



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025



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Final AFL Standings W-L GB Streak

Scottsdale Scorpions	18-10	-	L3
Surprise Saguaros	16-10-1	1.0	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	14-14	4.0	W2
Peoria Javelinas	12-15-1	5.5	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	11-16	6.5	W1
Salt River Rafters	11-17	7.0	W2

Postseason Scores

Quarterfinals:

Game 1: #3 Mesa 3, #6 Salt River 0

Game 2: #4 Peoria 8, #5 Glendale 7

Semifinals:

Game 1: #2 Surprise 4, #3 Mesa 3

Game 2: #4 Peoria 9, #1 Scottsdale 4

Thursday's Top Performers

ALFREDO DUNO (PEO/MLB No. 48/CIN No. 2/C) smashed three home runs, driving in six of the nine Javelinas runs.

BLAKE MITCHELL (SUR/MLB No. 62/KC No. 2) walked it off for the Saguaros with an RBI single in the ninth inning. Overall, he went 2-for-3 with two walks and two RBI.

CARSON MONTGOMERY (PEO/SD/RHP) struck out four in two hitless, scoreless innings. He made five starts in the AFL after not making a professional appearance in 531 days since April 4, 2024 after rehabbing from Tommy John Surgery.

TRENTON DENHOLM (SUR/CLE/RHP) retired the first 10 batters he faced, tossing four no-hit innings with a pair of strikeouts.

KEVIN MCGONIGLE (SCO/MLB. 2/DET No.1/INF) went 1-for-4, drilling an RBI triple in the third inning.

JOSHUA KURODA-GRAUER (MSS/ATH No. 10/INF) tied the game in the sixth with a two-out, two-run single.

ETHAN ANDERSON (PEO/BAL/C-1B) walked three times in four plate appearances, walking in a run in the seventh inning.

ENRIQUE BRADFIELD JR. (PEO/BAL No. 4/OF) went 1-for-2 with a single, sac fly and a pair of walks.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

- 2. Kevin McGonigle - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
- 35. Braden Montgomery - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- 48. Alfredo Duno - C, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- 61. Charlie Condon - 1B/LF, Salt River Rafters (COL)
- 62. Blake Mitchell - C, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- 75. Jonny Farmelo - OF, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- 80. Rhett Lowder - RHP, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- 88. Hagen Smith - LHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- 94. Cam Collier - 1B/3B Peoria Javelinas (CIN)

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Today's Headlines

The 33rd season of the Arizona Fall League wraps up Friday with the 23rd Arizona Fall League Championship Game (from 1992 to 2000, the AFL champion was determined via a best-of-three series between the two division winners). In its first season under a new playoff format to include all six teams in postseason play, the No. 4 Peoria Javelinas take on the No. 2 Surprise Saguaros at Salt River Fields.

The 2025 AFL Championship Game can also be watched LIVE on MLB.com and the Arizona Fall League website. The full broadcast will then be RE-AIRED on MLB Network on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. MST/8 p.m. ET.

Starting Pitchers

The Surprise Saguaros have reached the AFL Championship Game for the sixth straight season and ninth time out of the last 12 seasons. After dropping back-to-back title games, they won back-to-back championships in 2022 and 2023. The streak is the second longest in AFL History after the Desert Dogs made it seven straight years from 2003 to 2009.

In one of the most interesting situations of the year, RHP **Logan Martin** will toe the slab for Surprise just three days after getting traded from the Kansas City Royals to the San Francisco Giants for RHP **Mason Black** on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Martin has not appeared against the Javelinas this season. Across five starts, he has struck out six in 11 innings, giving up 12 earned runs. His best performance of the campaign came in his last appearance on Nov. 7 against Salt River. He struck out three in three scoreless innings, retiring the final eight batters that he faced. Martin began his college career at DIII Sewanee earning conference Pitcher of the Year in 2022 before transferring to Kentucky and being drafted in the 12th round in 2023.

Pitch Mix: Fastball (92-96), Cutter/Slider (85-87), and Changeup (85)

The Peoria Javelinas with a win will capture their league-best eighth title. They take on the Saguaros in the title game for the second time in three years after falling 6-5 in 2023. They are led by a pitching staff that has the lowest ERA (4.86), WHIP (1.55), and BAA (.236) in the league.

RHP **Miguel Boadas** (PEO/MIN) has appeared in four games in the AFL and is making his first start of the season. He posted a 1.54 ERA in 11 1/3 innings pitched, allowing just two runs and striking out eight batters with the Javelinas. During his first AFL appearance against Salt River, he went three scoreless innings, striking out three and allowing one hit. The AFL is the right-hander's first appearance in 2025 after missing the full minor league season due to injury. With the High-A Cedar Rapids Kernels, Boadas posted a 6.23 ERA through 11 games, striking out 39.

Pitch Mix: Sinker (94-96, T97), Cutter (87-90), and Slider (82-85)

2025 Arizona Fall League Award Winners

The Arizona Fall League announced Friday its end-of-season award winners for the 2025 AFL season.

Joe Black MVP Award: Scottsdale Scorpions INF Kevin McGonigle (DET)

Dernell Stenson Sportsmanship Award: Salt River Rafters OF Charlie Condon (COL)

Offensive Player of the Year: Salt River Rafters OF Esmerlyn Valdez (PIT)

Pitcher of the Year: Scottsdale Scorpions RHP James Hicks (HOU)

Reliever of the Year: Salt River Rafters RHP Cade Denton (COL)

Defensive Player of the Year: Peoria Javelinas OF Enrique Bradfield Jr. (BAL)

Breakout Player of the Year: Mesa Solar Sox C Owen Ayers (CHC)

AFL Community Champion Award: Glendale Desert Dogs INF Logan Wagner (LAD)

Team by Team Championships

Javelinas: 7 Titles

Rafters: 6 Titles

Solar Sox: 6 Titles

Desert Dogs: 6 Titles

Saguaros: 4 Titles

Scorpions: 3 Titles

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Friday, November 14 - Championship

Peoria vs. Surprise

1:30

RHP Miguel Boadas vs. RHP Logan Martin



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FALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP - CONTINUED



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Silver Sluggers

8 of the 20 recipients of the 2025 Major League Silver Slugger award are Arizona Fall League alums.

National League:

First Base: NYM, Pete Alonso (SCO, 2018)
Shortstop: ARI, Geraldo Perdomo (SRR, 2019)
Outfield: CHC, Kyle Tucker (MSS, 2017)

American League:

First base: Nick Kurtz (MSS, 2024)
Second base: Jazz Chisholm Jr. (SRR, 2018)
Outfield: Byron Buxton (GDD, 2013/ SRR, 2014)
Outfield: Aaron Judge (SCO, 2014)
Designated Hitter: George Springer (MSS, 2012)

Gold Glovers

10 of the 20 recipients of the 2025 Major League Baseball Rawlings Gold Glove awards are Arizona Fall League alums.

National League:

Catcher: Patrick Bailey (SCO, 2019)
First base: Matt Olson (MSS, 2014)
Second Base: Nico Hoerner (MSS, 2018)
Shortstop: Masyn Winn (SRR, 2022)
Left Field: Ian Happ (MSS, 2016)

American League:

Pitcher: Max Fried (PEO, 2017)
Catcher: Dillion Dingler (SRR, 2022)
Second Base: Marcus Semien (GLD, 2013)
Right Field: Willyer Abreu (SCO, 2022)
Utility: Mauricio Dubon (SUR, 2016)

Of the nine MLB Gold Glove winners, Leonardo Bernal (GLD, 2024), Luis Lara (PEO, 2024, and Tre' Morgan (MSS, 2024) are AFL alums.

Fall League Alumni

FALL LEAGUE TO FALL CLASSIC: In the 2025 World Series, 21 of the 52 active players (40.4%) between the Dodgers and Blue Jays were Arizona Fall League alum. 10 of which on the back-to-back World Series champion Dodgers.

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

WILL SMITH WINNER: 2017 Glendale Desert Dog **Will Smith** launched the series-clinching home run in the top of the 10th inning of Game 7 of the World Series.

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

MVPs: Before Yamamoto this year, each of the last 10 Willie Mays World Series MVPs played in the Arizona Fall League including two-time MVP **Corey Seager** ('13-'14 Desert Dog). Back-to-back American League MVP **Aaron Judge** played for the Scottsdale Scorpions in 2014.

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

SILVER SLUGGING: 26 Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Finalists were Arizona Fall League alum (47.3%).

The Stars of Tomorrow, Today

TOP DAWGS: The AFL features nine MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 2 Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers). The Cincinnati Reds lead the league sending three Top 100 prospects, while the Chicago White Sox sent two.

TOP PROSPECTS: AFL rosters combine 93 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Rangers lead all systems with seven.

STATE 48: Arizona alum Austin Smith (RHP/Salt River/Rockies), Arizona State alum Joe Lampe (OF/Surprise/Guardians) and former Gateway CC alum Carson Jacobs (RHP/Glendale/White Sox) are the local college products. Justin Chambers (LHP/Glendale/Dodgers), and Nathan Peterson (LHP/Surprise/Brewers) are two Valley natives, with Chambers being a Basha High School alum.

TOP ARMS: Two of the AFL's Top 100 prospects are pitchers. No. 80 Rhett Lowder (RHP/Peoria/Reds) made four starts, while No. 88 Hagen Smith (LHP/Glendale/White Sox) has struck out 21 in five starts.

FUTURES GAME: Ten players on initial Arizona Fall League rosters represented their organizations in the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in July. Alfredo Duno (CIN) and Enrique Bradfield Jr. (BAL) star in today's game.

FALL STARS: Forty-one percent of all players named to the 2025 MLB All-Star Game in Atlanta were alum (33 of 80), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Catcher **Drake Baldwin** (ATL/SRR) and first baseman **Nick Kurtz** (ATH/MSS) became the 37th and 38th Fall League alumni to win Rookie of the Year. It is the 9th time that both the NL and AL Rookies of the Year are AFL alums.

It is the 3rd time in AFL history that the National League and American League Rookies of the Year played in the AFL the year before:

2025: Nick Kurtz & Drake Baldwin
2012: Mike Trout & Bryce Harper
2005: Huston Street & Ryan Howard

Key Performers

DUNO DESTRUCTION: Last night's three home run performance for Alfredo Duno combined to go 1290 feet with exit velocities of 102.5, 107.6, and 109.1. He hit each home run off of a different pitch (Curveball, Sinkers, Slider). He now has four home runs in his last nine plate appearances.

Since at least 2005:

- First three home run game in the postseason
- First six RBI game in the postseason
- Seventh three home run game in the AFL
- First since Josue Briceño on Oct. 24, 2024

DANIEL VAZQUEZ (KC No. 16) finished the regular season leading Surprise with 26 hits, a .342 AVG, 21 RBI and 1 SB. This is Vazquez's second stint with the AFL as he wrapped up a 30-game on-base streak on Monday, the second longest since at least 2005 in the AFL.

DANTE NORI (PHI No. 6) slashed .308/.386/.436 with 12 hits with 7 RBI in 12 games, including the only inside-the-park home run.

AFL Championship Game History

2024: Salt River Rafters (3-2) over Surprise Saguaros
2023: Surprise Saguaros (6-5) over Peoria Javelinas
2022: Surprise Saguaros (7-6, F10) over Glendale Desert Dogs
2021: Mesa Solar Sox (6-0) over Surprise Saguaros
2019: Salt River Rafters (5-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2018: Peoria Javelinas (3-2, F10) over Salt River Rafters
2017: Peoria Javelinas (8-2) over Mesa Solar Sox
2016: Mesa Solar Sox (6-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2015: Scottsdale Scorpions (6-4) over Surprise Saguaros
2014: Salt River Rafters (14-7) over Peoria Javelinas
2013: Surprise Saguaros (2-0) over Mesa Solar Sox
2012: Peoria Javelinas (4-3) over Salt River Rafters
2011: Salt River Rafters (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros
2010: Scottsdale Scorpions (3-2) over Peoria Javelinas
2009: Peoria Javelinas (5-4) over Phoenix Desert Dogs
2008: Phoenix Desert Dogs (10-4) over Mesa Solar Sox
2007: Phoenix Desert Dogs (7-2) over Surprise Rafters
2006: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Grand Canyon Rafters
2005: Phoenix Desert Dogs (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros (9-3)
2004: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Scottsdale Scorpions (6-2)
2003: Mesa Solar Sox (7-2) over Mesa Desert Dogs
2002: Peoria Javelinas (7-1) over Scottsdale Scorpions
2001: Phoenix Desert Dogs (12-8) over Grand Canyon Rafters

Manager Bios

Peoria manager **Julio Morillo** has built his entire professional baseball career within the Cincinnati Reds organization as a player, coach, and manager. In 2016, Morillo transitioned to coaching with the Reds as a Spanish-language translator and baseball operations assistant, a role he held through 2019 as part of MLB's league-wide translator initiative. Morillo, 32, began managing in 2022 with the ACL Reds and has compiled a 152-155 record across three seasons as a skipper in the Reds' Minor League system. Most recently, he spent two years leading the Single-A Dayton Tortugas (2023-2024), guiding the club to a playoff berth in the Florida State League in 2024. In 2025, he joined the Triple-A Louisville Bats as part of their coaching staff, continuing his steady rise through the organization's player development ranks.

Surprise manager **Jesús Azuaje** brings more than a decade of coaching experience across multiple organizations. He began his managerial career in 2010 with the AZL Mariners and has compiled a 183-194 record over four full seasons in the Mariners (2010-2011) and Royals (2023-2025) systems. Azuaje is no stranger to the Fall League, having served on the 2021 Surprise Saguaros staff that advanced to the AFL Championship Game. In 2025, he guided the High-A Quad Cities River Bandits, the Royals' Midwest League affiliate, to the second-best regular-season record on the circuit. As a manager of one of the teams with the best two records in the first half of the Arizona Fall League, Azuaje managed the National League in the 2025 Fall Stars Game on Nov. 8.