ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

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Final AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Surprise Saguaros	18-10	-	W4
Peoria Javelinas	17-11	1.0	L1
Salt River Rafters	14-15	4.5	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	13-15-1	5.0	L2
Mesa Solar Sox	11-15-2	6.0	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	10-17-1	7.5	W1

Postseason Scores

Quarterfinals:

Game 1: #6 Glendale 17, #3 Scottsdale 5
- Scottsdale Pitching Held No-Hitter into 6th Inning
- Glendale Scores 17 Runs in Final Four Innings, a Postseason Record

Game 2: #4 Salt River 5, #5 Mesa 2
- Jarlin Susana strikes out 5 in 2.2 scoreless innings, topping at 102.3
- Two-Run Single by Kyle DeBarge gives Rafters lead for good

Semifinals:

Game 1: #2 Surprise 10, #6 Glendale 4
- Saguaros Score Seven Runs in First Three Innings, 10-0 after 5
- Mason McConnaughey Strikes Out 4 in 4.0 Scoreless Innings

Game 2: #1 Peoria 6, #4 Salt River 5
- Ike Irish with 3 RBI after a Two-Run Single and a Go-Ahead Sacrifice Fly
- Salt River Evens Game with a Four-Run Fourth, Peoria Holds On

Postseason Records

COLE MATHIS (SUR/NYM/1B) drove in 7 RBI during Friday's AFL Semifinals, setting an Arizona Fall League postseason record for RBI in a game. After an RBI groundout in the first inning, Mathis walked with the bases loaded in the second inning, drove in a pair on an RBI single in the third and capped his day with a three-run homer in the fifth.

He passes Alfredo Duno, who drove in six in his three-home run performance in the 2025 Semifinals.

PATRICK REILLY (PEO/BAL/RHP) tied an Arizona Fall League postseason record, striking out eight batters over 3.1 innings during Friday's AFL Semifinals. The last player in AFL postseason history to record eight strikeouts was Caleb Killian (MSS), who tossed 6.0 perfect innings in the 2021 AFL Championship Game, helping the Solar Sox to a one-hitter over Surprise.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects (15)

8. Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
15. Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
26. Zyhir 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)
*No longer on Arizona Fall League rosters

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Today's Headlines

The 34th season of the Arizona Fall League wraps up Saturday with the 24th Arizona Fall League Championship Game (from 1992 to 2000, the AFL champion was determined via a best-of-three series between the two division winners). In its second season under a new playoff format to include all six teams in postseason play, the No. 1 Peoria Javelinas take on the No. 2 Surprise Saguaros at Peoria Sports Complex, the Spring Training home of the San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners.

The 2026 AFL Championship Game can also be watched LIVE on MLB Network, MLB.com and the Arizona Fall League website, with first pitch at 6 p.m. MST/8 p.m. ET.

West Valley Dynasty

This is the 17th-consecutive season that either the Peoria Javelinas or the Surprise Saguaros have made the AFL Championship Game. The last time neither team made it was 2008.

The Surprise Saguaros have reached the AFL Championship Game for the seventh straight season and 10th time out of the last 13 seasons. The streak is tied for the longest in AFL history after the Desert Dogs made it seven straight years from 2003 to 2009. The Saguaros have won the title 3 out of the last 4 seasons.

Starting Pitchers

Surprise @ Peoria: On the mound for the Peoria Javelinas in the 2026 Arizona Fall League Championship is **RHP Luke Holman (CIN No. 23)**. He makes his fifth start (sixth appearance) of the AFL. The National League Fall Star posted a 1-0 record and a league-best 0.69 ERA. He leads qualified AFL pitchers with a .114 batting average against, allowing only five hits. Holman struck out 20 of 58 batters (38.5%) faced in the AFL, while allowing only one earned run in 13.0 innings. Drafted in the 2nd round (71st) in 2024 out of LSU, Holman was named a Golden Spikes Award Semifinalist and a consensus All-American after finishing No. 2 in the SEC in strikeouts (127) and opponent batting average (.174). He spent the majority of the 2026 season on the injured list; Holman logged a 2.70 ERA with nine strikeouts in four starts. Holman is also a childhood cancer survivor, having been diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma before his eighth birthday.

Pitch Mix: Fastball (91-93, T95), Curveball (76-79), Slider (83-86), Splitter (81-83)

LHP Justin Lamkin (KC No. 8) gets the nod as the Saguaros starter. He was named the Week Three NFP Pitcher of the Week after he tossed 4.0 perfect innings and fanned four Solar Sox hitters on Oct. 21. Lamkin was selected to the American League Fall Stars. In five AFL starts, he's registered a 0.92 WHIP and a .172 batting average against. Lamkin ranks among the league leaders with three wins (T-1st), a 0.92 WHIP (1st), and a .172 batting average against (4th) across 16.1 innings pitched (T-7th). He was drafted in the 2nd round (71st) in 2025 out of Texas A&M. Lamkin was placed on injured list on May 27 after eight Minor League starts where he posted a 2.04 ERA with 53 strikeouts.

Pitch Mix: Four-Seam Fastball (90-93, T94), Slider (80-84), Curveball (78-81), Changeup (84-86)

2026 Arizona Fall League Award Winners

The AFL announced Saturday its end-of-season award winners for the 2026 AFL season.

Joe Black MVP Award: Surprise Saguaros INF Welbyn Francisca (CLE)
Dernell Stenson Sportsmanship Award: Salt River Rafters OF Teo Banks (WSH)
Offensive Player of the Year: Peoria Javelinas OF Tai Peete (STL)
Pitcher of the Year: Salt River Rafters RHP Jarlin Susana (WSH)
Reliever of the Year: Mesa Solar Sox RHP Kenya Huggins (ATH)
Defensive Player of the Year: Peoria Javelinas OF Vance Honeycutt (BAL)
Breakout Player of the Year: Salt River Rafters C/1B Jack O'Dowd (COL)
AFL Community Champion Award: Scottsdale Scorpions RHP Maddox Long (SCO)

Team by Team Championships

Javelinas: 7 Titles
Rafters: 6 Titles
Solar Sox: 6 Titles
Desert Dogs: 6 Titles
Saguaros: 5 Titles
Scorpions: 3 Titles

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, November 14 - Championship (Peoria Sports Complex)

#2 Suprise vs. #1 Peoria	6:00	LHP Justin Lamkin vs. RHP Luke Holman

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2026 AFL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME - CONTINUED

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Award Season

MLB AWARDS: Eight AFL alumni were finalists for 2026 MLB Awards. The AL Rookie of the Year, Kevin McGonigle became the 39th Rookie of the Year Winner to have formerly have played in the AFL in 34 seasons of the league.

NL Reliever of the Year: Mason Miller (2022)
AL Hank Aaron & MVP: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Comeback POTY: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
Most Outstanding DH: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Manager of the Year: Will Venable (2007)
AL Rookie of the Year: Kevin McGonigle (2025)

Finalists:
AL Reliever of the Year: Cade Smith (2022)
AL Manager of the Year: Kevin Cash (2002)
AL Manager of the Year: Chad Tracy (2008)
NL Manager of the Year: Don Mattingly (2010)

SILVER SLUGGERS: Of the 50 MLB Silver Slugger nominations, 22 (44%)are players who previously played in the Arizona Fall League. A total of 105 former Arizona Fall League alumni have won a Silver Slugger Award.

GOLD GLOVERS: 10 of 20 MLB Rawlings Gold Glove Award Winners (50%) are Arizona Fall League Alumni.

National League:
C Gabriel Moreno, ARI (MSS, 2021)
1B Matt Olson, ATL (MSS, 2014)
SS Geraldo Perdomo, ARI (SRR, 2019)
UTL Mauricio Dubon, ATL (SUR, 2016)

American League:
C Dillion Dingler, DET (SRR, 2022)
2B Cole Young, SEA (PEO, 2024)
3B Caleb Durbin, BOS (MSS, 2023/SRR, 2024)
LF Cody Bellinger, NYY (GLE, 2016)
RF Wilyer Abreu, BOS (SCO, 2022)
UTL Ezequiel Duran, TEX (SUR, 2021)

Of the 9 MiLB Gold Glove Winners, Cade Smith (MSS, 2025) Carson Roccaforte (SUR, 2025), and Max Anderson (SCO, 2025) are AFL Alumni.

All-MLB x AFL

First Team:
1B, Pete Alonso (BAL)
C, Gabriel Moreno (ARI)
DH, Yordan Alvarez (HOU)
Closer, Mason Miller (SD)

Second Team:
1B, Willson Contreras (BOS)
2B, Brandom Lowe (PIT)
OF, Jordan Walker (STL)
Closer, Cade Smith (CLE)

AFL Championship Game History

2025: Surprise Saguaros (9-4) over Peoria Javelinas
2024: Salt River Rafters (3-2) over Surprise Saguaros
2023: Surprise Saguaros (6-5) over Peoria Javelinas
2022: Surprise Saguaros (7-6, F11) over Glendale Desert Dogs
2021: Mesa Solar Sox (6-0) over Surprise Saguaros
2019: Salt River Rafters (5-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2018: Peoria Javelinas (3-2, F10) over Salt River Rafters
2017: Peoria Javelinas (8-2) over Mesa Solar Sox
2016: Mesa Solar Sox (6-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2015: Scottsdale Scorpions (6-4) over Surprise Saguaros
2014: Salt River Rafters (14-7) over Peoria Javelinas
2013: Surprise Saguaros (2-0) over Mesa Solar Sox
2012: Peoria Javelinas (4-3) over Salt River Rafters
2011: Salt River Rafters (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros
2010: Scottsdale Scorpions (3-2) over Peoria Javelinas
2009: Peoria Javelinas (5-4) over Phoenix Desert Dogs
2008: Phoenix Desert Dogs (10-4) over Mesa Solar Sox
2007: Phoenix Desert Dogs (7-2) over Surprise Rafters
2006: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Grand Canyon Rafters
2005: Phoenix Desert Dogs (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros (9-3)
2004: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Scottsdale Scorpions (6-2)
2003: Mesa Solar Sox (7-2) over Mesa Desert Dogs
2002: Peoria Javelinas (7-1) over Scottsdale Scorpions
2001: Phoenix Desert Dogs (12-8) over Grand Canyon Rafters

From 1992-2000, the best team in the East and West Divisions would play a Best-of-Three Championship Series to determine the AFL Champion.

Yordan Alvarez - MVP

Houston Astros Designated Hitter and 2017 Mesa Solar Sox **Yordan Alvarez** was named the American League Most Valuable Player of Thursday. Alvarez is the first Fall League alumni to be named MVP since Ronald Acuña Jr. in 2023. Since the AFL began in 1992, 24 former players have gone to win MVP, totalling 31 awards.

The Stars of Tomorrow, Today

TOP DAWGS: The AFL features 15 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 8 Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers). It is the most prospects in the AFL since the league had 16 in both 2021 & 2022. Both the Dodgers and Tigers lead the league with two Top 100 prospects.

TOP PROSPECTS: AFL rosters combine 80 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Los Angeles Dodgers lead all systems with five.

FUTURES GAME: A total of five players in the AFL represented their organizations in the 2026 MLB All-Star Futures Game presented by Nike: Eduardo Quintero (Dodgers), Caleb Bonemer (White Sox), Nathan Flewelling (Rays), Ike Irish (Orioles), and Dakota Jordan (Giants).

FALL STARS: Thirty-two percent of all players named to the 2026 MLB All-Star Game in Philadelphia were alum (25 of 77), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

THE BEST ROOKS AROUND: In 2025, Catcher **Drake Baldwin** (ATL/SRR) and first baseman **Nick Kurtz** (ATH/MSS) became the 37th and 38th Fall League alumni to win Rookie of the Year. It was the 9th time that both the NL and AL Rookies of the Year are AFL alums.

It was the 3rd time in AFL history that the National League and American League Rookies of the Year played in the AFL the year before, and the first since 2012 with Mike Trout and Bryce Harper.

Key Performers

WELBYN FRANCISCA (SUR/CLE No. 19) led the AFL in AVG, Hits, RBI, slugging percentage, OPS, and total bases. In Francisca's first fall league game, he reached base six times, going 5-for-5 with a double, a home run, 3 RBIs, a walk, and 3 runs scored, later winning Week 1 Player of the Week.

SEBASTIAN WALCOTT (SUR/MLB No. 8/TEX No. 1) slashed .303/.351/.455 with an .806 OPS, 7 doubles, a home run, 21 RBI, 6 walks, and 10 stolen bases in his second season in the AFL.

PAXTON KLING (SUR/TEX No. 20/OF) batted .355 (22-for-62) with 3 doubles, a triple, 13 RBI, 14 walks, and 14 stolen bases. On Oct.5, when he finished the day 4-for-5 with a double, a triple, and 5 RBI against Glendale.

ZION ROSE (SUR/KC No. 6/OF) hit .322/.494/.508 with a 1.008 OPS. The sixth overall pick in the 2026 MLB Draft secured a double, 2 triples, 2 home runs, 16 RBI, 17 walks, and 14 SB.

RYAN DROMBOSKI (SUR/PHI) leads Surprise with a 2.75 ERA over 19.2 IP. He has posted a 61.7% strikeout rate with 18 strikeouts while holding opponents to a .181 average.

TAI PEETE (PEO/STL No. 17/OF) ended second in the AFL with five triples. He also ranked tied for first in stolen bases (20), second in hits (27), runs scored (24), total bases (51), extra-base hits (13), and slugging percentage (.662), while ranking fourth in average (.351) and OPS (1.103), and 10th in home runs (3), doubles (5), walks (17), and RBI (17).

IKE IRISH (PEO/BAL No./MLB No. 95/OF) during the regular season slashed .328/.946/.506 with two home runs, and ranks top 10 in AVG (.328).

YERLIN CONFIDAN (PEO/CIN/OF) slashed .309/.924/.559 with two home runs. Is ranked top 10 in doubles (5) and triples (3).

ALEX MCCOY (PEO/SD No.26/OF) is top 10 in home runs (5), doubles (6), RBI (19), SLG (.578) and stolen bases (12). He slashed .250/.950/.578.

BRAXTON BRAGG (PEO/BAL No.22/RHP) ranks 10th in ERA (3.60) in 15.0 IP. He has held batters to a .232 batting average against. Named Week 4 Pitcher of the Week.

Fall League Alumni

FALL LEAGUE TO FALL CLASSIC: In the 2026 World Series Presented by Capital One, 14 of 52 players (27%), Rays Manager Kevin Cash, and 11 other coaches were Arizona Fall League alumni.

RING HIM UP: In the 2026 World Series Presented by Capital One, all 9 Umpires and Replay Officials are alumni of the Arizona Fall League.

NLCS MVP: Brewers first baseman **Jake Bauers** was named the 2026 National League Championship Series MVP. In 2015, he played for the Mesa Solar Sox, hitting five extra-base hits with eight RBIs in 18 games.

DEBUTS: 92 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2026 including 19 of which from the 2025 AFL season.

2025 AFL: 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.