

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	15-6	-	W3
Surprise Saguaros	12-7-1	2.0	W1
Peoria Javelinas	10-10-1	4.5	L2
Mesa Solar Sox	10-11	5.0	W3
Salt River Rrafters	8-13	7.0	L7
Glendale Desert Dogs	6-14	8.5	L1

Saturday's Top Performance

SAM PETERSEN (SCO/WSH No. 24/OF) and **ED HOWARD** (MSS/CHC/INF) each completed comebacks with walk-off singles in the bottom of the ninth for Scottsdale and Mesa.

BRADEN MONTGOMERY (GLE/CWS No. 1/OF) went 3-for-4 with his first AFL home run at 102.2 mph off the bat, going 416 feet. He added a two-run triple for four total RBI. Through seven games, the No. 35 MLB prospect is batting .435.

NACHO ALVAREZ JR. (GLE/ATL/INF) hit his first AFL home run of the season during his 5-for-5 afternoon with two doubles, a single and two RBI.

TOMMY WHITE (MSS/ATH No. 7/1B-3B) hit his second grand slam and third home run of the season with a 111.2 mph exit velocity. White got on base three times throughout his five plate appearances.

LEO BALCAZAR (PEO/CIN No. 23/INF) went 2-for-4, extending his league lead with 26 hits while batting .361.

DANIEL VAZQUEZ (SUR/KC No.16/INF) went 1-for-3 with a two-run home run and a stolen base. Vazquez currently leads the Saguaros in hits (19) and stolen bases (8).

KEVIN MCGONIGLE (SCO/DET No. 1/MLB No. 2/INF) went 2-for-4 with a two-run triple (100.5 MPH EV, 367 feet) and a walk.

ESMERLYN VALDEZ (SRR/PIT No. 15/OF) went 2-for-5, driving in four total on an RBI single and a 110.2 MPH, three-run double. He is tied for the league lead with 10 extra-base hits.

RAUDI RODRIGUEZ (SRR/LAA/OF) went 3-for-5 with two doubles, two runs scored, and an RBI.

JACK PENNEY (SCO/DET/INF) was 2-for-5 with a 393-foot two-run home run, his first of the AFL.

Fall League Alumni

FALL LEAGUE TO FALL CLASSIC: In the 2025 World Series, 21 of the 52 active players (40.4%) between the Dodgers and Blue Jays were Arizona Fall League alum. 10 of which on the back-to-back World Series champion Dodgers.

UMPIRES: Six of the seven umpires assigned to the 2025 World Series are AFL alum.

WILL SMITH WINNER: 2017 Glendale Desert Dog **Will Smith** launched the series-clinching home run in the top of the 10th inning of Game 7 of the World Series.

DEBUTS: 84 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2025 including 30 of which from #AFL24.

Media Inquiries

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Today's Headlines

Walk-Off Winners: For the first time this season, a pair of games on the same slate ended in walk-off fashion as the Mesa Solar Sox and Scottsdale Scorpions each won their third-straight game.

Surprise @ Glendale: After holding on in the top of the ninth to a two-run win over Peoria, the Saguaros remain two games out of the top spot in the AFL. They send out RHP **Eiberson Castellano** (PHI No. 24) for his fourth start of the AFL. The 24-year-old has gone at least three innings in each of his first three outings, striking out 15 compared to three walks. While missing nearly two months due to injury, Castellano made 21 appearances (two starts), tossing 36 innings. Against him is RHP **Hyun-Seok Jang** (LAD No. 21). He is coming off his best start of the season, allowing one hit in three scoreless innings last Sunday, Oct. 26, against Salt River. He allowed three runs in one inning in his last outing against Surprise.

Salt River @ Mesa: Two teams on the opposite sides of momentum face off at Sloan Park as the Salt River Rrafters look for their first win since Oct. 23 in a 16-6 win over Glendale. Mesa has won three straight with an offense that is hitting .314 with 13 extra-base hits in its streak.

RHP **Brandon Dufault** (LAA) makes his fourth appearance and second against his old AFL team he played for in 2024. He has struck out six in 7 2/3 innings, allowing seven earned runs. He made 14 starts this season for Single-A Inland Empire. RHP **Aiden May** (MIA) makes his fourth AFL start, having struck out 12 in 9 2/3 innings. His first two starts lasted four innings, while his last only went 1 2/3 innings. He struck out a season-high five of 10 batters faced and allowed two unearned runs. The 2024 fifth-round pick didn't make his pro debut until July 9 of this year, making nine starts in his first pro season, striking out 30 in 27 1/3 innings.

Peoria @ Scottsdale: The best pitching staff by ERA in Peoria (4.73), takes on the best offense in nearly every offensive category in Scottsdale. After their walk-off win on Saturday, the Scorpions have a +57 run differential, 33 runs better than anyone else. That offense will have to face RHP Marcelo Perez (SEA No. 19), making his second AFL start and fourth appearance. He made 19 starts in 2025, 11 of which were in Double-A Arkansas.

RHP **Ryan Murphy** (SF) takes the ball for Scottsdale for his fourth start and fifth appearance. He has eight strikeouts and eight walks in 10 innings pitched and is coming off of 3 2/3 scoreless innings against Surprise on Oct. 28.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Sunday, November 2

Surprise @ Glendale	12:30	RHP Eiberson Castellano vs. RHP Hyun-Seok Jang
Salt River @ Mesa	1:30	RHP Brandon Dufault vs. RHP Aiden May
Peoria @ Scottsdale	5:00	RHP Marcelo Perez vs. RHP Ryan Murphy

Fall Stars Weekend

The Arizona Fall League is a week away from its Fall Stars Festivities with the fourth annual AFL Home Run Derby on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. MST and the 19th Arizona Fall League Fall Stars Game on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. MST.

The Home Run Derby can be watched live for free on MLB.com with the Fall Stars Game being broadcast on MLB Network.

Fans can buy tickets for both Jewel Events at brushfire.com/arizonafallleague.