

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

END OF 2024 SEASON GAME NOTES



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Final 2024 AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Run Diff.
Surprise Saguaros	18-10	--	+30
Scottsdale Scorpions	16-14	3.0	+12
Salt River Rafters	16-14	3.0	+9
Glendale Desert Dogs	16-14	3.0	+14
Mesa Solar Sox	14-16	5.0	+10
Peoria Javelinas	8-20	10.0	-75

Players of the Week Tracker

Week 1:

Co-Hitter: **Kemp Alderman** (Peoria; MIA)
Co-Hitter: **Colt Emerson** (Peoria; SEA)
Pitcher: **Connor Phillips** (Glendale; CIN)

Week 2:

Hitter: **Josue Briceño** (Scottsdale; DET)
Pitcher: **Alex Santos II** (Surprise; HOU)

Week 3:

Hitter: **Caleb Durbin** (Salt River; NYY)
Pitcher: **Jose Acuña** (Glendale; CIN)

Week 4:

Hitter: **Nick Kurtz** (Mesa; ATH)
Co-Pitcher: **Leandro Lopez** (Surprise; TEX)
Co-Pitcher: **Josh Stephan** (Surprise; TEX)

Week 5:

Hitter: **Jonathon Long** (Mesa; CHI)
Pitcher: **Jake Miller** (Scottsdale; DET)

Week 6:

Hitter: **Josue Briceño** (Scottsdale; DET)
Pitcher: **Jerming Rosario** (Glendale; LAD)

Fall Stars Weekend Recap

FALL STARS GAME

American League 6, National League 5

MVP: **Thayron Liranzo**

The game was tied, 5-5, in the top of the ninth inning when Liranzo hit a solo home run to power the AL to victory on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Sloan Park.

HOME RUN DERBY

Champion: **Garrett Martin**

Martin defeated Brock Wilken, 10 to 9, in the final round to win the HR Derby crown on Friday, Nov. 8 at Sloan Park.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects in AFL (16)

17. Jac Caglianone - 1B/LHP, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
19. Ethan Salas - C, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
27. Colt Emerson - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
28. Leodalis De Vries - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
32. Andrew Painter - RHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (PHI)
35. Bryce Eldridge - 1B, Scottsdale Scorpions (SF)
36. Xavier Isaac - 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (TB)
37. Colson Montgomery - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
38. Cole Young - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
41. Chase DeLauter - OF, Surprise Saguaros (CLE)
44. Moises Ballesteros - C/1B, Mesa Solar Sox (CHI)
45. Nick Kurtz - 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (OAK)
52. Jett Williams - SS/OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
65. Edwin Arroyo - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)
74. Drew Gilbert - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
75. Termarr Johnson - 2B, Scottsdale Scorpions (PIT)

Arizona Fall League Headlines

The Arizona Fall League, which is designed to serve as the “finishing school” of the minor leagues for players, coaches, umpires and employees, completed its 32nd year in 2024.

End of Season Award Winners

Joe Black Most Valuable Player: **Josue Briceño** (Scottsdale; DET)

Dernell Stenson Sportsmanship Award: **Alejandro Osuna** (Surprise; TEX)

Offensive Player of the Year: **Niko Kavadas** (Mesa; LAA)

Pitcher of the Year: **Andrew Painter** (Glendale; PHI)

Defensive Player of the Year: **Andrew Pintar** (Peoria; MIA)

Reliever of the Year: **Luis Mey** (Glendale; CIN)

Breakout Prospect: **Caleb Durbin** (Salt River; NYY)

Postseason Recap

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, November 16

Salt River 3, Surprise 2

The Rafters defeated the Saguaros, the regular season champion and No. 1 seed, to win their first AFL championship since 2019 and their fourth overall. The Rafters trailed by a run after the first inning, but quickly came back to tie it in the second before taking the lead for good in the third. Neither team scored after the fifth inning and the Rafters held the tying run on second and go-ahead run on first in the ninth inning to clinch the title.

PLAY-IN SEMIFINAL

Friday, November 15

Salt River 13, Scottsdale 4

The Rafters ended the Scorpions' seven-game winning streak en route to a spot in the title game. Salt River scored four runs in the first inning before making an out and never looked back. The No. 3 seeded Rafters scored multiple runs in five separate innings, all nine starters had a hit, and they took a shutout bid into the eighth inning.

AFL History in 2024

Josue Briceño became the first player in AFL history to win the Triple Crown, leading the league with a .433 batting average, 10 home runs and 27 RBI. Only eight other players had led the league in even two of those categories in the same season. Briceño also led the league in hits, extra-base hits, total bases, slugging percentage and OPS.

Caleb Durbin set the AFL's new single-season stolen base record with 29 SB in 30 attempts (the previous record was 24 by Rick Holifield in 1994) and the league's new career stolen base record with 50 SB in 53 attempts. Durbin stole four bases in a game twice to tie a single-game record and he had eight games with multiple steals.

Evan Justice became the first pitcher in AFL history to finish the season without allowing a hit (minimum four innings pitched). Justice pitched 8 2/3 scoreless innings with 11 K, one BB and one HBP. Prior to Justice's dominant season, Dan Runzler in 2010 and Zheng Xu in 2007 were the only two pitchers since 1999 to work at least three innings and finish the season without allowing a hit.

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