

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Surprise Saguaros	5-2	-	L1
Peoria Javelinas	5-3	0.5	W2
Scottsdale Scorpions	5-3	0.5	W2
Glendale Desert Dogs	3-4	2.0	W1
Salt River Rafter	3-5	2.5	L2
Mesa Solar Sox	2-6	3.5	L3

Friday's Top Performers

WALKER JANEK (SCO/HOU No. 4/C) backed up a three-run home run on Thursday with a 2-5, 7 RBI performance. Janek hit a grand slam in the first, two-run double in the second and brought home a run on a fielder's choice. It is the first 7 RBI performance since Sept. 29, 2019 (Brandon Wagner - NYY/Surprise). His 16 RBI lead the league while his 21 total bases are tied with Esmerlyn Valdez (SRR).

MAX ANDERSON (SCO/DET No. 9/INF) was 3-4 with a 2-run home run (108.6 EV) and two runs scored. His .571 AVG now leads all of the AFL.

CAM COLLIER (PEO/CIN No. 6/MLB No. 94/1B) launched his first AFL home run 438 feet. He ended 2-for-3 with 3 RBI.

TONY BLANCO JR. (SRR/PIT/1B-OF) lased a double at 120.4 mph. Only six big leaguers in the Statcast Era have hit a ball as hard. All played in the AFL, including 2009 Mesa Solar Sox Giancarlo Stanton.

LEO BALCAZAR (PEJ/CIN No. 24/INF) is now tied for second in the AFL with 10 hits after a 3-for-5 performance.

CADEN CONNOR (GLD/CWS/OF) reached base four times in his six plate appearances, including on a double, and 2 RBI. He is now hitting .450 through six games.

Fall League Alumni

ROAD TO THE FALL CLASSIC: 29 players on Championship Series rosters are AFL alumni (27.8%) with the Dodgers leading with 12. 2018 Surprise Saguaros **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.** broke the Blue Jays' postseason home run record with his fifth on Thursday.

2022 Peoria Javelina RHP **Bryan Woo** made his return to the Mariners after a breakout 2025 season. He struck out 16 across five starts (10 2/3 IP) while allowing just one run in the AFL.

FEELING GOLDEN: 24 Rawlings Gold Glove Finalists are Arizona Fall League alum (40%).

DEBUTS: 84 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2025 including 30 of which from #AFL24.

FALL STARS: Forty-one percent of all players named to the 2025 MLB All-Star Game in Atlanta were alum (33 of 80), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

The Stars of Tomorrow, Today

TOP 30: AFL rosters combine 92 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Rangers lead all systems with seven.

STATE 48: Arizona alum Austin Smith (RHP/SRR/Rockies), Arizona State alum Joe Lampe (OF/SUR/Guardians) and Gateway CC alum Carson Jacobs (RHP/GDD/White Sox) are the local college products. Justin Chambers (LHP/GDD/Dodgers), and Nathan Peterson (LHP/SUR/Brewers) are two Valley natives, with Chambers being a Basha High School alum.

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns to Goodyear Ballpark, the spring training home of the Cleveland Guardians and Cincinnati Reds, for the third annual Goodyear Tripleheader. All three games will last seven innings, with an eighth inning if needed. Games two and three will begin approximately 45 minutes following the conclusion of the previous game.

Mesa vs. Glendale: RHP **Aiden May** (MIA) toes the slab for Mesa after giving up two hits, while striking out four across four innings in his AFL debut. The right-hander pitched at both Pima Community College and Arizona before being a second-round pick out of Oregon State in 2024.

The Desert Dogs are coming off a 10-1 win on 14 hits (13 singles) vs Surprise. RHP **Chen-Wei Lin** (STL No. 16) made his second straight scoreless outing, punching out five with one hit allowed in 3 2/3 IP. From a 6-foot-7 righty to 6-foot-8 RHP **Luke Sinnard**, the Desert Dogs hand the ball off to the Braves' No. 16 prospect for his second AFL start. His 10.7 K/9 rate ranked 6th among Braves MiLB starters this season. Sinnard is even with two others as the tallest player in the AFL.

Salt River vs. Peoria: The Rafter and Javelinas match up for a second straight day after Peoria won 11-4 on Friday. RHP **Brandon Dufault** makes his first AFL start in his second stint in the AFL. RHP **Rhett Lowder** (CIN No. 5/MLB No. 80) returns to the mound for Peoria after completing two shutout innings against Salt River last Friday. The 2023 No. 7 overall pick struck out three and tossed 21 of his 23 pitches for strikes in his AFL debut.

Surprise vs. Scottsdale: RHP **Eiberson Castellano** (PHI No. 24) struck out four in three innings of one-run baseball in his AFL debut. He returns for his second start.

Anderson Brito (HOU No. 7/RHP) struck out seven straight and eight of his final nine in three no-hit innings Friday. It is the first 8-plus strikeout performance this year. His 13 punchouts are tied for the league lead. He hands it off to fellow Astro RHP **James Hicks** (HOU No. 26), who struck out four in four scoreless innings of relief on Friday, Oct. 10, against Mesa. The 2023 13th-round pick has six pitches in his arsenal.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, October 18 - Goodyear Tripleheader

Mesa vs. Glendale	12:30	RHP Aiden May vs. RHP Luke Sinnard
Salt River vs. Peoria	3:30	RHP Brandon Dufault vs. RHP Rhett Lowder
Surprise vs. Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Eiberson Castellano vs. RHP James Hicks

Sunday, October 19

Salt River vs. Glendale*	1:30	RHP Luis Peralas vs. RHP Hyun-Seok Jang
Mesa @ Peoria	1:30	RHP Andrew Lindsey vs. RHP Ryan Hawks
Surprise @ Scottsdale	5:00	RHP Jose Corniell vs. LHP Jake Bennett

*Game played at Goodyear Ballpark

Doubleheaders Set for Tuesday, Oct. 21

In the effort to make up games lost due to weather from Tropical Storm Priscilla, the Arizona Fall League will be playing a doubleheaders on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Both games will be seven innings and tickets will get fans into both games.

12:00 p.m. - Scottsdale at Peoria (Peoria Sports Complex)

1:30 p.m. - Salt River at Mesa (Sloan Park)

1:30 p.m. - Glendale at Surprise (Surprise Stadium)

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

Wednesdays are the current mandatory batting practice and I/O days. The schedule 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.