

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	6-1-1	-	W5
Salt River Rafter	5-2	1.0	L1
Surprise Saguaros	4-3	3.0	W1
Peoria Javelinas	3-4	3.0	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	2-4-1	3.5	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-7	5.5	L4

NFP Hitter & Pitcher of the Week

WELBYN FRANCISCA (SUR/CLE No. 19/SS):

- 10-18, 17 TB, 7 R, 4 2B, HR, 7 RBI, 1.563 OPS

- Led the league in AVG (.556), SLG (.944), OPS (1.556), hits, runs, total bases, and doubles.

- On Opening Day, went 5-for-5 with 3 RBIs, and was just a triple shy of the cycle and one hit shy of the single-game record.

JARLIN SUSANA (SRR/WSH No. 4/MLB No. 66/RHP):

- 2 GS, 1-1 W-L, 5.2 IP, 1.59 ERA (3R/1ER), 2 BB, 8 K, 0.88 WHIP, and a .150 BAA

- On Opening Day, threw the fastest pitch in AFL history (103.8 mph), each of the 9 fastest pitched and 17 of the top 20 fastest pitches. Average fastball was 101.7 mph.

Monday's Top Performers

ZYHIR HOPE (SCO/MLB No. 26/DET No. 1/RF)

went 1-for-4 with a two-run home run, his first of the AFL. Hope is now 6 for his last 15 with 5 RBIs.

CHARLES DAVALAN (GLE/MLB No. 79/LAD No. 6/2B)

went 1-for-4 with his first home run of the season, a solo home run in the first inning before a two-run single in the seventh.

NATHAN FLEWELLING (SCO/MLB No. 62/TB No. 4/C)

laced a 111 mph single in the first inning. He currently ranks fourth in the AFL in AVG (.458).

BRYCE RAINER (SCO/MLB No. 44/DET No. 2/DH)

went 1-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

The AFL features 15 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, 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.

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 Rafter (WSH)
76. Angeibel Gomez - OF, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
78. Dax Kilby - SS, Salt River Rafter (NYY)
79. Charles Davalan - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
84. Demetrio Crisantes - 2B, Salt River Rafter (ARI)
95. Ike Irish - OF, Peoria Javelinas (BAL)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns for its 34th playing season, welcoming hundreds of top Minor League prospects, the Arizona Fall League serves as the "finishing school" for players to reach the Major League level.

Starting Pitchers

Salt River @ Glendale: The Desert Dogs send out **RHP Bryan Mena (PIT)** for his first start and second appearance of the AFL. Mena recorded one out to end the third inning on Oct. 8 against Peoria. The Dominican Republic native was signed as an International Free Agent in 2021, the Pirates selected him in the AAA phase of the Rule 5 Draft. He spend the entirety of 2026 in High-A Greensboro, making 22 appearances (14 starts).

The Rafter will look to **LHP Sean Sullivan (COL No. 20)** as he makes his second AFL start. In his AFL debut, Sullivan allowed 3 runs on 7 hits, while striking out 4 batters over 2.2 innings. In 2026, Sullivan made his MLB debut with the Rockies on June 12 and is currently on the Rockies 40-man roster. In his debut, Sullivan did not allow a run, giving up 2 hits in 3.0 innings against the Athletics.

Peoria @ Scottsdale: The Scorpions turn to **RHP Randy Rodríguez (SF)**, who is set to make his AFL debut. Rodríguez signed with San Francisco as an International Free Agent in 2017 before making his MLB debut on May 4, 2024. He was named a 2025 National League All-Star after recording a 0.86 ERA with 55 strikeouts over 41.2 innings.

The Javelinas will send out **RHP Luke Holman (CIN No. 23)** for his second Fall League start. In his first start, Holman allowed a run on 2 hits with 4 strikeouts in 2.0 innings and finished the day retiring the final 4 batters he would face at Salt River. The right-hander made 4 starts in 2026, tossing 9 strikeouts over 6.2 innings pitched and finishing with a 2.70 ERA for the ACL Reds. The former Golden Spikes Semifinalist was drafted 71st overall by Cincinnati in the 2024 MLB Draft out of LSU.

Mesa @ Surprise: **LHP Steven Zobac (KC No. 14)** gets the nod for his second start for Surprise. In his AFL debut, Zobac allowed 2 runs on 3 hits while striking out 4 batters in 2.2 innings against Glendale. Zobac has made 35 appearances (34 starts) across the last three seasons in Double-A Northwest Arkansas with a 7-12 W-L record, 4.96 ERA, and 143 strikeouts in 143.1 innings.

On the mound for Mesa is **RHP Jake Bloss (TOR No. 11)**. Bloss retired all six batters he faced in 2.0 innings pitched in his Solar Sox debut. The Houston Astros 3rd-round pick in 2023 made his MLB debut for Houston on June 21, 2024 against Baltimore. Bloss was then traded to the Blue Jays with OF Joey Loperfido, and INF Will Wagner for LHP Yusei Kikuchi in 2024.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 13

Salt River @ Glendale	1:30	LHP Sean Sullivan vs. RHP Bryan Mena
Mesa @ Surprise	6:30	RHP Jake Bloss vs. RHP Steven Zobac
Peoria @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Luke Holman vs. RHP Randy Rodriguez

Wednesday, October 14

Peoria @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Winyer Chourio vs. LHP Justin Lamkin
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Thursday, October 15

Surprise @ Glendale	1:30	RHP Aidan Major vs. LHP Emmett Olson
Mesa @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Peyton Olejnik vs. RHP Jarlin Susana
Scottsdale @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Joey Dixon vs. RHP Tekoah Roby

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.