



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Monday, October 18, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division GB

Salt River	3-1	—
Mesa	2-2	1
Scottsdale	2-2	1

West Division GB

Glendale	3-1	—
Surprise	2-2	1
Peoria	0-4	3

Today's Games

SCOTTSDALE @ SALT RIVER

Scottsdale

LHP Seth Corry (SF)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Shumpei Yoshikawa (ARI)
0-0, 13.50 ERA

SURPRISE @ PEORIA

Surprise

LHP Asa Lacy (KC)
1-0, 0.00 ERA

Peoria

James McArthur (PHI)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

GLENDALE @ MESA

Glendale

RHP Angel Macuare (HOU)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Mesa

RHP Conner Loeprich (BAL)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/23

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

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

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

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

Fall League Alum of the Day

Ronald Acuña Jr. (Peoria Javelinas, 2017) won the 2018 National League Rookie of the Year award and has received MLB All-Star honors in two of his four seasons in the big leagues. He has been a central factor as his Atlanta Braves have secured four consecutive NL East titles and two consecutive appearances in the National League Championship Series. Acuña played in 23 games with the 2017 Peoria Javelinas and posted a staggering .325/.414/.639 slash, winning the Arizona Fall League's Joe Black MVP award as the second recipient in Braves history (Tommy Hanson, 2008).

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Tuesday, October 19

Salt River @ Peoria 12:35 p.m. RHP Justin Jarvis vs. RHP Michael Burrows
Scottsdale @ Glendale 12:35 p.m. RHP Connor Seabold vs RHP Johan Dominguez
Off day: Mesa, Surprise

Wednesday, October 20

Surprise @ Salt River 12:35 p.m. RHP Zach Haake vs RHP Garrison Bryant
Mesa @ Scottsdale 12:35 p.m. RHP Evan Fitterer vs TBD
Peoria @ Glendale 6:35 p.m. LHP MacKenzie Gore vs RHP Jordan Hicks

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#54 Juan Then (SEA) - Currently on the Seattle Mariners' 40-man roster. International sign by the Mariners out of San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic. Made his professional debut at 17 years old. Pitched exclusively for High-A Everett in 2021, posting a 6.46 ERA in 54.1 innings. Pitched 48.1 innings in 2019 between High-A, Low-A and the Mariners' rookie-league affiliate, posting a combined 2.98 ERA. 205 strikeouts in 214 professional innings.

#10 Ji-Hwan Bae (PIT) - MLB Pipeline's 22nd-ranked Pirates prospect. Signed with the Atlanta Braves in September 2017 but deal was voided due to Atlanta international signing violations. Signed with Pittsburgh shortly after for a \$1.25 million signing bonus. Played in 83 games for Double-A Altoona in 2021, posting a .278/.359/.413 slash.

#26 Logan O'Hoppe (PHI) - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Phillies prospect. Drafted in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of St. Johns The Baptist High School (NY). Played in 85 games for High-A Jersey Shore in 2021, posting a .270/.335/.459 slash with 13 home runs. Played winter ball in 2019-20 with the Adelaide Giants of the Australian Baseball League, posting a .258/.389/.483 slash.

#20 William Woods (ATL) - 23rd-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Dyersburg State Community College (TN), the school's second-ever draftee. Pitched only 10 2/3 innings in 2021 after not pitching in 2020 and tossing 51 innings in 2019. Posted a 4.22 ERA in 2021. 60-grade fastball according to MLB Pipeline.

Salt River

#67 Ken Knutson (Pitching Coach, NYM) - 30+ years of professional and NCAA Division I coaching experience. Spent 17 years as the head baseball coach at the University of Washington and five years as the pitching coach at Arizona State. Began coaching with the Mets in the summer of 2021 after working as a throwing development coach for Cleveland from 2015-2020. Works for the Arizona Pitching Arsenal as a throwing instructor.

#1 Carlos Cortes (NYM) - Third-round selection by the Mets in the 2018 draft. Began his 2021 Fall League campaign going 3-for-4 with a triple. Played 79 minor league games in 2021, all with Double-A Binghamton, posting a .257/.332/.487 slash. Played two seasons at the University of South Carolina, posting a career .274/.378/.528 slash. MLB Pipeline's 10th-ranked Mets prospect.

#31 Mitchell Stumpo (ARI) - Played 36 total games across four affiliates in 2021. Signed with the Diamondbacks as an undrafted free agent in 2019. Posted a 2.63 ERA in 51.1 minor league innings in 2021; worked a 2.59 ERA in 24.1 innings with Double-A Amarillo. Promoted to Triple-A Albuquerque at the end of the 2021 season, tossing six innings and allowing one run. Pitched at Division-III Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

#8 Spencer Torkelson (DET) - 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.

Mesa

#48 Cameron Bishop (BAL) - 26th-round draftee in the 2017 draft out of UC Irvine. Pitched 48.1 innings with Double-A Bowie in 2021, posting a 3.17 ERA with 54 strikeouts. Played exclusively with Low-A Delmarva in 2018 and exclusively with High-A Frederick in 2019. Pitched 11 innings in the Cape Cod Baseball League in 2017, allowing one run.

#7 Logan Davidson (OAK) - 29th overall selection of the 2019 draft out of Clemson. Started his 2021 fall campaign going 2-for-5 with two doubles. Played exclusively for Double-A Midland during the 2021 season (119 games) posting a .212/.307/.313 slash. Member of the A's 60-man player pool in 2020. 12th-ranked A's prospect according to MLB Pipeline with an estimated big league ETA in 2022.

#16 Ryan Jensen (TOR) - First-round selection by the Blue Jays in the 2019 draft. MLB Pipeline's 15th-ranked Cubs prospect. 70-grade fastball per MLB Pipeline. Played three years at Fresno State, posting a 2.88 ERA in an even 100 innings during his junior season. Made 16 starts with High-A South Bend in 2021, posting a 4.50 ERA. Made four starts with Double-A Tennessee in 2021, posting a 3.00 ERA.

#10 J.J. Bleday (MIA) - 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.

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Scottsdale

#11 Matt Dyer (TB) - Fourth-round selection in the 2020 draft out of the University of Arizona. Played two seasons in Tucson after transferring from the University of Oregon in his freshman season. Did not play NCAA baseball in 2018 due to transfer eligibility but played 28 summer games with Yarmouth-Dennis in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Played 63 total games in 2021 between Low-A St. Lucie and Low-A Charleston. Traded in 2021 from the Mets to the Rays as part of a trade that sent Rich Hill to the Mets.

#15 Patrick Bailey (SF) - 13th-overall pick of the 2020 draft out of NC State. Posted a collegiate .296/.466/.685 slash for NC State in 2020 before the COVID-19 shutdown. 55-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played 47 games with Low-A San Jose in 2021 and posted a .322/.415/.531 slash in Low-A. Promoted to High-A Eugene for 33 games and won a High-A West championship. Began the 2021 Fall League going 1-for-3 with a double.

#40 Damon Cassetta-Stubbs (CLE) - Traded from Seattle to Cleveland in July. Played in only 10 games in 2021, nine for the Mariners' Low-A affiliate (Modesto) and one with Cleveland's complex team. Drafted by Seattle in the 11th round of the 2018 draft out of King's Way Christian Schools (WA). Career 5.78 ERA with 173 strikeouts in 165 minor league innings.

#59 Kody Funderburk (MIN) - Mesa, Arizona native. Pitched at both Mesa Community College and Dallas Baptist University before being drafted in the 15th round of the 2018 draft. Pitched 80 innings in 2021 between High-A Cedar Rapids and Double-A Wichita, posting a combined 2.55 ERA and collecting 90 strikeouts. 10.1 K/9 and 3.5 BB/9 in 2021.

Surprise

#59 Mitch Ellis (KC) - Signed with the Royals as an international free agent out of Bundoora, Australia. Played two seasons with the ABL's Melbourne Aces, tossing a combined 16.2 innings from 2019-2021. Pitched 48.2 innings for High-A Quad Cities in 2021, posting a 5.36 ERA with 56 strikeouts. Switch-hitting pitcher in an American League organization.

#40 Jackson Rutledge (WAS) - Second-tallest player in the AFL (6'8") behind Spencer Mraz (TEX/Sagueros, 6'10"). Drafted with the 17th-overall pick in the 2019 draft out of San Jacinto College (TX). Played one season at the University of Arkansas in 2018, pitching 15.2 innings with a 3.45 ERA. Pitched 36.1 total innings in 2021 between High-A Wilmington, Low-A Fredericksburg and the Nationals' complex league team, posting a combined 7.68 ERA. Third-ranked Nationals prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

#28 Sam Huff (TEX) - Drafted by the Rangers in the seventh round of the 2016 draft out of Arcadia High School (AZ). Played in 10 games for the Texas Rangers in 2020, posting a .355/.394/.742 slash. Underwent knee surgery in early 2021 following a hamstring strain that kept him out of spring training action. Played in 61 minor league games in 2021 between Triple-A Round Rock, Double-A Frisco and the Rangers' complex league squad.

#13 Austin Wells (NYY) - 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.

Glendale

#2 Orlando Martinez - Signed with the Angels as an international free agent out of Cuba. Made his professional debut in 2018 with rookie-level Orem and Low-A Burlington. Played 102 games in 2021, all with Double-A Rocket City, posting a .258/.313/.445 slash. 16 home runs in an even 400 at-bats in 2021. Began the 2021 Fall League going 4-for-8 with a triple.

#35 Korey Lee (HOU) - 32nd-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of Cal. Played in 88 minor league games in 2021, posting a .277/.340/.438 slash. Played over half of his games in 2021 with Double-A Corpus Christi, collecting 185 at-bats and hitting eight home runs. 65-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played two summers for the La Crosse Loggers in the summer collegiate Northwoods League.

#25 Bobby Miller (LAD) - MLB Pipeline's fourth-ranked Dodgers prospect. Pitched three seasons at the University of Louisville (2018-2020), posting a 3.28 ERA in 170 total innings. Drafted by the Dodgers with the 29th overall pick in the 2020 draft. Tops out at 99 and features both a four-seam and two-seam fastball. Minor league BB/9 of 2.1 is better than his college figure of 3.6.

#12 Jordan Hicks (STL) - 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.

Today's Fall League Five

1: Asa Lacy returns to the mound this afternoon after picking up a win on AFL Opening Day on Wednesday. Lacy, the fourth-overall pick in the 2020 draft, pitching two scoreless innings in his Fall League debut allowing no hits, no runs and striking out four. He had previously allowed eight earned runs in his final 11 innings with High-A Quad Cities.

2: Brett Baty (NYM) and Spencer Torkelson (DET), both of the Salt River Rafters, are tied for the league lead in hits with seven. Both have started the AFL schedule going 7-for-14, while Baty has recorded three extra-base hits to Torkelson's one. They have helped lift the Rafters to the league's best run differential at +9, while the next closest team is the Glendale Desert Dogs at +4.

3: The Surprise Saguaros are the early-season pitching leaders with a 3.25 ERA through 36 innings, but their 1.306 WHIP is second to the Glendale Desert Dogs with a 1.222 WHIP (4.25 ERA). Both the Saguaros and the Mesa Solar Sox are tied for the strikeout lead with 46, but Mesa reached that figure in two fewer innings.

4: There is a different team leader for all three figures on the batting slash; Salt River leads average at .289, Mesa leads on-base percentage with a .426, and Glendale leads slugging percentage with a .426. Glendale's seven home runs lead the league, while Scottsdale is second in home runs with four.

5: It will take a short 8.8-mile drive from Salt River Fields at Talking Stick to Sloan Park for a spectator to watch two baseball games today, or a 38.5-mile drive from the Peoria Sports Complex to Sloan Park.

Important dates to remember:

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

