# **ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE**

**GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025** 











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#### GB **Standings** W-L Streak 9-4 W4 Surprise Saguaros **Scottsdale Scorpions** 9-5 0.5 W/1 Salt River Rafters 8-6 1.5 W2 Peoria Javelinas 7-7 2.5 L1 Mesa Solar Sox 5-9 4.5 L2 Glendale Desert Dogs 3-10 6.0 L6

## Thursday's Top Performers

**JACK HURLEY** (SRR/ARI/OF) went 4-for-5 with a double, a triple, two home runs (436 feet and 397 feet), 8 RBI (most since at least 2005) and 13 total bases (tied for 4th since 2005).

**MAX ANDERSON** (SCO/DET No. 9/INF) went 2-for-3 with an RBI against the Javelinas. Anderson is now batting .524 over 8 games played this Fall. The average tops the league amongst qualified hitters.

**SAM PETERSON** (SCO/WSH/OF) launched his first AFL home run. He added an RBI single onto his two-run round-tripper.

**CHRIS SUERO** (SCO/NYM No. 15/C-OF) reached base 3 times, while going 2-for-4 with an RBI and 2 stolen bases. Suero now has seven hits over his last four games.

**LEO BALCAZAR** (PEJ/CIN No. 23.INF) went 1-for-3 with a 2-run RBI double in the 5th inning. Balcazar is now the league leader in hits with 16.

**NACHO ALVAREZ JR.** (GDD/ATL/3B) went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a stolen base.

**DARLIN SALADIN** (GDD/STL/RHP) tossed three innings, striking out six with 10 swings and misses.

**BLAKE MITCHELL** (SUR/KC No. 2/MLB No. 62/C) smashed his first AFL home run. A three-run shot 116.5 mph off the bat went 385 feet to right field.

**KARSON MILBRANDT** (MSS/MIA No. 18/RHP) went 2 2/3 innings, punching out seven, generating 15 swings and misses. He topped out on the mound at 98 mph on a fastball while throwing 47% cutter.

**DYLAN O'RAE** (SUR/MIL/INF) went 2-for-3 at the plate, including a double and 2 RBI. Through eight games, O'Rae is batting .346 in 26 plate appearances.

**JOSHUA KURODA-GRAUER** (MSS/ATH No. 10/INF) went 3-for-5 with a single, two doubles, a stolen base and an RBI.

#### 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** sprung the Blue Jays ahead to the World Series with a three-run home run. Springer ended with a 1.012 OPS in 21 games in the AFL.

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

**SILVER SLUGGERS:** 26 Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Finalists are Arizona Fall League alum (47.3%).

**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** @ **Salt River:** The top two offenses in the AFL square off in a standalone game. The Rafters have combined for 30 runs on 37 hits the last two games played. **Jack Hurley** (AZ/OF) became the first player since at least 2005 to record 8 RBI while being a single shy of the first Fall League cycle since Lars Nootbar in 2021.

The Scorpions have three of the top four leaders in total bases in **Seaver King** (25), Max Anderson (24), and Walker Janek (22).

On the mound for Scottsdale, **James Hicks** (SCO/SF/RHP) is set to make his second AFL start after posting three shutout innings with 4 Ks against the Saguaros on 10/18. Hicks has eight strikeouts through seven scoreless innings.

Making his third start of the AFL, **David Hagaman** (SRR/ARI No.15/RHP) toes the slab after striking out five across three scoreless innings in his AFL debut. In his first year in pro-ball, Hagaman notched a 2.98 ERA with 55 strikeouts over 42.1 innings pitched over three levels of the Rangers/D-Backs farm systems. Hagaman and two other prospects were a part of the Merrill Kelly trade at the deadline.

#### Fall League to the Fall Classic

The Los Angeles Dodgers and Toronto Blue Jays announced their 2025 World Series rosters Friday and 20 of the 52 active players (38.5%) are Arizona Fall League alum.

Six of the seven umpires assigned to the 2025 World Series are AFL alum:

- Alan Porter (2008-'09) - Adam Hamari (2011)

- Jordan Baker (2011-'12) - Adrian Johnson (2004-'05,'07) - Will Little (2012) - John Tumpane (2008-'09)

Each of the last 10 Wille Mays World Series MVP Winners are AFL alum:

- 2024 Freddie Freeman ('09-'10)
- 2023 Corey Seager ('13-'14)
- 2022 Jeremy Peña ('19)
- 2021 Jorge Soler ('13)
- 2019 Steven Strasburg ('09)
- 2018 Steve Pearce ('07)
- 2017 George Springer ('12)
- 2016 Ben Zobrist ('06)
- 2015 Salvador Perez ('10)

# **Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers**

Friday, October 24		
Scottsdale @ Salt River	12:30	RHP James Hicks vs. RHP David Hagaman
Saturday, October 25		
Mesa @ Surprise	12:30	RHP Nathan Dettmer vs. RHP Logan Martin
Peoria @ Glendale	3:30	RHP Rhett Lowder vs. RHP Luke Sinnard
Sunday, October 26		
Peoria @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Ryan Hawks vs. RHP Eiberson Castellano
Salt River @ Glendale	5:00	RHP Luis Perales vs. LHP Jakob Wright
Mesa @ Scottsdale	5:00	RHP Aiden May vs. LHP Jake Bennett

#### **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.