

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Mesa Solar Sox	1-0	N/A	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	0-0	0.5	N/A
Peoria Javelinas	0-0	0.5	N/A
Salt River Rafter	0-0	0.5	N/A
Scottsdale Scorpions	0-0	0.5	N/A
Surprise Saguaros	0-1	1.0	L1

"Prime 9" 2024 AFL Roster Breakdown

1. There are four organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters: Jac Caglianone (KC), Ethan Salas (SD), Colt Emerson (SEA) and Bryce Eldridge (SF).

2. Peoria and Scottsdale each have four Top 100 prospects on their rosters, the most of any team in the league.

3. Over 70 players on this year's AFL rosters played in MLB's inaugural "Spring Breakout" games this past March.

4. 10 players on this year's AFL rosters were on 2024 All-Star Futures Game rosters. Eight of those players played in the game in Texas and seven were in the starting lineups.

5. AFL player/coach ties to Arizona: Peoria manager Ryan Scott (SEA) and Surprise catcher Kody Huff (CLE) are Scottsdale natives. Surprise LHP Avery Weems (TEX) is from Flagstaff and pitched at Univ. of Arizona. Mesa RHP, Vince Reilly (CHI) pitched at Grand Canyon Univ.

6. Glendale's roster features three players with MLB experience: Reds INFs Christian Encarnacion-Strand and Matt McLain and Cardinals INF Thomas Saggese.

7. Four AFL players were 2024 All-MiLB Prospect Team selections. Bryce Eldridge (SF) was a first-team selection at DH while second-teamers included Tre' Morgan (TB) at 1B, Alejandro Osuna (TEX) in the OF, and Moises Ballesteros (CHI) at DH (Mesa)

8. Two of the six AFL managers have won a Manager of the Year award: Ryan Scott (SEA), 2023, Northwest League and Andy Schatzley (LAA), 2022, Southern League.

9. The AFL's five youngest players are INF Leodalis De Vries (10/11/06), C Ethan Salas (6/1/06), INF Colt Emerson (7/20/05), C Juan Baez (6/27/05) and OF Zyhir Hope (1/19/05).

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects in AFL

15. Jac Caglianone - 1B/LHP, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
17. Ethan Salas - C, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
18. Xaiver Isaac - 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (TB)
25. Colson Montgomery - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CHW)
27. Colt Emerson - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
34. Cole Young - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
39. Chace DeLauter - OF, Surprise Saguaros (CLE)
41. Moises Ballesteros - C/1B, Mesa Solar Sox (CHI)
44. Leodalis De Vries - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
50. Bryce Eldridge - 1B, Scottsdale Scorpions (SF)
53. Jett Williams - SS/OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
67. Edwin Arroyo - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)
76. Drew Gilbert - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
78. Termarr Johnson - 2B, Scottsdale Scorpions (PIT)

Today's Notes & Headlines

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

This season's crop of AFL players features 14 on MLB Pipeline's Top 100 overall prospect list, headlined by a Top-20 trio of No. 15 prospect 1B/LHP Jac Caglianone (Surprise; Royals), No. 17 C Ethan Salas (Peoria; Padres) & No. 18 1B Xavier Isaac (Mesa; Rays).

The AFL's six coaching staffs are managed by the following individuals: Ben Johnson (Glendale; Cardinals), Andy Schatzley (Mesa; Angels), Ryan Scott (Peoria; Mariners), Tyler Smarslok (Salt River; Twins), Dennis Pelfrey (Scottsdale; Giants) & Roberto Mercado (Surprise; Orioles).

Season highlights include the AFL Home Run Derby on Friday, Nov. 8 & the annual AFL Fall Stars Game on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Sloan Park. The AFL Championship Game is on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Salt River Fields. The Fall Stars Game & Championship Game will air LIVE on MLB Network, MLB.com and the MLB App.

In the AFL's inaugural "Opening Night" last night, the Mesa Solar Sox defeated the Surprise Saguaros, 1-0, on Max Ferguson's (Red Sox) walkoff RBI single. Denzel Clarke (A's) scored the winning run and had two hits and two stolen bases. Jake Walkinshaw (Mesa; A's), Mitch Myers (Mesa; A's), Leandro Lopez (Surprise; Rangers) & Josh Stephan (Surprise; Rangers) each went 3.0+ scoreless innings.

Upcoming Games & Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 8

Peoria @ Glendale (1:30) RHP Gabe Mosser (SD) vs. RHP Grant Taylor (CWS)
Scottsdale @ Salt River (6:30) RHP Rayner Castillo (DET) vs. RHP Dylan Ray (ARI)
*Today is the first game of the season for all 4 of these teams (Mesa and Surprise are off)

Wednesday, October 9

Peoria @ Surprise (1:30) LHP Patrick Montverde (MIA) vs. RHP Luinder Avila (KC)
Salt River @ Glendale (1:30) LHP Yu-Min Lin (ARI) vs. RHP Connor Phillips (CIN)
Mesa @ Scottsdale (6:30) RHP Cooper Adams (BOS) vs. RHP Cale Lansville (SF)

Thursday, October 10

Surprise @ Scottsdale (1:30) LHP Juan Rojas (BAL) vs. LHP Kendry Rojas (TOR)
Salt River @ Mesa (1:30) RHP Jackson Fristoe (NYY) vs. RHP Grant Kipp (CHI)
Peoria @ Glendale (6:30) RHP Ryan Bergert (SD) vs. RHP Jerming Rosario (LAD)

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

This week's remaining batting practice & infield/outfield days are as follows:
Tuesday 10/8

1:30 Game - Home I/O: 9:45 am, Home BP: 10:10 am, Visitor BP: 11:25 am, Visitor I/O: 12:35 pm
6:30 Game - Home I/O: 2:45 pm, Home BP: 3:10 pm, Visitor BP: 4:25 pm, Visitor I/O: 5:35 pm

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