



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Wednesday, October 13, 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division

Mesa 0-0 -

Salt River 0-0 -

Scottsdale 0-0 -

#### West Division

Peoria 0-0 -

Surprise 0-0 -

Glendale 0-0 -

### Today's Games

#### PEORIA @ SALT RIVER

##### Peoria

RHP MacKenzie Gore (SD)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Salt River

RHP Slade Cicconi (ARI)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### SURPRISE @ MESA

##### Surprise

RHP Asa Lacy (KC)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Mesa

RHP Evan Fitterer (MIA)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

#### GLENDALE @ SCOTTSDALE

##### Peoria

RHP Johan Dominguez (CWS)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Salt River

RHP Connor Seabold (BOS)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/16

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise			X	X	-	-
Peoria			X	X	TBD	TBD
Glendale			X	X	TBD	TBD
Salt River			X	X	-	TBD
Scottsdale			X	X	-	X
Mesa			X	X	-	X

12:35 p.m. - HINF: 9:10 a.m., HBP: 9:25 a.m., VBP: 10:40 a.m., VINP: 11:40 a.m.

6:35 p.m. - HINF: 3:10 p.m., HBP: 3:25 p.m., VBP: 4:40 p.m., VINP: 5:40 p.m.

Teams are REQUIRED to take batting practice and infield every Monday and Thursday

### Fall League Alum of the Day

**Rowdy Tellez** (Salt River Rafters, 2015) blasted a two-run home run in Game 4 of the Brewers-Braves NLDS on Tuesday night. He played in 21 games in the Fall League as a prospect for the Toronto Blue Jays, posting a .293/.352/.488 slash and hitting four home runs in 82 at-bats.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Thursday, October 14

GLENDALE at PEORIA	12:35 p.m.	RHP Jordan Hicks vs. RHP William Woods
SALT RIVER at SURPRISE	12:35 p.m.	RHP Matt Dennis vs. RHP Owen White
SCOTTSDALE at MESA	6:60 p.m.	LHP Kody Funderburk vs. RHP Ryan Jensen

#### Friday, October 15

MESA at SURPRISE	12:35 p.m.	RHP Jeff Criswell vs. RHP Jackson Rutledge
SCOTTSDALE at GLENDALE	12:35 p.m.	RHP Tanner Tully vs. RHP Bobby Miller
SALT RIVER at PEORIA	6:35 p.m.	RHP Connor Grey vs. RHP Hans Crouse

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# AFL Player Notebook

## Peoria

**C.J. Abrams (SD, No. 7)** - MLB Pipeline's sixth-ranked prospect. Drafted by the Padres with the sixth overall pick of the 2019 draft. Played in only 42 games in 2021, all with Double-A San Antonio, posting a .296/.363/.420 slash and stealing 13 bases. Sidelined by knee and leg injuries in early July. 80-grade speed will be monitored in his Fall League performance.

**MacKenzie Gore (SD, No. 1)** - Third-overall pick to the Padres in the 2017 draft. Pitched 50 innings in 2021 between four affiliates, 20 of them coming with Triple-A El Paso. Averaged over one strikeout an inning in 2021, posting a 2.18 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Four-pitch mix that plays well up in the zone. Pitched in the 2019 Futures Game in Cleveland.

**Shea Langeliers (ATL, No. 4)** - 69th-ranked prospect in baseball according to MLB Pipeline. Spent three seasons at Baylor University, posting a .289/.370/.521 slash from 2017-2019. Played 92 games for Double-A Mississippi in 2021, hitting 22 home runs in 329 at-bats. Made his Triple-A debut this year (Gwinnett) for five games and 11 at-bats.

**Zach DeLoach (SEA, No. 12)** - Drafted to the Mariners in the second round of the 2020 draft. Played 58 games with High-A Everett this season, posting a .313/.400/.530 slash. Made his Double-A debut in 2021, playing in 49 games. Played for the Falmouth Commodores in the 2019 Cape Cod Baseball League, posting a .969 OPS. Currently the sixth-ranked Mariners prospect according to MLB Pipeline, with a projected big league ETA for 2023.

## Salt River

**Spencer Torkelson (DET, No. 8)** - MLB Pipeline's No. 4 overall prospect. First overall pick in the 2020 draft out of Arizona State. Played in 40 games for Triple-A Toledo in his first professional season, posting a .238/.350/.531 slash (.881 OPS). Played 50 games with Double-A Erie, posting a .933 OPS. Went 1-2 in the 2021 Futures Game at Coors Field. Named PAC-12 Freshman of the Year in 2018 and spent two summers in the Cape Cod Baseball League with the Chatham Anglers.

**Brett Baty (NYM, No. 7)** - 12th overall pick of the 2019 draft and MLB Pipeline's 45th-ranked prospect. Committed to play at the University of Texas before signing with the Mets out of high school. Played 91 games in 2021 between High-A Brooklyn and Double-A Binghamton, posting a .292/.382/.473 season slash.

**Jordan Sheffield (COL, No. 34)** - Rule 5 selection from the Los Angeles Dodgers following the 2020 season. Pitched in the Fall League for the Glendale Desert Dogs in 2019. Pitched 29.1 innings in the big leagues for the Rockies in 2021, slowed by a lat strain that kept him on the injured list for several months. Attended Vanderbilt University, making 22 starts in 38 college appearances. Brother of Mariners pitcher Justus Sheffield. 70-grade curveball according to FanGraphs.

**Joe Gray Jr. (MIL, No. 5)** - Posted a 1.039 OPS and 169 wRC+ in 51 games with Low-A Carolina this year. Made his High-A debut with High-A Wisconsin, posting a .219/.306/.381 slash in 59 games. Second-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Hattiesburg High School (MS).

## Mesa

**J.J. Bleday (MIA, No. 10)** - MLB Pipeline's No. 74 overall prospect. Drafted fourth overall in the 2019 draft out of Vanderbilt. Led all of NCAA Division-I baseball with 27 home runs in 2019. Played exclusively with Double-A Pensacola in 2021 (110 games), hitting 12 home runs in 397 at-bats. Named to the Marlins' 60-man player pool in 2020 and worked exclusively at the club's alternate site.

**Kyle Stowers (BAL, No. 13)** - Second-round selection to the Orioles in 2019 out of Stanford. Posted an .897 OPS across three affiliates in 2021, reaching Triple-A Norfolk for 22 games. Co-winner of the Orioles' 2021 Brooks Robinson Award, awarded to the club's best minor leaguer(s) every year. Hit 27 home runs in 2021, the most out of all Baltimore prospects.

**Gabriel Moreno (TOR, No. 24)** - Made his professional debut at 17 years old with the Blue Jays in the Dominican Summer League. Posted a .373/.441/.651 slash with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021. First-ranked prospect in the Blue Jays system according to MLB Pipeline (32nd overall). Sidelined in 2021 by a broken thumb after posting a 1.092 OPS in Double-A.

**Austin Beck (OAK, No. 2)** - Sixth overall pick of the 2017 draft out of North Davidson High School (NC). Made his Triple-A debut for Las Vegas in 2021, posting three home runs in 20 total at-bats. Played 69 games for High-A Lansing, posting a .202/.253/.351 slash. Arm and raw power are his notable tools according to FanGraphs.

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## Scottsdale

**Triston Casas (BOS, No. 17)** - 60-grade power and arm according to MLB Pipeline. 26th-overall pick in the 2018 draft out of American Heritage High School (FL). Posted a .279/.394/.484 slash in 308 at-bats in 2021, with 77 of his 86 games played with Double-A Port- land. Made his Triple-A debut with Worcester at the end of 2021, posting an .866 OPS in 33 at-bats. Played for the Team USA 18U and 15U teams.

**Marco Luciano (SF, No. 7)** - MLB Pipeline's fifth-ranked prospect and the top in the Giants system. Made his professional debut at 17 years old (2019). 18 home runs in 70 games this year with Low-A San Jose. Played 36 games with High-A Eugene; both of Luciano's teams this year won their respective minor league championships. 65-grade power according to MLB Pipeline.

**Connor Seabold (BOS, No. 67)** - Third-round selection by the Red Sox in 2017. Turned down a 19th-round selection by the Orioles in 2014. Pitched three seasons at Cal State Fullerton, posting a career 2.89 ERA in a combined 42 starts and 14 relief appearances. Pitched in the College World Series in 2015 and 2017. Made 11 starts for Triple-A Worcester this year (54 innings), recording 52 strikeouts and 19 walks.

## Surprise

**Austin Wells (NYY, No. 13)** - 28th overall pick of the 2020 draft and the sixth-ranked prospect in the Yankees system per MLB Pipeline. Big league ETA is projected for 2023. Played two seasons at the University of Arizona, posting a 1.035 OPS in 277 career at-bats. Held a .258/.398/.479 slash with Low-A Tampa in 2021, finishing the year with High-A Hudson Valley.

**Justin Foscue (TEX, No. 2)** - Played three seasons at Mississippi State and played in the College World Series in 2018 and 2019. Draft- ed by the Rangers with the 14th overall pick in the 2020 draft. Posted a .960 slash in 2021, his first professional season, splitting time between High-A Hickory and Double-A Frisco. 17 home runs in 62 career minor league games. Fourth-ranked prospect in the Rangers system per MLB Pipeline.

**Ezequiel Duran (TEX, No. 9)** - International sign out of the Dominican Republic in 2017. Traded from the Yankees to the Rangers in 2021, playing the full year exclusively in High-A (Hickory and Hudson Valley). Posted a 2021 slash of .267/.342/.486 in 416 at-bats, hitting 19 home runs and 22 doubles.

**Asa Lacy (KC, No. 41)** - MLB Pipeline's 66th-ranked prospect. Fourth overall pick of the 2020 draft out of Texas A&M. Pitched all of 2021 for High-A Quad Cities, making 14 starts and collecting 52 innings. Posted a 5.19 ERA in 2021 with a 1.577 WHIP, 79 strikeouts, 41 walks and 41 hits allowed. Turned down a 31st-round selection by Cleveland out of high school

## Glendale

**Jordan Hicks (STL, No. 12)** - Routine triple-digit fastball. Third-round selection by the Cardinals in the 2015 draft. Pitched for the Cardinals in 2018, 2019 and 2021, posting a career 3.64 ERA and 111 strikeouts in 116.1 innings. Did not pitch in 2020 following Tommy John surgery in July 2019. Made 10 appearances with the Cardinals in 2021 before being shut down with right elbow inflammation in May.

**Nolan Gorman (STL, No. 16)** - MLB Pipeline's 24th-ranked prospect and the No. 1 prospect in the Cardinals organization. Big league ETA is set for 2022 per MLB Pipeline. .822 career OPS in three seasons as a professional. Played in 76 games for Triple-A Memphis in 2021, posting a .274/.333/.481 slash. 25 total home runs in 480 at-bats in 2021. 19th overall selection in the 2018 draft out of Sandra Day O'Connor High School (AZ). Played on the USA 18U team.

**Jeremiah Jackson (LAA, No. 20)** - Second-round draft pick in 2018. Played for Low-A Inland Empire in 2021, posting a .263/.352/.527 slash. 28 career stolen bases in 159 minor league games. Baseball America Rookie All-Star and Pioneer League Midseason All-Star in 2019 with rookie-level Orem.

**Yoelqui Cespedes (CWS, No. 15)** - Played in the Cuban National Series from 2015-2019. His first season of affiliate ball was 2021 with High-A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham, posting a combined .285/.350/.463 slash in 72 games. Called up to Double-A for his final 27 games of the year. Second-ranked prospect in the White Sox system per MLB Pipeline.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: For the first time in 719 days, the Arizona Fall League is back in action. After the 2020 schedule was postponed due to COVID-19, the league has returned with the same six teams and the same six ballparks for the 2021 schedule.

2: After pitching only 13 innings between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Triple-A Memphis Redbirds, right- hander Jordan Hicks returns to the mound for his second season of fall league action. He is the probable starter for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Thursday. Hicks was sidelined for all of 2020 following Tommy John surgery in 2019, and was shut down in May of 2021 due to elbow inflammation. He made three appearances in Triple-A at the end of the 2021 schedule.

3: The Fall League is looking to extend its streak of Rookie of the Year Award winners to seven, having produced a winner in every season since 2015. Kyle Lewis of the Seattle Mariners extended the streak in 2020, a former member of the Peoria Javelinas.

4: In his return to Home Run Derby glory, Pete Alonso defended his crown during 2021 All-Star Weekend at Coors Field, adding his name to a select list of sluggers to win consecutive Derby titles. Alonso was a member of the 2018 Scottsdale Scorpions, where he hit six home runs in his 27 games of action.

5: Important dates to remember:

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields

