

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	7-3	-	W4
Surprise Saguaros	5-4	1.5	L3
Peoria Javelinas	5-5	2.0	L2
Salt River Rafters	5-5	2.0	W2
Mesa Solar Sox	4-6	3.0	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	3-6	3.5	L2

NFP Hitter & Pitcher of the Week

ESMERLYN VALDEZ (SRR/PIT No. 15/OF):

- 8-13, 2B, 5 HR, 11 RBI, 7 BB, 2.573 OPS

- Led the AFL in TB (24), HR (5), SLG, (.727), and OPS (2.573), while being tied for the league lead in hits (8)

- Second in AVG (.615), OBP (.727), RBI (11), and BB (7)

ANDERSON BRITO (SCO/HOU No. 7/RHP):

- 1 GS, 1 W, 3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 8 K, 51 P-31 S

- Struck out seven batters in a row

- Eight strikeouts most in an appearance in AFL this season

- Topped out at 98.9 mph on fastball

Sunday's Top Performers

ESMERLYN VALDEZ (SRR/PIT No. 15/OF) capped off his AFL Hitter of the Week performance with a two-home run, 10-total base, four RBI game on Sunday. It is the first 10-total base game since Oct. 31, 2024 by Niko Kavadas.

ENRIQUE BRADFIELD JR. (PEO/BAL No.4/OF) tied the single-game stolen base record with four just a day after D'Andre Smith (SCO/NYM) also tied the record. 2023 and 2024 Fall League alum Caleb Durbin achieved the feat twice.

CHARLIE PAGLIARINI (PEO/SEA/INF) smacked his first AFL home run 450 feet to center field, getting on base all four plate appearances. He ended the week 8-for-12.

SAM PETERSON (SCO/WSH No. 24/OF) drove in four runs behind a two-run double and a two-run single.

KEVIN MCGONIGLE (SCO/DET No. 1/MLB No. 2/INF) went 2-for-5 with a two-run double 102.6 mph off the bat.

JANSEL LUIS (SRR/ARI No. 12/INF) went 3-for-4 with a 2B, 2 RBI, and a SB. The switch-hitting infielder had the fourth most hits in all the D-backs farm system in 2025 with 131 hits.

MAX ANDERSON (SCO/DET No. 9/INF) launched his third AFL home run and added three walks.

WALKER JANEK (SCO/HOU No. 4/C) added to his league-leading 18 RBI with a two-run single.

Fall League Alumni

ROAD TO THE FALL CLASSIC: 29 players on Championship Series rosters were AFL alumni (27.8%) with the Dodgers leading with 12. 2012 Mesa Solar Sox **George Springer** sprang the Blue Jays ahead to the World Series with a three-run home run. Springer ended with a 1.012 in 21 games in the AFL.

FEELING GOLDEN: 24 Rawlings Gold Glove Finalists are Arizona Fall League alum (40%).

DEBUTS: 84 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2025 including 30 of which from #AFL24.

Media Inquiries

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Today's Headlines

Scottsdale @ Peoria: The Scottsdale Scorpions have won four straight after a 12-run, 12-hit second inning in Sunday's 15-4 win over Surprise. The 12 runs are the most in an inning dating back to at least 2005, while the 12 hits tied the previous record.

On the bump in game one is RHP **Sean Paul Liñan** (WSH), making his third AFL appearance. He has struck out six, giving up one run on one hit through five innings pitched. The Dodgers traded Liñan and RHP Eriq Swan to the Nationals for RF Alex Call at the deadline. RHP **Carson Montgomery** (SD) toes the slab for Peoria after allowing one run in five innings across his first two starts.

No. 29 Padres prospect **RHP Kannon Kemp** makes his first AFL start in game two after four strikeouts through two relief innings. He faces Scottsdale's RHP Kenny Serwa. The knuckleballer signed by Detroit in January made the jump to Double-A Erie after a 4.25 K/BB ratio and 2.75 ERA across 10 appearances in High-A West Michigan.

Glendale @ Surprise: RHP **Alex Amalfi** (TOR) makes his third AFL start after making 34 appearances (11 starts) with Double-A New Hampshire. He faces RHP **Jose Corniell**, who makes his second start for the Saguaros. The Rangers' top pitching prospect struck out six across four innings in his AFL debut. The No. 3 overall Rangers prospect made his first major league appearance in relief on Sept. 28 after posting a 1.89 ERA with 41 strikeouts over three levels.

In game two, RHP **Hyun-Seok Jang** (LAD No. 21) makes his first start for Glendale. In his one outing, he went two-thirds of an inning, giving up one run on one hit. In 2025, Jang pitched to a 4.65 ERA in 40.2 IP in 13 starts for Single-A Rancho Cucamonga. **Winston Santos** (RHP/TEX No.4) looks to make his first start of the Fall League. Santos looks to get back into form after only pitching in 17.1 innings in 2025. The top Rangers prospect had 138 strikeouts over 110.1 innings.

Salt River @ Mesa: Having won back-to-back games, the Rafters have scored 18 runs on 21 hits in their last 16 innings played. They send out LHP **Dominic Perachi** (PIT) for his first AFL start after missing the first three months of the MiLB season due to injury. He faces RHP Jackson Baumeister (TB No. 21) in his second start. Baumeister and two other prospects were traded by the Orioles to Tampa Bay for RHP Zach Eflin.

In the second game of the twinbill, RHP **Josh Loeschorn** gets his first start since Sept. 6, 2023. Across 19 relief appearances with High-A Greensboro, Loeschorn allowed six runs, striking out 17 compared to three walks. He faces RHP **Cade Smith**, who struck out five in three hitless relief innings on Oct. 14 against Surprise.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 21

In the effort to make up games lost due to weather from Tropical Storm Priscilla, the Arizona Fall League will be playing a doubleheaders on Tuesday, Oct. 21. Both games will be seven innings and game two will start 45 minutes after game one.

Scottsdale @ Peoria	12:00	RHP Sean Paul Liñan vs. RHP Carson Montgomery
Game 2		RHP Kenny Serwa vs. RHP Kannon Kemp
Glendale @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Alex Amalfi vs. RHP Jose Corniell
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Salt River @ Mesa	1:30	LHP Dominic Perachi vs. RHP Jackson Baumeister
Game 2		RHP Josh Loeschorn vs. RHP Cade Smith

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.