



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Monday, October 25, 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division GB

Mesa	6-3	—
Salt River	5-5	1.5
Scottsdale	3-7	3.5

#### West Division GB

Surprise	6-3	—
Glendale	6-4	0.5
Peoria	3-7	3.5

### Today's Games

#### GLENDALE @ SCOTTSDALE

##### Glendale

RHP Johan Dominguez (CHW)  
1-1, 23.14 ERA

##### Scottsdale

RHP Connor Seabold (BOS)  
1-1, 8.44 ERA

#### MESA @ SURPRISE

##### Mesa

RHP Logan Gillaspie (BAL)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

##### Surprise

RHP Cole Henry (WAS)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

### OFF DAY:

Salt River Rafters  
Peoria Javelinas

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/30

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise	X	X	X	X	TBD	TBD
Peoria	Off	X	-	X	-	X
Glendale	X	Off	-	X	-	-
Salt River	Off	Off	X	X	X	X
Scottsdale	X	-	X	X	-	X
Mesa	X	-	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

**Framber Valdez** (Mesa Solar Sox, 2017) is the Houston Astros' probable starter for Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday night. He made six starts in the 2017 Fall League, posting a 3.20 ERA and 1.627 WHIP in 19 2/3 innings. Valdez made his MLB debut just months after his Fall League action and went on to pitch 37 MLB innings in 2018 alongside a career-best 2.19 ERA. Valdez has amassed 313 total innings of big league work with a career 3.74 ERA and 1.313 WHIP, and his Astros have made the postseason in all four years of his big league tenure (2018-2021). Valdez has 39 innings of MLB postseason work to his name (2.77 ERA), and Tuesday will be his first World Series appearance.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Tuesday, October 26

Mesa @ Peoria 12:35 p.m. LHP Cameron Bishop vs. RHP James McArthur  
Surprise @ Scottsdale 12:35 p.m. RHP Zach Haake vs. RHP Connor Seabold  
*Off day: Salt River, Glendale*

#### Wednesday, October 27

Glendale @ Mesa 12:35 p.m. RHP Andre Pallante vs. RHP Ryan Jensen  
Surprise @ Peoria 12:35 p.m. RHP Owen White vs. RHP Roansy Contreras  
Scottsdale @ Salt River 6:35 p.m. LHP Kody Funderburk vs. RHP Abner Uribe

## Fall League Player Profile



### Ryan Vilade - COL Salt River Rafters - OF/1B

**Bats:** Right      **Throws:** Right  
**Height:** 6'2"      **Weight:** 226 lb.

**Born:** February 18, 1999  
**Birthplace:** Grapevine, TX  
**Drafted:** 2017 (2nd round, COL)  
**School:** Stillwater High School (OK)

**Favorite sport other than baseball:**  
Football

**Favorite NFL team (and his pick to win the Super Bowl):**  
Dallas Cowboys

**Favorite baseball movie:**  
Angels in the Outfield

**Least favorite baseball movie:**  
Any sequel that came after the original Sandlot



## AFL Player Notebook

### Peoria

**#5 Bryson Stott (PHI)** - First-round selection in the 2019 draft out of UNLV. Second-ranked Phillies prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played 112 games in 2021, 80 of them coming with Double-A Reading where he posted a .301/.368/.481 slash. Began his Fall League campaign going 9-for-33 with four doubles and a 1.111 OPS through his first seven games. Played college summer ball in the Northwoods League (Wisconsin Rapids, 2017) and the Cape Cod Baseball League (Wareham Gateman, 2018).

**#25 Canaan Smith-Njigba (PIT)** - 27th-ranked Pirates prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Drafted by the New York Yankees in the fourth round of the 2017 draft. Traded to the Pirates as part of a deal that sent Jameson Taillon to the Yankees. Played 66 games for Double-A Altoona in 2021, posting a .274/.398/.406 slash. 1028 career minor league at-bats with a .802 OPS.

**#59 Roansy Contreras (PIT)** - Named to the 2021 Futures Game for the National League. Made his professional debut at 17 in the New York Yankees system, working his way up to High-A in 2018. Traded in 2021 alongside Canaan Smith-Njugba in a deal that sent Jameson Taillon to New York. Made 12 starts for Double-A Altoona in 2021, posting a 2.65 ERA. Made his MLB debut in 2021, posting three scoreless innings in one start. 4.50 ERA in two innings of Fall League action.

### Salt River

**#14 Dominic Canzone (ARI)** - Eighth-round selection in the 2019 draft out of Ohio State. Played 79 games in 2021 between High-H Hillsboro and Double-A Amarillo, posting a combined .302/.375/.522 slash with 14 home runs and 52 RBIs. 125 career minor league games with a .294/.354/.527 career slash. Won the Big 10 conference tournament with Ohio State in 2019.

**#28 Taylor Floyd (MIL)** - 10th-round selection in the 2019 draft out of Texas Tech. Helped lead the Red Raiders to their deepest College World Series run in program history (2019). Played two seasons of junior college baseball at Grayson College (TX). Pitched 56 innings in 2021 between High-A Wisconsin and Double-A Biloxi, posting a 2.89 ERA in 56 total innings. 3.39 ERA in 66.1 career minor league innings. Five strikeouts in first 2.2 innings of Fall League action.

**#50 Reagan Todd (COL)** - 32nd-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Colorado Mesa University. Played two seasons at Arizona State, making seven starts and 35 total appearances. Pitched with Double-A Hartford and Triple-A Albuquerque in 2021, posting a combined 4.53 ERA in 51.2 innings. 2.1 innings of scoreless work to begin the Fall League. Attended Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, Colorado.

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## Mesa

**#41 Jonah Bride (OAK)** - Attended Neosho County Community College (KS) and the University of South Carolina. Played exclusively in Double-A Midland in 2021, posting a .265/.407/.424 slash in 264 total at-bats. 23rd-round draft selection in 2018. Mid-season All-Star for the New York-Penn League in 2018. MiLB.com Organization All-Star for the A's in 2018. Started the Fall League going 5-for-17 in four games with a double and home run.

**#15 Josh Simpson (MIA)** - Drafted the 32nd round of the 2019 draft out of Columbia University. Played three seasons in the Ivy League, posting a 4.20 ERA in 160.2 career college innings. Pitched 45.2 minor league innings in 2021, posting a 5.91 ERA with 19 walks and 62 strikeouts. Majored in political science at Columbia.

**#3 Greg Cullen (BAL)** - 15th-round selection of the 2018 draft from Niagara University. Traded from the Braves to the Orioles in 2021 in a deal that sent left-hander Tommy Milone to Atlanta. Played 38 games in 2021, 24 in Double-A Bowie where he posted a .219/.429/.398 slash in 108 at-bats. 786 career minor league at-bats with a .271/.393/.399 slash.

## Scottsdale

**#45 Cole Waites (SF)** - 18th-round draft pick in the 2019 draft out of West Alabama. Pitched 13.1 innings in 2021 between Low-A San Jose and the Giants' complex league affiliate. Posted a combined 0.68 ERA and 0.525 WHIP with a staggering 20.9 K/9. 30.2 career minor league innings with a 3.82 ERA, 1.207 WHIP and 17.3 K/9. Four strikeouts in his first 2.2 innings of Fall League work.

**#23 Greg DiCenzo (Manager, CLE)** - Head coach at Holy Cross (NCAA D1) from 2008-2019. Led the Crusaders to an NCAA regional in 2017. Managed Low-A Lake County in 2021. Began coaching at St. Lawrence University, starting as an assistant from 1999-2001 and taking over as interim head coach in 2002. Assistant at Northeastern University from 2003-2007, coaching Yankees reliever Adam Ottavino.

**#50 R.J. Dabovich (SF)** - Pitched at Central Arizona College and turned down an 18th-round pick in 2018 to pitch at Arizona State. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft after posting a 4.04 ERA in 32.1 innings for the Sun Devils. Made his professional debut with High-A Eugene in 2021, finishing the year with Double-A Richmond. Opened the 2021 Fall League with three scoreless innings and five strikeouts.

## Surprise

**#30 Harold Cortijo (NYY)** - 14th-round pick in the 2017 draft out of Riverdale Baptist High School (MD). Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. 158.1 career minor league innings with a 3.69 ERA, 1.288 WHIP and 8.9 K/9. Pitched 12.1 innings in 2021, pitching 10.1 with High-A Tampa and 2.0 with the Yankees' complex league affiliate. Career 4.54 ERA in High-A across 83.1 total innings.

**#4 Drew Mount (CIN)** - Drafted in the sixth round of the 2018 draft out of Kansas State. Played in 62 games in 2021 between Triple-A Louisville, Double-A Chattanooga and the Reds' complex league squad, posting a .279/.361/.498 slash. Played two seasons of junior college baseball at De Anza College (CA). Attended San Jose State in 2014 and redshirted on the football team for one year as a safety.

**#18 Mario Lisson (Manager, WAS)** - Worked as the manager for the Fredericksburg Nationals (Low-A) in 2021. Managed the Gulf Coast Nationals in 2018 and 2019, one year removed from his final minor league season as a player. 3,913 career minor league at-bats in 12 years as a professional. Played 147 career games in Triple-A, posting a .242/.294/.380 slash. Born and raised in Venezuela.

## Glendale

**#18 Yolbert Sánchez (CWS)** - Played three seasons in the Cuban National Series before debuting in the White Sox organization in 2019 (Dominican Summer League). Pitched stateside for the first time in 2021, debuting in High-A Winston Salem and finishing the season with Double-A Birmingham. 2021 slash of .308/.352/.419 in 360 at-bats. Started the 2021 Fall League going 2-for-8 with a double.

**#30 Caleb Freeman (CHW)** - Drafted in the 15th round of the 2019 draft out of Texas Tech. Helped lead the Red Raiders to their deepest College World Series run in program history (2019). College teammate of Taylor Floyd (Salt River Rafters). Pitched 44 innings in 2021 between High-A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham, posting a combined 3.27 ERA with 19 walks and 55 strikeouts.

**#26 Jake Walsh (STL)** - 16th-round pick in the 2017 draft out of Florida Southern College after transferring from Jacksonville State in 2015. 191.2 career minor league innings with a 2.39 ERA and 1.007 WHIP. Pitched 22 innings in 2021 between Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis, posting a combined 2.86 ERA and collecting 34 strikeouts.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: Lars Nootbaar (STL) and Jeter Downs (BOS) remain atop the AFL home run leaderboard with four each. Ivan Johnson (CIN) is third on the list with three, while 13 players in the Fall League have left the yard twice so far. Downs holds the league's best OPS at 1.520; Nootbaar ranks ninth (1.193) while Johnson ranks 13th (1.095).

2: Five total pitchers in the Fall League have thrown at least five innings without giving up a run:

- Cole Henry (WAS, 5 IP)
- Justin Jarvis (MIL, 5 IP)
- James Marinan (CIN, 7 IP)
- Robinson Pina (LAA, 5 IP)
- Zack Thompson (STL, 6 IP)

\*Owen White (TEX) has the best ERA among qualified pitchers (1.80, 10 IP)

3: Eric De La Rosa (DET) made his mark out of the ninth spot in the batting order on Saturday night, hitting an eighth-inning home run and going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a stolen base. His Rafters took down the Scorpions 8-1.

4: The Scottsdale Scorpions have the best team OPS in the Fall League (.804), followed closely by the Surprise Saguaros (.803). Surprise holds the best team ERA (3.71), nearly a full point above the second-best mark (Salt River, 4.66). The Saguaros are currently tied with the Solar Sox for the best record in the AFL (6-3), while Surprise's +14 run differential is six runs above the second-closest team (Glendale, +8).

5: The Salt River Rafters have Sunday, Monday and Tuesday off this week. This is the only three-day break out of all teams on the 2021 AFL schedule.

### Important dates to remember:

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

