

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

## GAME NOTES - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025



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### AFL Standings

|                      |     |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----|
| Peoria Javelinas     | 1-0 | -   | W1 |
| Surprise Saguaros    | 1-0 | -   | W1 |
| Salt River Rafters   | 1-0 | -   | W1 |
| Glendale Desert Dogs | 0-1 | 1.0 | L1 |
| Mesa Solar Sox       | 0-1 | 1.0 | L1 |
| Scottsdale Scorpions | 0-1 | 1.0 | L1 |

### #10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The AFL features 11 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 2 Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers). The Cincinnati Reds lead the league sending three Top 100 prospects, while the Chicago White Sox sent two.

2. Two of the AFL's Top 100 prospects are pitchers. No. 80 Rhett Lowder (RHP/Peoria/Reds) will start Friday, while No. 88 Hagen Smith (LHP/Glendale/White Sox) will make his Fall League debut tonight.

3. Esmerlyn Valez launched the first AFL home run of 2025 going 425 to left-center field with a 108 mph exit velocity. The No. 15 Pirates prospect hit 26 across two levels in 2025.

4. There are four organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters, including Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers), Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers), Josue De Paula (OF/Glendale/Dodgers), and Braden Montgomery (OF/Glendale/White Sox).

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

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

7. Arizona alum Austin Smith (RHP/Salt River/Rockies) and Arizona State alum Joe Lampe (OF/Surprise/Guardians) are the two local college products. Carson Jacobs (RHP/Glendale/White Sox) also began his career at Gateway Community College.

8. Two college teammates are reuniting with the Solar Sox, as Ryan Lasko and Joshua Kuroda-Grauer, the only two Rutgers University alumni in the league and Athletics prospects, will play for Mesa.

9. Justin Chambers (LHP/Glendale/Dodgers), and Nathan Peterson (LHP/Surprise/Brewers) are two Valley natives, with Chambers being a Basha High School alum.

10. Ten players on Arizona Fall League rosters represented their organizations in the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in July.

### MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

- Kevin McGonigle - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
- Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
- Josue De Paula - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
- Braden Montgomery - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Charlie Condon - 1B/LF, Salt River Rafters (COL)
- Blake Mitchell - C, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- Alfredo Duno - C, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- Jonny Farnelo - OF, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- Rhett Lowder - RHP, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- Hagen Smith - LHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Cam Collier - 1B/3B, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)

### Media Inquiries

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### Today's Headlines

The final four teams kicked off their Arizona Fall League seasons last night, as a total of five home runs were hit across the league.

#### Tuesday Night Recap:

**Salt River 7, Glendale 3:** Red Sox No. 9 prospect **Luis Peralas** topped 101 mph and averaged 99.2 with his fastball, striking out two in a scoreless 1.1 IP for Salt River. **Esmerlyn Valdez** (PIT No. 15) and **Juan Flores** (LAA No. 17) each hit a solo homer while Rockies prospect **Jared Thomas** (No. 8) drove in one with a pair of doubles and a triple as **Charlie Condon** (No. 2/MLB No. 61) added an RBI single.

**Surprise 9, Mesa 6:** Outfielder **Wuifredo Antuñez** (SUR/CLE) drove in three, including a two-run home run in the first and a bases-loaded walk while No. 29 Guardians prospect **Daniel Espino** made his second start after 1,250 days without a professional appearance, striking out two in a scoreless inning. A's **Max Muncy** smacked a solo home run, his fifth in two stints in the AFL.

#### Today's Games:

**Peoria @ Mesa:** Orioles No. 22 prospect **Luis De Leon** continues his rapid rise through the system after finishing 2025 with Double-A Chesapeake Bay, marking his second straight 100+ strikeout season. He will be matched up with Cubs right-hander **Koen Moreno**, making his AFL debut after being limited to just 12 innings in 2025, where he allowed three runs, striking out 15. The 2020 fifth-round pick out of Panther Creek HS (Cary, N.C.) looks to build momentum heading into 2026.

**Glendale @ Surprise:** LHP **Hagen Smith** (MLB No. 88/CWS No. 5) makes his AFL debut after helping Double-A Birmingham to its second straight Southern League title. Smith struck out 108 batters across 20 regular-season starts, ranking second to only No. 46 prospect **Jonah Tong** (RHP/NYM) in K/9 (12.85) among Double-A pitchers with at least 75 innings. Opposing him will be Royals prospect Logan Martin, who made 22 starts with High-A Quad Cities, posting an 8-4 record with a 3.45 ERA and a 7.69 K/9 rate.

**Salt River @ Scottsdale:** RHP Jojo Ingrassia (BOS) makes his AFL debut for the Rafters after being limited to just four appearances in 2025 due to left elbow inflammation. Despite the shortened season, he impressed with 21 strikeouts over 17 innings. He'll face LHP Pablo Aldonis (WSH) for the Scorpions, who posted a 1.64 ERA across 55 innings while recording his first three professional saves as a key arm in the Nationals system.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

#### Wednesday, October 8

|                         |      |                                          |
|-------------------------|------|------------------------------------------|
| Peoria @ Mesa           | 1:30 | LHP Luis De Leon vs. RHP Koen Moreno     |
| Glendale @ Surprise     | 6:30 | LHP Hagen Smith vs. RHP Logan Martin     |
| Salt River @ Scottsdale | 6:30 | LHP Jojo Ingrassia vs. LHP Pablo Aldonis |

#### Thursday, October 9

|                       |      |                                                 |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Surprise @ Peoria     | 1:30 | RHP Eiberson Castellano vs. RHP Jonathan Harmon |
| Mesa @ Salt River     | 1:30 | RHP Corey Avant vs. RHP David Hagaman           |
| Scottsdale @ Glendale | 1:30 | RHP Ryan Murphy vs. RHP Chen-Wei Lin            |

#### Friday, October 10

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|---------------------|------|----------------------------------------|
| Salt River @ Peoria | 1:30 | RHP Ryan Costeiu vs. RHP Miguel Boadas |
| Surprise @ Glendale | 1:30 | LHP Jesús Broca vs. RHP Luke Sinnard   |
| Mesa @ Scottsdale   | 1:30 | RHP Daniel Espino vs. Bryce Cunningham |

### 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.