



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Thursday, October 21, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division

GB

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| Salt River | 4-3 | — |
| Mesa | 3-3 | 0.5 |
| Scottsdale | 3-4 | 1.0 |

West Division

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| Surprise | 4-2 | — |
| Glendale | 4-3 | 0.5 |
| Peoria | 1-5 | 2.5 |

Today's Games

SCOTTSDALE @ SURPRISE

Scottsdale

LHP Tanner Tully (CLE)

0-0, 3.00 ERA

Surprise

RHP Owen White (TEX)

1-0, 0.00 ERA

GLENDALE @ SALT RIVER

Glendale

RHP Landon Knack (LAD)

0-0, 0.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Wilmer Flores (DET)

0-0, 4.50 ERA

MESA @ PEORIA

Mesa

RHP Ryan Jensen (CHI)

0-0, 27.00 ERA

Peoria

RHP William Woods (ATL)

0-0, 6.00 ERA

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/23

| Team | M | T | W | Th | F | Sa |
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| 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 |
| 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

Eddie Rosario (Glendale Desert Dogs, 2013; Salt River Rafters, 2014) had a 4-for-5 night on Wednesday in Game 4 of the National League Championship Series. He hit two home runs and a double for his Atlanta Braves en route to a 9-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers, and his team is now one win away from the World Series. Rosario was a fourth-round draft selection to the Minnesota Twins in 2010 and made his Fall League debut three years later. In his first AFL season (2013), he posted a .238/.262/.275 slash in 80 at-bats. He improved all of those figures in his second AFL season (2014), posting a .330/.345/.410 slash in 100 at-bats.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Friday, October 22

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| Surprise @ Glendale | 12:35 p.m. | RHP Jackson Rutledge vs. RHP Coleman Crow |
| Mesa @ Salt River | 6:35 p.m. | RHP Michael Dominguez vs. RHP Abner Uribe |
| Peoria @ Scottsdale | 6:35 p.m. | RHP Hans Crouse vs. RHP Caleb Sampen |

Saturday, October 23

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| Mesa @ Glendale | 6:35 p.m. | RHP Jeff Criswell vs. RHP Chad Donato |
| Peoria @ Surprise | 6:35 p.m. | RHP Juan Then vs. TBD |
| Salt River @ Scottsdale | 6:35 p.m. | RHP Slade Cecconi vs. LHP Seth Corry |

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#41 Eguay Rosario (SD) - Debuted as a professional at 16 in the Dominican Summer League and rookie-level Arizona league. Played exclusively with Double-A San Antonio in 2021, recording 420 at-bats with a .281/.360/.455 slash. Played winter ball in Venezuela with the Bravos de Margarita, recording 98 at-bats. Made his Double-A debut in 2018. Went 2-4 on Tuesday, October 19 against the Salt River Rafters, collecting two of his first three hits of the Fall League.

#24 Jesse Franklin V (ATL) - Played two season at the University of Michigan, capped off by a runner-up finish in the 2019 College World Series. Drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 2020 with a third-round selection. Left-handed hitter; played 101 games with High-A Rome in 2021 with a .244/.320/.522 slash. 24 home runs in 101 career minor league games. Hit 23 home runs with the Michigan Wolverines in 115 career college games.

#60 Hans Crouse (PHI) - Second-round draft selection in 2017 out of Dana Hills High School (CA). Originally selected by the Texas Rangers and was traded to the Phillies in 2021 in a six-player deal that included big leaguers Kyle Gibson and Ian Kennedy. Made his MLB debut on September 26 against the Pirates, tossing three innings of one-run baseball. Pitched a total of seven innings for the Phillies in 2021, allowing four runs. 51 innings in 2021 with Double-A Frisco, posting a 3.35 ERA.

#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.

Salt River

#9 Cooper Hummel (ARI) - 18th-round selection of the 2016 draft out of the University of Portland. Traded from the Brewers to the Diamondbacks in 2021 in a deal that sent Eduardo Escobar to Milwaukee. Recorded 293 at-bats between Triple-A Nashville and Triple-A Reno in 2021, posting a .311/.432/.546 slash. Named Triple-A West Player of the Month in September, posting a .463/.515/.800 slash in 21 games.

#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.

#63 Wilmer Flores (DET) - Made his minor league affiliate debut in 2021 at 20 years old. Played a total of 14 games in 2021 between Low-A Lakeland and the Florida complex league. 66 total innings in 2021 with a 3.68 ERA, 24 walks and 90 strikeouts. Pitched two innings in his Fall League debut, allowing one run on one hit with two strikeouts. Brother of Wilmer Flores (same name) of the San Francisco Giants.

#10 Ezequiel Tovar (COL) - Made his professional debut with the Rockies at the age of 16 in the Dominican Summer League. Played in 104 games between Low-A Fresno and High-A Spokane in 2021, posting a combined .287/.322/.475 slash in 432 combined at-bats. Hit 15 home runs in 2021 with 24 stolen bases. Started his Fall League campaign going 3-for-13 with three singles.

Mesa

#25 Brock Whittlesey (OAK) - Born in Mesa, Arizona. Signed with the A's as an undrafted free agent in 2019 after two seasons at New Mexico State. Pitched 10.1 innings for Low-A Stockton and 46.1 innings for High-A Lansing in 2021, posting a combined 3.65 slash. Did not allow a run in his 10.1 innings with Stockton.

#50 Jefry Yan (MIA) - Six strikeouts in his first two innings of Fall League work (4.50 ERA). Debuted as a professional at 17 years old in the Angels system. Debuted in the Marlins organization in 2021, pitching 31 innings between Low-A Jupiter and Double-A Pensacola. Posted a 2.61 ERA in 31 innings this year. Longer-limbed left-hander at six-foot-three and 170 pounds.

#6 Andy Weber (CHC) - Fifth-round selection of the 2018 draft out of the University of Virginia. 139 at-bats in 2021 between Double-A Tennessee and the Cubs' complex league affiliate. .214/.302/.321 career slash in Double-A. Played two summers with the Thunder Bay Border Cats (Ontario, Canada) in the collegiate summer Northwoods League.

#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. 91 strikeouts in 84.2 career minor league innings..

AFL Player Notebook

Scottsdale

#1 Richie Palacios (CLE) - Third-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Towson University. Played with Double-A Akron and Triple-A Columbus in 2021, posting a combined .297/.404/.471 slash. Played collegiate summer baseball with the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters of the Northwoods League in 2016 and the Bourne Braves of the Cape Cod Baseball League in 2017. Started the 2021 Fall League going 6-for-19.

#28 Tanner Tully (CLE) - 26th-round selection in 2016 out of Ohio State. Played in 26 games in 2021 between Double-A Akron and Triple-A Columbus, pitching 113 innings with a 3.50 ERA. In 2019, led Double-A Akron in innings pitched with 129 1/3 (4.38 ERA). 574.1 career minor league innings with a 1.290 WHIP and 3.84 ERA

#23 Michael Helman (MIN) - Played one season at Texas A&M before being drafted in the 11th round of the 2018 draft. Played exclusively in 2021 with High-A Cedar Rapids, posting a .246/.336/.462 slash in 398 at-bats. 26 career minor league home runs in 829 at-bats. Started the 2021 Fall League going 3-for-6 with a double. 21 stolen bases in 2021 with High-A Cedar Rapids.

#11 Matt Dyer (TB) - Fourth-round selection in the 2020 draft out of the University of Arizona. Played two season 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.

Surprise

#48 Zach Haake (KC) - Sixth round selection by the Royals in the 2018 draft. Pitched at Arkansas State in his college freshman year before transferring to Kentucky for his final collegiate season in 2018. Made 10 starts (11 total appearances) with High-A Quad Cities in 2021, posting a 3.74 ERA and 1.248 WHIP. 166 strikeouts in 149 career minor league innings. Pitched 3.2 scoreless innings in his last Fall League start on October 20, allowing one hit and striking out three.

#21 Michael Siani (CIN) - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Reds prospect. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2018 draft out of William Penn Charter School (PA). Played on the 18U USA National Team. Played exclusively with High-A Dayton in 2021, posting a .216/.321/.327 slash in 97 games. 60-grade speed and arm according to MLB Pipeline.

#11 Andres Chaparro (NYY) - Made his pro debut at 17 years old with the Yankees' affiliate in the Dominican Summer League. Played 65 games with Low-A Tampa in 2021 before being promoted to High-A Hudson Valley for the final 36 games of the season. Posted a combined .267/.381/.468 slash in 2021. Played exclusively with Low-A Staten Island in both 2018 and 2019.

#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.

Glendale

#10 Pedro Leon (HOU) - Second-ranked Astros prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played in 52 games for Double-A Corpus Christi in 2021 before finishing the season with Triple-A Sugar Land for 17 games. Posted a combined .220/.339/.369 slash in 2021. Played in the Cuban National Series in the league's 2017-18 and 2018-19 season, playing both with the Hurricanes de Mayabeque.

#31 Jeff Belge (LAD) - 18th-round selection in the 2019 MLB Draft out of St. John's (NY). Played three collegiate seasons in the Big East Conference, posting a 4.37 ERA in 177 innings. Played exclusively for High-A Great Lakes in 2021, posting a 5.61 ERA in 43.1 innings with 63 strikeouts. Two strikeouts in his first inning of Arizona Fall League work. 94 career minor league strikeouts in 66.2 innings.

#24 J.B. Olson (CWS) - 10th-round selection of the 2017 draft out of the University of Oklahoma. Pitched in 30 games for Double-A Birmingham in 2021, posting a 6.28 ERA in 43 innings. Career 4.90 ERA in the minors with 106 strikeouts in 119.1 total innings. 2.1 innings of work in the 2021 Fall League, allowing two earned runs on three hits.

#2 Orlando Martinez (LAA) - 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.

Today's Fall League Five

1: The reigning AFL Player of the Week will suit up for his second appearance in a Fall League uniform today. Owen White (TEX) of the Surprise Saguaros opened the fall with a five-inning shutout start against the Salt River Rafters, collecting five strikeouts and allowing two hits.

2: After starting his Fall League campaign with a .188 average in four games, Logan O'Hoppe (PHI) had a 3-for-4 night on Wednesday and lifted his season average to an even .300. O'Hoppe drove in two of Peoria's five runs and his Javelinas took down the Glendale Desert Dogs 5-4.

3: A 2-for-4 performance on Wednesday by Scottsdale's Jeter Downs (BOS) lifted his Fall League average to .357 and his OPS to a scorching-hot 1.550. He collected his third home run of the fall in the first inning against the Mesa Solar Sox.

4: Salt River and Surprise faced off on Wednesday afternoon and a pitching duel ensued from both starters. Zach Haake (KC) didn't allow a hit until the fourth inning and held the Rafters scoreless for 3 2/3 innings, while Garrison Bryant (NYM) tossed three innings of shutout baseball and allowed a single hit. Both arms collected three strikeouts each. Haake's ERA sits at a 3.00 through six innings of Fall League work, while Bryant holds a 1.80 ERA through five frames.

5: The Surprise Saguaros have taken sole possession of the best record in the AFL (4-2) after a win on Wednesday afternoon and a loss by the Glendale Desert Dogs. The Saguaros are ahead of the East division-leading Salt River Rafters by 0.5 games. Salt River has the best run differential in the league at +6, however, while Surprise has the third-best at +2.

Important dates to remember:

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

