



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Friday, October 15, 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division

GB

Salt River	1-1	—
Mesa	1-1	—
Scottsdale	0-2	1

#### West Division

GB

Surprise	2-0	—
Glendale	2-0	—
Peoria	0-2	2

### Today's Games

#### MESA @ SURPRISE

##### Mesa

RHP Jeff Criswell (OAK)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Surprise

RHP Jackson Rutledge (WAS)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### SCOTTSDALE @ GLENDALE

##### Scottsdale

LHP Tanner Tully (CLE)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Glendale

RHP Bobby Miller (LAD)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### SALT RIVER @ PEORIA

##### Salt River

RHP Connor Grey (NYM)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Peoria

RHP Hans Crouse (PHI)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/16

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise			X	X	-	X*
Peoria			X	X	X	-
Glendale			X	X	-	TBD
Salt River			X	X	-	TBD
Scottsdale			X	X	-	X
Mesa			X	X	-	X

**12:35 p.m.** - HINF: 9:10 a.m., HBP: 9:25 a.m., VBP: 10:40 a.m., VIN: 11:40 a.m.

**6:35 p.m.** - HINF: 3:10 p.m., HBP: 3:25 p.m., VBP: 4:40 p.m., VIN: 5:40 p.m.

*\*Surprise BP on Saturday: on TEX Field 5 & 6 at 4:30 p.m.*

Teams are REQUIRED to take batting practice and infield every Monday and Thursday

### Fall League Alum of the Day

**Nolan Arenado** (Salt River Rafters, 2011) played in his sixth consecutive MLB All-Star Game this July in Denver. Arenado was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals last winter and he helped lead his new club to a National League wildcard berth in 2021. Arenado was the Arizona Fall League's Joe Black MVP Award winner in 2011, and his Salt River Rafters went on to win the 2011 AFL championship in the inaugural season at Salt River Fields. He posted a .388/.423/.636 slash in the Fall League and had not played above High-A prior to the 2011 fall.



### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Saturday, October 16

SCOTTSDALE at PEORIA	12:35 p.m.	LHP Seth Corry vs. RHP Juan Then
GLENDALE at SURPRISE	6:35 p.m.	RHP Robinson Pina vs. RHP James Marinar
MESA at SALT RIVER	6:35 p.m.	RHP Michael Dominguez vs. RHP Garrett Hill

#### Sunday, October 17

*No games scheduled (league-wide off day)*

# AFL Player Notebook

## Peoria

**#26 Logan O'Hoppe (PHI)** - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Phillies prospect. Drafted in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of St. Johns The Baptist High School (NY). Played in 85 games for High-A Jersey Shore in 2021, posting a .270/.335/.459 slash with 13 home runs. Played winter ball in 2019-20 with the Adelaide Giants of the Australian Baseball League, posting a .258/.389/.483 slash.

**#20 William Woods (ATL)** - 23rd-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Dyersburg State Community College (TN), the school's second-ever draftee. Pitched only 10 2/3 innings in 2021 after not pitching in 2020 and tossing 51 innings in 2019. Posted a 4.22 ERA in 2021. 60-grade fastball according to MLB Pipeline.

**#1 MacKenzie Gore (SD)** - Third-overall pick to the Padres in the 2017 draft. Pitched 50 innings in 2021 between four affiliates, 20 of them coming with Triple-A El Paso. Averaged over one strikeout an inning in 2021, posting a 2.18 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Four-pitch mix that plays well up in the zone. Pitched in the 2019 Futures Game in Cleveland.

**#4 Shea Langeliers (ATL)** - 69th-ranked prospect in baseball according to MLB Pipeline. Spent three seasons at Baylor University, posting a .289/.370/.521 slash from 2017-2019. Played 92 games for Double-A Mississippi in 2021, hitting 22 home runs in 329 at-bats. Made his Triple-A debut this year (Gwinnett) for five games and 11 at-bats.

## Salt River

**#31 Mitchell Stumpo (ARI)** - Played 36 total games across four affiliates in 2021. Signed with the Diamondbacks as an undrafted free agent in 2019. Posted a 2.63 ERA in 51.1 minor league innings in 2021; worked a 2.59 ERA in 24.1 innings with Double-A Amarillo. Promoted to Triple-A Albuquerque at the end of the 2021 season, tossing six innings and allowing one run. Pitched at Division-III Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**#8 Spencer Torkelson (DET)** - MLB Pipeline's No. 4 overall prospect. First overall pick in the 2020 draft out of Arizona State. Played in 40 games for Triple-A Toledo in his first professional season, posting a .238/.350/.531 slash (.881 OPS). Played 50 games with Double-A Erie, posting a .933 OPS. Went 1-2 in the 2021 Futures Game at Coors Field. Named PAC-12 Freshman of the Year in 2018 and spent two summers in the Cape Cod Baseball League with the Chatham Anglers.

**#34 Jordan Sheffield (COL)** - Rule 5 selection from the Los Angeles Dodgers following the 2020 season. Pitched in the Fall League for the Glendale Desert Dogs in 2019. Pitched 29.1 innings in the big leagues for the Rockies in 2021, slowed by a lat strain that kept him on the injured list for several months. Attended Vanderbilt University, making 22 starts in 38 college appearances. Brother of Mariners pitcher Justus Sheffield. 70-grade curveball according to FanGraphs.

## Mesa

**#16 Ryan Jensen (TOR)** - First-round selection by the Blue Jays in the 2019 draft. MLB Pipeline's 15th-ranked Cubs prospect. 70-grade fastball per MLB Pipeline. Played three years at Fresno State, posting a 2.88 ERA in an even 100 innings during his junior season. Made 16 starts with High-A South Bend in 2021, posting a 4.50 ERA. Made four starts with Double-A Tennessee in 2021, posting a 3.00 ERA.

**#10 J.J. Bleday (MIA)** - MLB Pipeline's No. 74 overall prospect. Drafted fourth overall in the 2019 draft out of Vanderbilt. Led all of NCAA Division-I baseball with 27 home runs in 2019. Played exclusively with Double-A Pensacola in 2021 (110 games), hitting 12 home runs in 397 at-bats. Named to the Marlins' 60-man player pool in 2020 and worked exclusively at the club's alternate site.

**#11 Luis Vazquez (CHI)** - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2017 draft out of Alberto Melendez Torres High School (Puerto Rico). Played in 34 games in 2021; sidelined early in the season after sustaining an injury sliding into a base. Played winter ball in Puerto Rico in 2019-20 and 2020-21. Has played 140 affiliated minor league games in the past three years.

**#2 Austin Beck (OAK)** - Sixth overall pick of the 2017 draft out of North Davidson High School (NC). Made his Triple-A debut for Las Vegas in 2021, posting three home runs in 20 total at-bats. Played 69 games for High-A Lansing, posting a .202/.253/.351 slash. Arm and raw power are his notable tools according to FanGraphs.

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## Scottsdale

**#40 Damon Cassetta-Stubbs (CLE)** - Traded from Seattle to Cleveland in July. Played in only 10 games in 2021, nine for the Mariners' Low-A affiliate (Modesto) and one with Cleveland's complex team. Drafted by Seattle in the 11th round of the 2018 draft out of King's Way Christian Schools (WA).. Career 5.78 ERA with 173 strikeouts in 165 minor league innings

**#59 Kody Funderburk (MIN)** - Mesa, Arizona native. Pitched at both Mesa Community College and Dallas Baptist University before being drafted in the 15th round of the 2018 draft. Pitched 80 innings in 2021 between High-A Cedar Rapids and Double-A Wichita, posting a combined 2.55 ERA and collecting 90 strikeouts. 10.1 K/9 and 3.5 BB/9 in 2021.

**#17 Triston Casas (BOS)** - 60-grade power and arm according to MLB Pipeline. 26th-overall pick in the 2018 draft out of American Heritage High School (FL). Posted a .279/.394/.484 slash in 308 at-bats in 2021, with 77 of his 86 games played with Double-A Port- land. Made his Triple-A debut with Worcester at the end of 2021, posting an .866 OPS in 33 at-bats. Played for the Team USA 18U and 15U teams.

**#7 Marco Luciano (SF)** - MLB Pipeline's fifth-ranked prospect and the top in the Giants system. Made his professional debut at 17 years old (2019). 18 home runs in 70 games this year with Low-A San Jose. Played 36 games with High-A Eugene; both of Luciano's teams this year won their respective minor league championships. 65-grade power according to MLB Pipeline.

## Surprise

**#28 Sam Huff (TEX)** - Drafted by the Rangers in the seventh round of the 2016 draft out of Arcadia High School (AZ). Played in 10 games for the Texas Rangers in 2020, posting a .355/.394/.742 slash. Underwent knee surgery in early 2021 following a hamstring strain that kept him out of spring training action. Played in 61 minor league games in 2021 between Triple-A Round Rock, Double-A Frisco and the Rangers' complex league squad.

**#13 Austin Wells (NYY)** - 28th overall pick of the 2020 draft and the sixth-ranked prospect in the Yankees system per MLB Pipeline. Big league ETA is projected for 2023. Played two seasons at the University of Arizona, posting a 1.035 OPS in 277 career at-bats. Held a .258/.398/.479 slash with Low-A Tampa in 2021, finishing the year with High-A Hudson Valley.

**#2 Justin Foscue (TEX)** - Played three seasons at Mississippi State and played in the College World Series in 2018 and 2019. Draft- ed by the Rangers with the 14th overall pick in the 2020 draft. Posted a .960 slash in 2021, his first professional season, splitting time between High-A Hickory and Double-A Frisco. 17 home runs in 62 career minor league games. Fourth-ranked prospect in the Rangers system per MLB Pipeline.

**#9 Ezequiel Duran (TEX)** - International sign out of the Dominican Republic in 2017. Traded from the Yankees to the Rangers in 2021, playing the full year exclusively in High-A (Hickory and Hudson Valley). Posted a 2021 slash of .267/.342/.486 in 416 at-bats, hitting 19 home runs and 22 doubles.

## Glendale

**#25 Bobby Miller (LAD)** - MLB Pipeline's fourth-ranked Dodgers prospect. Pitched three seasons at the University of Louisville (2018-2020), posting a 3.28 ERA in 170 total innings. Drafted by the Dodgers with the 29th overall pick in the 2020 draft. Tops out at 99 and features both a four-seam and two-seam fastball. Minor league BB/9 of 2.1 is better than his college figure of 3.6.

**#12 Jordan Hicks (STL)** - Routine triple-digit fastball. Third-round selection by the Cardinals in the 2015 draft. Pitched for the Cardinals in 2018, 2019 and 2021, posting a career 3.64 ERA and 111 strikeouts in 116.1 innings. Did not pitch in 2020 following Tommy John surgery in July 2019. Made 10 appearances with the Cardinals in 2021 before being shut down with right elbow inflammation in May.

**#16 Nolan Gorman (STL)** - MLB Pipeline's 24th-ranked prospect and the No. 1 prospect in the Cardinals organization. Big league ETA is set for 2022 per MLB Pipeline. .822 career OPS in three seasons as a professional. Played in 76 games for Triple-A Memphis in 2021, posting a .274/.333/.481 slash. 25 total home runs in 480 at-bats in 2021. 19th overall selection in the 2018 draft out of Sandra Day O'Connor High School (AZ). Played on the USA 18U team.

**#15 Yoelqui Cespedes (CWS)** - Played in the Cuban National Series from 2015-2019. His first season of affiliate ball was 2021 with High-A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham, posting a combined .285/.350/.463 slash in 72 games. Called up to Double-A for his final 27 games of the year. Second-ranked prospect in the White Sox system per MLB Pipeline.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: Brett Baty of the Salt River Rafters began the season with a 3-for-3 performance on Wednesday; he followed it up with a 2-for-4 showing in Surprise on Thursday afternoon. He currently holds a .714 average. Baty's minor league slash in 2021 was .292/.382/.473 between High-A Brooklyn and Double-A Binghamton

2: The Surprise Saguaros pitched their second consecutive shutout on Thursday and have allowed just 10 hits in their first 18 innings of the season — with *30 strikeouts*.

3: Lars Nootbaar (STL) led an offensive charge for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Thursday, going 3-for-5 with a leadoff home run and four RBI's. He is batting .429 in this two-day-old AFL season with a 1.841 OPS.

4: Right-hander Bobby Miller (LAD) will make his AFL debut this afternoon for the Glendale Desert Dogs in their home opener. Miller, the 29th overall pick of the 2020 draft, finished the season with Double-A Tulsa for three games and last pitched on September 19. His Double-A debut on September 8th was a 2.2-inning, four-run affair, but Miller's momentum turned as he allowed a single run in his final 6.2 innings.

5: If Spencer Mraz pitches out of the bullpen for the Surprise Saguaros today, the two tallest players in the AFL will pitch for the same team on the same day. Jackson Rutledge, 6'8", is the starting pitcher for the Saguaros this afternoon. Mraz is the tallest player in the league at 6'10".

### Important dates to remember:

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields

