



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026



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AFL Standings

W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	7-3-1	- L1
Surprise Saguaros	7-3	- W4
Salt River Rafter	6-5	1.5 L3
Peoria Javelinas	5-6	2.5 W1
Mesa Solar Sox	4-5-1	2.5 L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-9	5.5 W1

Friday's Top Performers

FIVE GLENDALE PITCHERS combined for the first one-hitter in the Arizona Fall League since 2022 and the seventh since at least 2005.

BRIGGS MCKENZIE (GLE/ATL No. 8/LHP) earned the win, striking out six across four hitless innings. At 20 years old, he is the youngest pitcher in the AFL.

CALEB BONEMER (GLE/CWS No. 27/CF) went 1-for-4 with a walk and a 431-foot (111.9 mph) solo home run, his second in the AFL.

PATRICK REILLY (PEO/BAL/RHP) earned his second win, allowing one hit and one walk while striking out seven over 4.0 innings. His 13 strikeouts lead the AFL, while his seven strikeouts in the outing are tied for the league's single-game high.

BRANDON BUTTERWORTH (PEO/BAL/2B) finished 2-for-5 with three RBIs, including a two-run double in the fifth inning. His eight RBIs are tied for the second-most in the AFL.

DAX KILBY (SRR/ NYY No. 1/MLB No. 78/SS) finished 2-for-4 with a double. His four doubles this fall are tied for the most in the AFL.

Guardians Spotlight

WELBYN FRANCISCA (SUR/CLE No. 19/SS) leads the AFL in eight categories, including hits (13), total bases (22), doubles (4), extra-base hits (6), RBI (10), AVG (.591), SLG (1.000), and OPS (1.667).

Reds Spotlight

YERLIN CONFIDAN (PEO/CIN/OF) is hitting .304 (7-for-23) with two doubles and two triples. He recorded both triples in the same game on Oct. 13, the first time an AFL player has done so since Victor Mesa Jr. (MIA) in 2022.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects (15)

- Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
- Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
- Zyhir Hope - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
- Caleb Bonemer - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Arjun Nimmala - SS, Mesa Solar Sox (LAA)
- Bryce Rainer - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
- Tate Southisene - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (ATL)
- Aidan Miller - SS, Surprise Saguaros (PHI)
- Nathan Flewelling - C, Scottsdale Scorpions (TB)
- Jarlin Susana - RHP, Salt River Rafter (WSH)
- Angeibel Gomez - OF, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- Dax Kilby - SS, Salt River Rafter (NYY)
- Charles Davalan - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
- Demetrio Crisantes - 2B, Salt River Rafter (ARI)
- Ike Irish - OF, Peoria Javelinas (BAL)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns to Goodyear Ballpark, the spring training home of the Cleveland Guardians and Cincinnati Reds, for the fourth annual Goodyear Tripleheader. All three games will last seven innings, with an eighth inning if needed. Games two and three will begin approximately 45 minutes following the conclusion of the previous game.

Starting Pitchers

Salt River vs. Mesa: Taking the hill in game one of the Goodyear Tripleheader for the Rafter is **RHP Patrick Forbes (ARI No. 11)**. In his last start on Oct. 9, Forbes tossed 2.2 innings with a pair of strikeouts and surrendered a run on two hits. In 2026, he split time between the ACL and High-A Hillsboro. Forbes racked up 41 strikeouts over 29.2 innings, registering a 12.44 K/9 rate and a 35.3% K%.

RHP Madinson Frias (BOS) is the opposing starter for Mesa. On Oct. 5, Frias gave up one run in 2.0 innings of relief, while striking out a pair. He signed with the Boston Red Sox as an International Free Agent on Jan. 15, 2024. Frias 2026 on Single-A Salem's Opening Day roster before suffering a season-ending injury on May 24. He appeared in eight games (six starts), and went 0-2 with a 6.68 ERA and 23 strikeouts over 31 innings.

Scottsdale vs. Peoria: **RHP Miguel Mendez (SFG No. 26)** is slated to start for Scottsdale. Mendez has allowed two runs and struck out seven hitters across 4.2 innings in two starts this fall. In 2026, he had 18 starts, posting a 2-3 record and a 1.51 WHIP in 49.2 innings pitched. Prior to being traded to San Francisco in 2026 in a deal for LHP Robbie Ray, Baseball America named him the 2025 Padres Minor League Pitcher of the Year.

RHP Kannon Kemp (SD No. 13) returns to the hill for his third start of the fall. In his last appearance in Tucson, he suffered the loss after giving up four runs across three innings. Kemp returns to the AFL for his second stint in Peoria, making six appearances (two starts) in 2025 while allowing one run in 7.0 innings. After making his 2026 and High-A debut on June 18, he struck out a career-high seven on Aug. 29 in his final start.

Surprise vs. Glendale: The Saguaros send **RHP Peyton Prescott (NYM)** for his third start of the fall. In his first two starts, he tossed a combined 3.0 innings with a pair of punchouts and three runs allowed, while collecting one win. Prior to being drafted in the 5th round in 2025, Prescott underwent Tommy John Surgery. Prescott made his full-season professional debut with Single-A St. Lucie on Sept. 4, 2026.

LHP Luke Fox (LAD) gets the nod for Glendale. In his first two starts, he struck out four and only allowed one hit across 2.2 innings. Fox spent the majority of his regular season with Double-A Tulsa, where he compiled a 3.18 ERA, 0.88 WHIP, and limited opposing hitters to a .156 batting average over 28.1 innings. He earned Texas League Pitcher of the Week honors on April 19 after tossing consecutive scoreless outings for the Drillers.

Cactus Cuts

GOLD GLOVES: Of the 60 MLB Rawlings Gold Glove Award Finalists, 20 (33.3%) are Arizona Fall League Alumni.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: In the 2026 MLB League Championship Series, 37 of 104 (35.6%) active players are Arizona Fall League alumni.

SUMMER CLASSIC: 27 former AFL players, 1 coach and all 6 umpires were selected to participate in Major League Baseball's 2026 All-Star Game in Philadelphia, PA. Since the AFL began in 1992, 371 former players have gone on to become MLB All-Stars.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, October 17 - Goodyear Tripleheader

Salt River vs. Mesa	12:30	RHP Patrick Forbes vs. RHP Madinson Frias
Scottsdale vs. Peoria	3:30	RHP Miguel Mendez vs. RHP Kannon Kemp
Surprise vs. Glendale	6:30	RHP Peyton Prescott vs. LHP Luke Fox

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.