



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	18-10	-	L3
Surprise Saguaros	16-10-1	1.0	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	14-14	4.0	W2
Peoria Javelinas	12-15-1	5.5	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	11-16	6.5	W1
Salt River Rafters	11-17	7.0	W2

Wednesday's Top Performers

ALFREDO DUNO (PEO/CIN No. 2/MLB No. 70/C) smashed a 445-foot three-run home run in the fourth inning for Peoria's first runs of the day.

OWEN AYERS (MSS/CHC/C) drove in the games only runs with a three-run 426-foot home run at 107.1 mph off the bat.

RYAN JACKSON (PEO/SD/INF) went 3-for-4 with a two-run single, helping the Javelinas score six of the games final seven runs.

LEO BALCAZAR (PEO/CIN No. 23/INF) drove in the game-winning run with an RBI single in the eighth inning.

BRADEN MONTGOMERY (GLD/CWS No. 1/MLB No. 35/OF) had a 3-for-5 day on two doubles, including an RBI two-bagger to score the games first run.

MIGUEL UGUETO (GLD/STL/OF) had four RBI for the Desert Dogs, with a three-run home run and a sac fly.

LUIS MARTINEZ-GOMEZ (RHP/MSS/CHC) recorded the win after going three scoreless innings, striking out three.

Fall League Championship

Here are the last 10 AFL Championship Matchups:

2024: Salt River Rafters over Surprise Saguaros
2023: Surprise Saguaros over Peoria Javelinas
2022: Surprise Saguaros over Glendale Desert Dogs
2021: Mesa Solar Sox over Surprise Saguaros
2019: Salt River Rafters over Surprise Saguaros
2018: Peoria Javelinas over Salt River Rafters
2017: Peoria Javelinas over Mesa Solar Sox
2016: Mesa Solar Sox over Surprise Saguaros
2015: Scottsdale Scorpions over Surprise Saguaros
2014: Salt River Rafters over Peoria Javelinas

Rookies of the Year

On Monday, Major League Baseball announced **Drake Baldwin** (ATL/SRR) and **Nick Kurtz** (ATH/MSS) as the winners of the 2025 National League and American League Rookie of the Year Awards.

They are 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

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League in 2025 is introducing a new playoff format to include all six teams in postseason play. The Scottsdale Scorpions and Surprise Saguaros earned first-round byes after ending the first half of the season with the top two records. The AFL Semifinals are today at Salt River Fields.

#3 Mesa vs. #2 Surprise: The Mesa Solar Sox completed their first shutout of the season on Wednesday and their first shutout since Opening Day, 2024, keeping their season alive. RHP **Bryce Cunningham** (NYY No. 5) began the day with four scoreless innings with one strikeout and no walks before **Hueston Morrill** (NYY) shut the door with his third save this fall. Owen Ayers' three-run home run was the only runs of the game. Ayers leads the Mesa Solar Sox in hits (25), home runs (3), walks (22), AVG (.379), OBP (.539), SLG (.591), and OPS. (1.130). On the mound for Mesa is RHP **Cade Smith** (NYY No. 19). The 2023 sixth-round pick gave up one run in his first 11 2/3 innings. He makes his fifth appearance and third start after striking out 14 in 12 2/3 innings, giving up three runs.

The Surprise Saguaros with a win will reach the AFL Championship Game for the fifth straight year and ninth time out of the last 11 seasons. After dropping back-to-back title games, they won back-to-back championships in 2022 and 2023. They throw out RHP **Trenton Denholm** (CLE), who has made five appearances with three starts. He has a 2.13 ERA in 12.2 IP with 16 strikeouts. The 25-year-old's best outing came on Nov. 6 against Salt River, where he went four innings, striking out six. In a pair of appearances against Mesa, Denholm struck out five across five innings, giving up three runs on seven hits.

#4 Peoria vs. #1 Scottsdale: The Peoria Javelinas erased a four-run deficit in Wednesday's AFL Semifinals, helped out by a two-run, 445-foot home run by Reds No. 2 prospect **Alfredo Duno** (MLB No. 70). Leo Balcazar is tied for second in the AFL in hits with 26 during the regular season. The Javelinas send out Fall Star **Carson Montgomery** (SD), making his fifth start. He's allowed two runs across 10 1/3 innings pitched and struck out a pair in a scoreless inning in the 2025 AFL Fall Stars Game.

The Scottsdale Scorpions hope to return to the AFL Championship Game for the first time since 2015 with the best offense in the league. Tigers duo **Max Anderson** (DET No. 9) and **Kevin McGonigle** (DET No. 1/MLB No. 2) have combined for 46 hits this fall, 21 of them being for extra bases, including nine home runs.

For the Scorpions, RHP **Spencer Miles** (SF) makes his sixth appearance and fifth start this Fall. In 8 2/3 innings, Miles is pitching to a 4.15 ERA with 12 strikeouts and a 1.15 WHIP. He missed all of the 2025 Minor League season rehabbing from Tommy John Surgery.

Team by Team Championships

Javelinas: 7 Titles	Desert Dogs: 6 Titles
Rafters: 6 Titles	Saguaros: 4 Titles
Solar Sox: 6 Titles	Scorpions: 3 Titles

Schedule Update + Playoffs

The Arizona Fall League has announced that the AFL Semifinals have been moved up to Thursday Nov. 13 and the AFL Championship Game being moved up to 1:30 p.m. MST/3:30 p.m. ET on Friday, Nov. 14. Both being at Salt River Fields.

The 2025 AFL Championship Game can also be watched LIVE on MLB.com and the Arizona Fall League website. The full broadcast will then be RE-AIRED on MLB Network on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. MST/8 p.m. ET.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, November 13 - Semifinals

#3 Mesa vs. #2 Surprise	1:30	RHP Cade Smith vs. RHP Trenton Denholm
#4 Peoria vs. #1 Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Carson Montgomery vs. RHP Spencer Miles

Friday, November 14 - Championship

1:30 PM at Salt River Fields: TBD vs TBD