ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	16-10	-	W2
Surprise Saguaros	16-10	-	W2
Scottsdale Scorpions	13-13-1	3.0	W1
Salt River Rafters	13-14	3.5	L2
Mesa Solar Sox	11-14-1	4.5	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	9-17	7.0	L2

Fall Stars MVPs

The 19th annual Fall Stars Game ended in a 5-4 walk off win for the American League. Raudi Rodriguez (LAA) won the 15th Fall Stars MVP award after a pair of RBI base hits. Other MVPs include:

2025: Raudi Rodriguez
2024: Thayron Liranzo (DET)
2023: Colson Montgomery (CWS)
2022: Matt Mervis (CHC)
2021: JJ Bleday (MIA)
2019: Royce Lewis (MIN)
2018: Buddy Reed (SD)
2017: Victor Robles (WSH)
2016: Willie Calhoun (LAD)
2015: Gary Sanchez (NYY)
2014: Greg Bird (NYY)
2013: Brett Nicholas (TEX)
2012: Brian Goodwin (WSH)
2011: Nick Franklin (SEA)
2010: Leslie Anderson (TB)

Dan O'Dowd to Throw First Pitch

Former Colorado Rockies General Manager and current MLB Network announcer Dan O'Dowd will be throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for the 2026 Arizona Fall League Fall Stars Game.

Receiving the first pitch will be his son, Jack O'Dowd. Jack leads the AFL this season in home runs (6), doubles (8), and extra-base hits (14) after being signed as an undrafted free agent last winter by the Rockies.

Hometown Kid

Tucson native and former seventh-round pick by the Diamondbacks in 2022, **Demetrio Crisantes**, is Arizona's No. 1 overall prospect. Crisantes could become the first player born in Arizona, raised in the state, drafted by the club and reach the big leagues with the club.

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)

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Today's Headlines

Today wraps up Fall Stars Weekend festivities with the 20th Arizona Fall League Fall Stars Game at 6 p.m. MT/8 p.m. ET from Salt River Fields at Talking Stick in Scottsdale, Arizona, the spring training home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies. The game can be watched live on MLB Network and MLB.com.

It is the fifth year of the American League vs National League format with the AL leading 3-1.

Fans can buy tickets for the Jewel Event at brushfire.com/arizonafallleague.

Starting Pitching Matchup

Nationals No. 3 prospect and MLB's No. 65 overall prospect **Jarlin Susana (SRR/RHP)** gets the starting honor in the 20th Arizona Fall League Fall Stars Game.

In his last start on Nov. 2, he tied his AFL high, striking out six batters in 2.2 scoreless innings. The 6-foot-6 hurler eclipsed 101 mph 13 times during his last start, topping out at 102.4 mph. His average fastball this season is 100.7 mph while owning each of the nine fastest recorded pitches ever in the AFL and 32 of the fastest 34. He leads Fall League pitchers with 26 strikeouts, while ranking third with a .162 batting average against.

Susana was named AFL NFP Week One Pitcher of the Week after opening the 2026 Arizona Fall League season with the fastest recorded pitch in league history (velocity records back to 2015) at 103.4 mph before two innings later, he topped it with 103.8. On Oct. 27, Susana struck out five in 5.0 innings of one hit-one-run baseball, his longest outing since Aug. 24, 2025.

Pitch Mix: Four-Seam Fastball (98-102, T103.8), Two-Seam Fastball (97-101, T102), Slider (82-88), Cutter (94-97), Sweeper (88-91), Changeup (93-94)

RHP **Patrick Reilly (BAL)** is penciled as the countering starter for the American League Fall Stars. Reilly was named AFL NFP Week Two Pitcher of the Week after he notched seven strikeouts in four scoreless frames on Oct. 16.

The Orioles prospect currently ranks tied for second in strikeouts (25), and eighth in ERA (2.87), and innings pitched (15.2). A 2023 fifth-round pick out of Vanderbilt, has kept opponents to a .218 batting average against. During the Minor League season, across eight starts (39.2 innings) with Double-A Chesapeake, Reilly registered a 3.63 ERA and a 12.48 K/9. The right-hander posted a 2.08 ERA with a 41/11 K/BB ratio over his final six outings in Double-A.

Pitch Mix: Four-Seam Fastball (94-96, T97.7), Changeup (88-90), Cutter (86-89, T 90), Sweeper (81-84), Gyro-Slider (83-86)

Home Run Derby Recap

On Saturday night, Toronto Blue Jays prospect **Aaron Parker** surged from a late-added No. 7 seed to win the 2026 Arizona Fall League Home Run Derby at Salt River Fields.

Parker hit 19 home runs and capped his derby with a 477-foot blast (112.7 mph EV) to defeat St. Louis Cardinals (PEO) prospect Tai Peete 2-1 in the final round. Parker blasted seven home runs in the preliminary round and tallied five more over second-seeded Alex McCoy (PEO). In the semifinals, he moved past Kansas City's Brooks Bryan.

The rest of the field put on a historic display of power, headlined by McCoy. The 6'6, 277-pound Padres slugger launched an event-best 503-foot home run. The Colorado Rockies (SRR) slugger, Jack O'Dowd, led all hitters with 10 home runs in the preliminary round.

The eight-player field combined for 142 total home runs during the event.

Final 2 Vote

The Arizona Fall League yesterday announded the winners of the Fall Stars Game Final 2 Vote. Following over 7,000 votes cast, San Diego Padres infielder **Justin DeCriscio** (PEO) and New York Yankees infielder **Kyle West** (SRR) are set to be added to the 2026 AFL Fall Stars Game rosters.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Sunday, November 8 - 20th-Annual Fall Stars Game

AL Fall Stars vs. NL Fall Stars 6:00 RHP Patrick Reilly vs. RHP Jarlin Susana

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Award Season

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.

MLB AWARDS: Eight AFL alumni are finalists for 2026 MLB Awards. If Kevin McGonigle wins the AL Rookie of the Year, he would be 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)
NL Manager of the Year: Don Mattingly (2010)
AL MVP: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Rookie of the Year: Kevin McGonigle (2025)
AL Reliever of the Year: Cade Smith (2022)
AL Manager of the Year: Kevin Cash (2002)
AL Manager of the Year: Chad Tracy (2008)
AL Manager of the Year: Will Venable (2007)

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.

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 78 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Los Angeles Dodgers lead all systems with five.

STATE 48: Nine players on 2026 AFL rosters have ties to Arizona. Pitchers Ross Dunn (Salt River; MIN) and Josh Hansell (Surprise; KC) are Arizona State graduates, with Brendan Summerhill (Scottsdale; TB) and Mason White (Mesa; BOS) going to Arizona, and Mathias Lacombe (Glenale; CWS) going to Cochise CC . Grant Richardson (Mesa; ATH) is a Horizon High School and Grand Canyon University alum with left-handed pitcher Calvin Schapira (Peoria; SEA) going to Pinnacle High School and Central Arizona. Cade McGee (Peoria; STL) and Demetrio Crisantes (Salt River; ARI) are both Tucson natives.

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).

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: 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 is the 9th time that both the NL and AL Rookies of the Year are AFL alums.

It is the 3rd time in AFL history that the National League and American League Rookies of the Year played in the AFL the year before:

2025: Nick Kurtz & Drake Baldwin
2012: Mike Trout & Bryce Harper
2005: Huston Street & Ryan Howard

Key Performers

SS Welbyn Francisca (CLE No. 19) leads the league in seven categories including AVG (.419), SLG (.716), OPS (1.198), hits (31), total bases (53), and RBI (28). He began the season.

He was named the AFL NFP Week One Hitter of the Week after recording multiple hits in three offour games, including a 5-for-5 showing on Opening Day, being a triple shy of the cycle and one hit shy of tying the single-game Fall League hits record.

SS/3B Sebastian Walcott (TEX No. 1/MLB No. 8) is the AFL's top prospect, hitting .281 in 15 games with seven extra-base hits, 20 RBI and 9 SB.

OF Angeibel Gomez (KC No. 2/MLB No. 76) is the second-youngest player in Arizona Fall League history at 17 years and 295 days old on Opening Day. Only behind Michael De Leon in 2014, who was 17 years and 266 days old.

SS ARJUN NIMMALA (LAA No. 1/MLB No. 34) is top 10 in the AFL in seven categories, posting a 1.003 OPS through 19 games, with 11 extra-base hits and 15 RBI. Since his time in Double-A Rocket City on Sept. 6: .315 AVG, 1.105 OPS, 10 HR, 25 XBH, 5 SB across 30 games.

OF Tai Peete (STL No. 17) leads the AFL with 20 stolen bases, one of just five players since 2005 to have stolen 20+ bags. A part of a three-team trade on Feb. 2, 2026, he was one of three players sent to the Cardinals for IF Brendan Donovan. He is second in the AFL in SLG (.676), OPS (1.114), hits (26), triples (5), runs (23), and extra-base hits (13). He was the AFL Home Run Derby Runner-Up.

SS/3B Aidan Miller (PHI No. 2/MLB No. 59) only played eight games between the regular and postseasons this year, but in the AFL, he leads the league in OBP (.547) and walks (24), while hitting .320 with a 1.027 OPS.

OF JARED THOMAS (COL No. 10), in his second season in the AFL, leads the league in triples (6), is second in RBI (23), and fourth in hits (25), and total bases (47). Across two seasons, he is a .303 hitter in the AFL with 35 RBI in 41 games.

Manager Bios

Scottsdale manager **Rafael Neda** is in his 10th season coaching and 16th season overall in the Milwaukee Brewers organization. Neda played 303 Minor League games after being drafted in the 10th round of the 2010 MLB Draft. The 37-year-old transitioned to coaching in 2016 and has been the Brewers' Arizona Complex League manager since 2017. Across nine seasons, Neda has accumulated 233 wins, including an ACL Championship in 2023. Since that 2023 season, Neda has acted in a dual role, also working as the Brewers Minor League Assistant Field Coordinator. Neda has helped lay the groundwork for future Major Leaguers Cooper Pratt (2023), Jefferson Quero (2021), and Brice Turang (2018).

Surprise manager **Daniel Robertson** played parts of four seasons in the big leagues with four different organizations, including his final season in 2017 with the Guardians. The former 33rd-round pick of the Padres in 2008 made his Major League debut in 2014 and played 12 seasons of professional baseball. Following his playing career, Robertson went back to his alma mater and worked as an undergraduate assistant for Oregon State's baseball team. Robertson then managed the Campesinos de Salem-Kizer to a Mavericks League Championship in 2021. After the season, Robertson joined the Guardians organization and is in his fifth season with the club and third as the bench coach for the Triple-A Columbus Clippers.