



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Monday, November 15, 2021

Website: mlbfallball.com

Twitter: @MLBazFallLeague

AFL Standings

East Division GB

Mesa	13-11-1	—
Scottsdale	11-16	3.5
Salt River	8-17	5.5

West Division GB

Surprise	15-9	—
Glendale	15-11	1.0
Peoria	13-11-1	2.0

Today's Games

***All games today are 7 innings**

PEORIA @ GLENDALE

Peoria

RHP James McArthur (PHI)
1-0, 9.95 ERA

Glendale

RHP Andre Pallante (STL)
1-1, 1.59 ERA

SURPRISE @ SALT RIVER

Surprise

RHP Jackson Rutledge (WAS)
1-2, 5.79 ERA

Salt River

RHP Garrison Bryant (NYM)
0-1, 4.85 ERA

Off day:

Mesa Solar Sox
Scottsdale Scorpions

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/20

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise	X	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	AFL Championship
Peoria	-	X	-	X	TBD	
Glendale	X*	-	-	off	TBD	
Salt River	X	-	-	X	-	
Scottsdale	off	X	-	off	-	
Mesa	off	X	X	X	TBD	

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.

*Note: Monday/Thursday required batting practice lifted for final week of the season. *Glendale: MON BP at 9:30 a.m.*

Fall League Alum of the Day

Joe Martinez (Scottsdale Scorpions, 2009) is the current Senior Director of On-Field Operations for Major League Baseball, holding the position since December 2020 following a four-year big league career. Martinez was drafted in the 12th round of the 2005 draft out of Boston College and made his MLB debut for the San Francisco Giants in 2009, tossing 30 innings before making seven starts for the Scottsdale Scorpions that fall. Martinez amassed over 1,100 professional innings between five different MLB organizations, posting over 900 career strikeouts. He served as a senior manager for professional service provider PwC following his big league tenure, and later joined the commissioner's office to lead experimental rule change strategies and initiatives.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Tuesday, November 16

Glendale @ Salt River	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. RHP Matt Dennis
Scottsdale @ Surprise	12:35 p.m. LHP Tanner Tully vs. RHP Zach Haake
Peoria @ Mesa	6:35 p.m. RHP Roansy Contreras vs. RHP Ryan Jensen

Wednesday, November 17

Glendale @ Mesa	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. LHP Hogan Harris
Peoria @ Surprise	12:35 p.m. RHP Michael Burrows vs. RHP James Marinar
Salt River @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. RHP Caleb Sampen

Fall League Player Profile



Richie Palacios - CLE

Scottsdale Scorpions - 2B, SS

Bats: Left **Throws:** Right
Height: 5'10 **Weight:** 180 lb.

Born: May 16, 1997 (24)
Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY
Drafted: 2018 (3rd round, CLE)
College: Towson

Favorite AFL Hat (other than the Scorpions):
Salt River Rafters

Favorite AFL road ballpark:
Sloan Park (Mesa Solar Sox/Chicago Cubs)

Favorite sport other than baseball
Basketball

Knicks or Nets?
"Nets when they came to Brooklyn."

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#12 Zach DeLoach (SEA) - Drafted to the Mariners in the second round of the 2020 draft. Played 58 games with High-A Everett this season, posting a .313/.400/.530 slash. Made his Double-A debut in 2021, playing in 49 games. Played for the Falmouth Commodores in the 2019 Cape Cod Baseball League, posting a .969 OPS. Currently the sixth-ranked Mariners prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

#30 Victor Vodnik (ATL) - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2018 draft out of Rialto High School (CA). Pitched exclusively with Double-A Mississippi in 2021, posting a 5.35 ERA in 33.2 total innings. Career 4.00 ERA in 105.2 frames. Pitched exclusively with Low-A Rome in 2019, posting a 2.94 ERA in 67.1 innings. 119 career minor league strikeouts in 105.2 combined frames. Born in Whittier, California.

#26 Logan O'Hoppe (PHI) - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Phillies prospect. Drafted in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of St. Johns The Baptist High School (NY). Played in 85 games for High-A Jersey Shore in 2021, posting a .270/.335/.459 slash with 13 home runs. Played winter ball in 2019-20 with the Adelaide Giants of the Australian Baseball League, posting a .258/.389/.483 slash.

Salt River

#27 Ryan Vilade (COL) - Second-round draftee in 2017 out of Stillwater High School (OK). Played in three MLB games for the Colorado Rockies in 2021. Career minor league slash of .289/.360/.422 in 402 career games. Played in the 2021 Futures Game at Coors Field. Played with Triple-A Albuquerque and the Rockies in 2021.

#11 Joey Wiemer (MIL) - Played three seasons at the University of Cincinnati before being drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft. Played 109 total games in 2021 between Low-A Carolina and High-A Wisconsin, posting a combined .295/.403/.556 slash. Posted a collegiate slash of .264/.379/.408 in 122 career NCAA games. Played a collegiate summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

#7 Brett Baty (NYM) - 12th-overall pick of the 2019 draft and MLB Pipeline's 45th-ranked prospect. Committed to play at the University of Texas before signing with the Mets out of high school. Played 91 games in 2021 between High-A Brooklyn and Double-A Binghamton, posting a .292/.382/.473 season slash.

Mesa

#10 J.J. Bleday (MIA) - MVP of the Fall Stars Game (2-3, HR, 3 RBI). MLB Pipeline's No. 74 overall prospect. Drafted fourth overall in the 2019 draft out of Vanderbilt. Led all of NCAA Division-I baseball with 27 home runs in 2019. Played exclusively with Double-A Pensacola in 2021 (110 games), hitting 12 home runs in 397 at-bats.

#1 Nelson Velazquez (CHC) - Debuted as a professional in 2017 with the Cubs' Arizona League affiliate. Played 103 games in 2021 between High-A South Bend and Double-A Tennessee, posting a combined .270/.333/.496 slash. 316 career minor league games with a .259/.324/.449 slash. Named the Week 3 Arizona Fall League Hitter of the Week. Born in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

#24 Gabriel Moreno (TOR) - Made his professional debut at 17 years old with the Blue Jays in the Dominican Summer League. Posted a .373/.441/.651 slash with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021. First-ranked prospect in the Blue Jays system according to MLB Pipeline (32nd overall). Sidelined in 2021 by a broken thumb after posting a 1.092 OPS in Double-A.

AFL Player Notebook

Scottsdale

#30 Cody Laweryson (MIN) - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of Maine. Born in Bingham, Maine. Pitched exclusively with High-A Cedar Rapids in 2021, posting a 4.91 ERA in 58.2 innings. Career 3.44 minor league ERA in 104.2 innings. Played for Low-A Cedar Rapids and rookie-level Elizabethton in 2019, posting a combined 1.57 ERA in 46 frames.

#44 Curtis Mead (TB) - Born in Adelaide, Australia. Played four seasons in the Australian Baseball League before signing with the Rays prior to the 2021 season. Played rookie ball in the Phillies system in 2018 and 2019. .310/.368/.510 career minor league slash in 150 total games. Posted a 1.214 OPS with Triple-A Durham in the final three games of the 2021 minor league season.

#67 Connor Seabold (BOS) - Third-round selection by the Phillies in 2017. Turned down a 19th-round selection by the Orioles in 2014. Pitched three seasons at Cal State Fullerton, posting a career 2.89 ERA in a combined 42 starts and 14 relief appearances. Pitched in the College World Series in 2015 and 2017. Made 11 starts for Triple-A Worcester this year (54 innings), recording 52 strikeouts and 19 walks.

Surprise

#6 Nathan Eaton (KC) - 21st-round pick in the 2018 draft out of the Virginia Military Institute. Posted a .243/.344/.371 slash in 70 games with High-A Quad Cities in 2021 with 23 stolen bases. 1,029 career minor league at-bats in three total seasons. Started the 2021 Fall League going 10-for-21 with four doubles and a triple.

#27 James Marinan (CIN) - Fourth-round draft selection in the 017 draft out of Park Vista Community High School (FL). 4.32 career minor league ERA in 214.2 total innings. Pitched 64.2 innings in 2021 between Low-A Daytona and High-A Dayton, posting a combined 4.31 ERA with 63 strikeouts. 175 career strikeouts in 214.2 minor league innings.

#13 Austin Wells (NYY) - 28th overall pick of the 2020 draft and the sixth-ranked prospect in the Yankees system per MLB Pipeline. Big league ETA is projected for 2023. Played two seasons at the University of Arizona, posting a 1.035 OPS in 277 career at-bats. Held a .258/.398/.479 slash with Low-A Tampa in 2021, finishing the year with High-A Hudson Valley.

Glendale

#14 James Outman (LAD) - Drafted in the seventh round of the 2018 draft out of Sacramento State. Played in 104 games in 2021, 39 with Double-A Tulsa and 65 with High-A Great Lakes. Posted a combined .266/.379/.490 slash with 18 home runs in 414 at-bats. Opened the 2021 Fall League with a .333/.444/.689 slash in his first 14 games. Born in Redwood City, California.

#37 Landon Knack (LAD) - Drafted in the second round of the 2020 draft out of East Tennessee State. Played two collegiate seasons and posted a 2.29 ERA in 122 career NCAA innings. Debuted as a professional in 2021, pitching 62.1 innings between High-A Great Lakes and Double-A Tulsa. Posted a combined 3.18 ERA. Born in Johnson City, Tennessee.

#35 Korey Lee (HOU) - 32nd-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of Cal. Played in 88 minor league games in 2021, posting a .277/.340/.438 slash. Played over half of his games in 2021 with Double-A Corpus Christi, collecting 185 at-bats and hitting eight home runs. 65-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played two summers for the La Crosse Loggers in the summer collegiate Northwoods League.

Today's Fall League Five

1: J.J. Bleday (MIA) took home the 2021 Fall Stars Game MVP award on Saturday night. He went 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs, leading his East division squad over the West 6-5. Bleday currently holds a .329/.447/.600 slash in 21 AFL regular season games while his 1.047 OPS ranks fourth in the league among qualified players.

2: Bleday and Juan Yopez (STL) were the only two players in the Fall Stars Game to record multiple hits. Yopez went 2-for-3 with two doubles, driving in one of the West division's five runs. He went 5-for-11 in regular season action last week and his 1.624 OPS in that span was the best among players that appeared in at least three games.

3: Graham Spraker (TOR) pitched a scoreless ninth inning in the Fall Stars Game, earning a save while collecting two strikeouts. With his Fall Stars Game outing included, Spraker has now pitched in 11 AFL games (11 1/3 IP) and holds a perfect 0.00 ERA. He has allowed three hits and struck out 18 in those 11 games.

4: The Mesa Solar Sox can clinch the outright AFL East division title with a single win or Scottsdale Scorpions loss at any point this week. The West division standings feature all three teams within two games of each other; the West division-leading Surprise Saguaros have a magic number of six with five days remaining in the regular season.

5: In lieu of the Fall Stars Game and in preparation for the AFL championship, all Monday and Friday games this week will be seven-inning contests.

AFL Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)

**Televised live on MLB Network*

