizona Fall League website at mlb.com/arizona-fall-league/live-streams. The winner will advance to play in Saturday's Championship Game.

TOMORROW'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAME 6:00 pm at Salt River Fields

The 2024 AFL Championship Game will be broadcast LIVE on MLB Network, with additional live streams on MLB.com and the MLB app. The league's No. 1 seed and regular season champion Surprise Saguaros will face the winner of Friday's Play-In Semifinal. The Saguaros have won each of the last two seasons; they defeated the Peoria Javelinas, 6-5, in 2023 and beat the Glendale Desert Dogs, 7-6 in 10 innings, in 2022.

Today's Notes & Storylines

- The Scottsdale Scorpions beat the Glendale Desert Dogs, 7-6, yesterday in Glendale to claim the final playoff spot. The Scorpions were 9-14 and in 5th place on November 4th, then ended the regular season on a 7-game winning streak. They also won 11 of their last 13.
- With their win and Salt River's loss yesterday, Scottsdale earned the No. 2 seed because they owned the head-to-head tiebreaker over Salt River. Scottsdale, Salt River and Glendale all finished with a 16-14 regular season record, but Glendale was the odd team out because they lost tiebreakers to both Scottsdale and Salt River.
- Scorpions first baseman and Tigers prospect Josue Briceño is the first person in AFL history to win the Triple Crown. Briceño led the AFL in AVG (.433), HR (10) and RBI (27). Only eight other players in AFL history led the league in two of those categories in the same season. Briceño also led the league in Hits (39), XBH (17), TB (78), SLG (.867) and OPS (1.376).
- Rafters infielder and Yankees prospect Caleb Durbin set the new AFL all-time single-season stolen base record, shattering the previous record of 24 in 1994. Durbin went 29/30 in SB attempts and swiped 17 more bags than the next closest player. He had two games where he went 4-for-4 in SB, which tied an AFL single-game record, and he is the AFL's all-time career leader with 50 SB, after collecting 21 SB in 2023.

Upcoming Games & Probable Pitchers

Friday, November 15

Play-In Semifinal

6:30 pm at Scottsdale Stadium Salt River Rafters vs. Scottsdale Scorpions RHP Chase Solesky (WSH) vs. RHP Derek Diamond (PIT)

Saturday, November 16

AFL Championship

Winner of Play-In Game vs. Surprise Saguaros 6:00 pm at Salt River Fields

Championship Game Batting Practice Info

BP times for the Championship Game are as follows: Team TBA: 3:30-4:30 pm Team TBA: 4:30-5:30 pm

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Yesterday's Top Performers

Surprise 10, Salt River 3 Mesa 5, Peoria 2 Scottsdale 7, Glendale 6

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Hitting

Jac Caglianone (Surprise; KC): 2-for-5, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R Chase DeLauter (Surprise; CLE): 3-for-5, 2 2B, BB, 2 RBI, R Milan Tolentino (Surprise; CLE): 2-for-3, 2 2B, 2 BB, RBI, R Matt McLain (Glendale; CIN): 3-for-5, 3 1B, 3 RBI, R, SB Kervin Pichardo (Scottsdale; PIT): 3-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI Drew Compton (Peoria; ATL): 2-for-3, 2 HR, BB, 2 RBI

Pitching

Dylan DeLucia (Surprise; CLE): 4 IP, 0 ER, 4 K, BB, Win Leandro Lopez (Surprise; TEX): 3 IP, 0 R, 4 K, 2 BB TJ Fondtain (Mesa; TB): 3 IP, 0 R, 5 K, 0 BB Ryan Jennings (Scottsdale; TOR): IP, 0 R, K, BB, Save

Players of the Week Tracker

Week 1:

Co-Hitter: Kemp Alderman (Peoria; MIA) Co-Hitter: Colt Emerson (Peoria: SEA) Pitcher: Connor Phillips (Glendale; CIN)

Week 2.

Hitter: Josue Briceño (Scottsdale: DET) Pitcher: Alex Santos II (Surprise; HOU)

Week 3:

Hitter: Caleb Durbin (Salt River; NYY) Pitcher: Jose Acuña (Glendale; CIN)

Week 4:

Hitter: Nick Kurtz (Mesa; ATH) Co-Pitcher: Leandro Lopez (Surprise; TEX) Co-Pitcher: Josh Stephan (Surprise; TEX)

Week 5:

Hitter: Jonathon Long (Mesa; CHI) Pitcher: Jake Miller (Scottsdale: DET)

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects in AFL (12)

- 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)
- 32. Andrew Painter RHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (PHI)
- 36. Xavier Isaac 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (TB)
- 41. Chase DeLauter OF, Surprise Saguaros (CLE)
- 44. Moises Ballesteros C/1B, Mesa Solar Sox (CHI)
- 45. Nick Kurtz 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (OAK)
- 52. Jett Williams SS/OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
- 65. Edwin Arroyo SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)
- 74. Drew Gilbert OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)