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ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE ANNOUNCES WEEK FOUR HITTER AND PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Nov. 5, 2024 – The Arizona Fall League has announced its NFP Hitter and Co-Pitchers of the Week for games from October 28th through November 3rd.

Hitter of the Week: Mesa Solar Sox 1B Nick Kurtz (ATH)

Athletics No. 2 prospect Nick Kurtz went 8-for-15 with three extra-base hits and eight RBI in four games during his first week of AFL action for the Mesa Solar Sox. Kurtz, the No. 4 overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft, posted a .533/.650/.933 slash line and he reached base safely in 13 of his 20 plate appearances, thanks to five walks and no strikeouts. Kurtz hit his first AFL home run on Wednesday and followed that with a 4-for-5, 4-RBI day on Thursday, when he finished a home run shy of the cycle, and hit both a double and a triple in the first inning.

Co-Pitchers of the Week: Surprise Saguaros RHPs Leandro Lopez (TEX) & Josh Stephen (TEX)

Texas Rangers prospects Leandro Lopez and Josh Stephen combined for seven no-hit innings and 12 strikeouts in a road win over Peoria last Friday. Lopez started and collected seven strikeouts with only one walk over three innings and was the game's winning pitcher. Lopez struck out the final three batters he faced to end his night, before Stephen entered and recorded five strikeouts in his four innings. The only batter that reached base against Stephen reached on an error as he held a one-run lead through the duration of his outing.

Regarded as the premier league for baseball's top prospects, the Arizona Fall League continues to develop top-caliber talent across all 30 MLB Clubs. The annual **Fall Stars Game** (Saturday, November 9th) will be played at Sloan Park and the AFL **Championship Game** (Saturday, November 16th) will return to Salt River Fields. Both games will be televised LIVE on MLB Network. The full 2024 Arizona Fall League Schedule and online tickets can be found at the Arizona Fall League website, MLBFallBall.com.

2024 Players of the Week

Week	Hitter	Pitcher
Week 1 (10/7-10/13)	Kemp Alderman (Peoria; MIA) Colt Emerson (Peoria; SEA)	Connor Phillips (Glendale; CIN)
Week 2 (10/14-10/20)	Josue Briceño (Scottsdale; DET)	Alex Santos II (Surprise; HOU)
Week 3 (10/21-10/27)	Caleb Durbin (Salt River; NYY)	Jose Acuña (Glendale; CIN)
Week 4 (10/28-11/3)	Nick Kurtz (Mesa; ATH)	Leandro Lopez (Surprise; TEX) Josh Stephen (Surprise; TEX)

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