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MLB ANNOUNCES 2025 ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE ROSTERS

AFL Teams to Feature 13 Top 100 Prospects, Including Kevin McGonigle (DET), Sebastian Walcott (TEX), Josue De Paula (LAD), and Braden Montgomery (CWS) Opening Day Set for October 6

Major League Baseball has announced the rosters for the 2025 Arizona Fall League (AFL) season. Featuring **13 of MLB Pipeline's Top 100 prospects** and **97 organizational Top 30 prospects**, the season begins with **AFL Opening Night** on Monday, October 6, as the Peoria Javelinas take on the Scottsdale Scorpions at Scottsdale Stadium.

The prospect pool is headlined by a top 15 trio of SS **Kevin McGonigle** (Detroit Tigers), SS **Sebastian Walcott** (Texas Rangers), and OF **Josue De Paula** (Los Angeles Dodgers). With McGonigle and Walcott, the AFL will feature two of the top four MLB prospects in the same year for the first time since 2011 when **Bryce Harper** and **Mike Trout** played in the AFL.



McGonigle, the AFL's top prospect and No. 2 prospect in baseball, has slashed .301/.408/.566 with 17 home runs and 75 RBI across 84 games through three levels. Walcott, at 19 years old, is in the top 10 of the Texas League in five offensive categories with the Frisco RoughRiders (Double-A). De Paula had 29 extra-base hits with an .827 OPS with the Great Lakes Loons (High-A). The 20-year-old finished second in the Midwest League with 81 walks before his promotion to Double-A Tulsa.

2025 Arizona Fall League Top 100 MLB Pipeline Prospects:

No. 2 - Kevin McGonigle – SS, Scottsdale (DET)

No. 4 - Sebastian Walcott – SS, Surprise (TEX)

No. 12 - Josue De Paula – OF, Glendale (LAD)

No. 32 - Braden Montgomery – OF, Glendale (CWS)

No. 47 - Aidan Miller – SS, Surprise (PHI)

No. 48 - Blake Mitchell - C, Surprise (KC)

No. 54 - Chase DeLauter – OF, Surprise (CLE)

No. 58 - Charlie Condon – 1B/LF, Salt River (COL)

No. 71 - Alfredo Duno – C, Peoria (CIN)

No. 79 - Jonny Farmelo – OF, Peoria (SEA)

No. 82 - Ethan Salas - C, Peoria (SD)

No. 88 - Hagen Smith – LHP, Glendale (CWS)

No. 95 - Cam Collier – 1B/3B, Peoria (CIN)

AFL rosters this season will include six No. 1 organizational prospects: McGonigle (Tigers), Walcott (Rangers), De Paula (Dodgers), Montgomery (White Sox), Salas (Padres), and Mitchell (Royals). Ten players on Arizona Fall League rosters represented their organizations in the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in July. A total of seven players are currently on 40-man rosters.

The Peoria Javelinas and Surprise Saguaros each lead the league with four Top 100 MLB Pipeline prospects. Two Cincinnati Reds (No. 71 C **Alfredo Duno** and No. 95 1B/3B **Cam Collier**) are among the top prospects for the Javelinas, alongside No. 79 OF **Jonny Farmelo** of the Seattle Mariners and No. 82 C **Ethan Salas** of the San Diego Padres. Along with Walcott and Mitchell, No. 47 SS **Aidan Miller** of the Philadelphia Phillies and No. 54 OF **Chase DeLauter** of the Cleveland Guardians round out the list for Surprise.

The Arizona Fall League is comprised of all 30 MLB organizations, divided into six teams, with each team representing five affiliations. Each MLB organization sends at least seven prospects to the Valley to compile the league's rosters. The 2025 AFL assignments are as follows:

Glendale Desert Dogs: Blue Jays, Braves, Cardinals, Dodgers, White Sox

Mesa Solar Sox: Athletics, Cubs, Marlins, Rays, Yankees **Peoria Javelinas:** Mariners, Orioles, Padres, Reds, Twins

Salt River Rafters: Angels, Diamondbacks, Pirates, Red Sox, Rockies

Scottsdale Scorpions: Astros, Giants, Mets, Nationals, Tigers **Surprise Saguaros:** Brewers, Guardians, Phillies, Rangers, Royals

Regarded as the premier league for baseball's top prospects, the Arizona Fall League continues to develop topcaliber talent across all 30 MLB Clubs. AFL games will be held primarily at six Cactus League ballparks throughout the 2025 season - Camelback Ranch-Glendale, Peoria Sports Complex, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, Sloan Park, Scottsdale Stadium, and Surprise Stadium, with select games at Goodyear Ballpark.

The 2025 AFL season begins on Monday, October 6, with season highlights including:

- The AFL returns to Tucson for the first time since 2002 with the **Tucson Tripleheader** on Saturday, October 11 at **Kino Sports Complex**.
- The third-annual **Goodyear Ballpark Tripleheader** is on Saturday, October 18, at the Spring Training home of the Cincinnati Reds and the Cleveland Guardians.
- The 19th annual **AFL Fall Stars Game** will be played on Sunday, November 9, preceded by the **AFL Home Run Derby** on Saturday, November 8. Both events will take place at Sloan Park, the Spring Training home of the Chicago Cubs. The game will air LIVE on MLB Network, <u>MLB.com</u>, and the MLB App.
- The **AFL Postseason** will expand in 2025 with a quarterfinal round featuring the No. 3 vs No. 6 and No. 4 vs. No. 5 seeds at Scottsdale Stadium on November 13. The semifinals (No. 2 seed vs. No. 3/6 winner and No. 1 vs. No. 4/5 winner) will be November 14 at Salt River Fields.
- The **AFL Championship Game** returns to Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, the Spring Training home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies, on Saturday, November 15. The game will be broadcast LIVE on MLB Network, MLB.com, and the MLB App.

This AFL season, 14 participants are alumni of MLB's youth development programs, including MLB Develops and the Nike RBI program, including Montgomery and Collier, who have taken part in events such as the DREAM Series, Hank Aaron Invitational, and Breakthrough Series. Other alumni include **Enrique Bradfield Jr, Kendall George, Ed Howard, Christian Little, Xavier Meachem, Brock Moore, PJ Morlando, Dante Nori, Kenney Serwa, D'Andre Smith, Jared Thomas,** and **Jaden Woods**. George, Howard, and Moore participated in both MLB Develops and Nike RBI programs, while Serwa participated only in the Nike RBI program. Additionally, Meachem has participated in the HBCU Swingman Classic on two occasions including the inaugural event in 2023.

The full 2025 Arizona Fall League Schedule and online tickets can be found at the Arizona Fall League website at MLBFallBall.com. Media personnel who wish to be credentialed for the 2025 AFL season can apply through the Fall League's website under the "About" tab or by clicking the link HERE. Nearly every 2025 AFL game will be available to watch live on MLB.com and the Fall League website.

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