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ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR "FALL STARS WEEKEND" & ROSTERS FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> "FALL STARS GAME," SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT SLOAN PARK

'Fall Stars Game" will Broadcast LIVE on MLB Network and Stream LIVE on MLB.com and the MLB app

**TEMPE, ARIZONA** – The Arizona Fall League (AFL) today announced the rosters for the 18<sup>th</sup> *Fall Stars Game*, which will be played at 6:00 p.m. MT (8:00 p.m. ET) on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Sloan Park. A combination of scouts, AFL staff and national baseball reporters selected the players for the annual showcase of baseball's future stars from their respective American and National League organizations. The *Fall Stars Game* will air LIVE on MLB Network and stream LIVE on MLB.com with seven-year Major League left-handed pitcher **Steven Brault** (play-by-play), **Jonathan Mayo** (analyst) and **Ruben Amaro Jr.** (analyst) on the call.

The American and National League rosters are made up of players from the Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN, CWS, LAD, PHI, STL), Mesa Solar Sox (ATH, BOS, CHI, LAA, TB), Peoria Javelinas (ATL, MIA, MIL, SD, SEA), Salt River Rafters (ARI, COL, MIN, NYY, WSH), Scottsdale Scorpions (DET, NYM, PIT, SF, TOR), and Surprise Saguaros (BAL, CLE, HOU, KC, TEX).

**Roberto Mercado** (Baltimore Orioles) of the Surprise Saguaros will manage the American League and **Andy Schatzley** (Los Angeles Angels) of the Mesa Solar Sox will manage the National League, along with their respective coaching staffs. In the "*The Fall Stars Final 2 Vote*" campaign, fans added an additional player for each Fall Stars team. **Peyton Williams** (Toronto Blue Jays) is the American League's final selection and **Leodalis De Vries** (San Diego Padres) is the National League's last player selected to complete the Fall Stars rosters.

The AFL "Fall Stars Game" Rosters are as follows (rosters are subject to change):

## **AMERICAN**

## **NATIONAL**

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#	Player	Org	Pos		#	Player	Org	Pos		
55	Brooks Brannon	BOS	С		16	Moises Ballesteros	CHI	С		
4	Carter Jensen	KC	С		34	Geovanny Planchart	PIT	С		
14	Thayron Liranzo	DET	С		11	Ethan Salas	SD	С		
12	Creed Willems	BAL	С		7	Edwin Arroyo	CIN	INF		
9	Max Acosta	TEX	INF		13	Juan Baez	MIL	INF		
20	Josue Briceño	DET	INF		4	Leodalis De Vries	SD	INF		
15	Jac Caglianone	KC	INF		1	Gino Groover	ARI	INF		
13	Caleb Durbin	NYY	INF		20	Jonathan Long	CHI	INF		
11	Max Ferguson	BOS	INF		5	Skyler Messinger	COL	INF		
5	Cody Freeman	TEX	INF		19	Thomas Saggese	STL	INF		
8	Niko Kavadas	LAA	INF		28	Romeo Sanabria	SD	INF		
11	Adrian Pinto	TOR	INF		4	Tommy Troy	ARI	INF		
10	Denzel Clarke	ATH	INF		13	Jett Williams	NYM	INF		
44	Peyton Williams	TOR	INF		6	Robert Hassell III	WSH	OF		
50	Garrett Martin	NYY	OF		13	Zyhir Hope	LAD	OF		
26	Tre' Morgan	ТВ	OF		14	Andrew Pintar	MIA	OF		
19	Alejandro Osuna	TEX	OF		7	Sammy Siani	PIT	OF		
34	Luinder Avila	KC	Р		37	Jose Acuña	CIN	Р		
30	Marc Church	TEX	Р		31	Ryan Birchard	MIL	Р		
35	Lazaro Estrada	TOR	Р		39	Derek Diamond	PIT	Р		
16	Allan Hernandez	CLE	Р		26	Isaac Gallegos	ATL	Р		
32	Danny Kirwin	BOS	Р		56	Evan Justice	COL	Р		
24	Carlos Lagrange	NYY	Р		10	Cale Lansville	SF	Р		
56	Samy Natera Jr.	LAA	Р		16	Griff McGarry	PHI	Р		
60	Jack Noble	MIN	Р		94	Luis Mey	CIN	Р		
1	Alex Santos II	HOU	Р		25	Chase Solesky	WSH	Р		
46	Grant Taylor	CWS	Р		35	Eriq Swan	LAD	Р		

\*The following player were selected for the Fall Stars Game, but cannot participate: RHP Andrew Painter (PHI), RHP Josh Stephan (TEX), OF Kemp Alderman (MIA), C Drake Baldwin (ATL), INF Colt Emerson (SEA), 1B Xavier Isaac (TB), OF Chase DeLauter (CLE)

In addition to the "Fall Stars" rosters, the Arizona Fall League Home Run contest is back for the third consecutive year as part of "Fall Stars Weekend." The Home Run contest will take place at 6:30 p.m. MT (8:30 p.m. ET) tonight at Sloan Park and will be live streamed on <a href="mailto:mlb.com/arizona-fall-league">mlb.com/arizona-fall-league</a>.

A list of the participants, including 2023 AFL HR Derby champion **Kala'i Rosario** (Minnesota Twins), as well as the rules and regulations are listed below.

Player	Org	Pos
Moises Ballesteros	CHI	С
Josue Briceño	DET	1B
Jac Caglianone	KC	1B
Carter Jensen	KC	С
Garrett Martin	NYY	OF
Kala'i Rosario	MIN	OF
Brock Wilken	MIL	3B
Peyton Williams	TOR	1B

- **Round One** 2:15 (1 30-Second Timeout and all participants advance)
- **Round Two** 1:30 (1 30-Second Timeout and top two cumulative home run leaders advance)
- **Final Round** 1:30 (1 30-Second Timeout and round winner will be crowned champion)

Prior to the Fall Stars Game, young fans are invited to join the Arizona Fall League and Major League Baseball as they host a **PLAY BALL** event on Saturday. The **PLAY BALL** experience, which is a free introductory baseball/softball event for kids from the ages of 5-10, will be led by some of MLB's top prospects playing in the AFL. This event will start at 9:00 am on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at Sloan Park in Mesa, AZ. For registration, parents are encouraged to sign-up at <a href="https://www.playball.org/events">www.playball.org/events</a> prior to the event. Day-of registration opens at 8:30 am and availability is subject to change.

Many notable Major League stars have played in the Arizona Fall League, including **Bryson Stott** (2021), **Julio Rodríguez** (2019), **Jeremy Peña** (2019), **Vladimir Guerrero Jr.** (2018), **Ronald Acuña Jr.** (2017), **Kyle Tucker** (2017), **Kyle Schwarber** (2016), **Aaron Judge** (2014), **Mookie Betts** (2013), **Bryce Harper** (2011), **Mike Trout** (2011), **Buster Posey** (2009), and **Albert Pujols** (2000).

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