ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

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AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Peoria Javelinas	17-10	-	W3
Surprise Saguaros	17-10	-	W3
Scottsdale Scorpions	13-14-1	4.0	L1
Salt River Rafters	13-15	4.5	L3
Mesa Solar Sox	11-14-2	5.0	T1
Glendale Desert Dogs	9-17-1	7.5	T1

Award Season

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: On Monday, 2025 Arizona Fall League MVP Kevin McGonigle (DET/SCO) was named the American League Rookie of the Year, becoming the 39th AFL alum to win Rookie of the Year. McGonigle did so after having the highest WAR by a 21-and-under rookie since Mike Trout (2010 AFL alum) in 2012.

In 2025, 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 as the 9th time that both the NL and AL Rookies of the Year were AFL alums.

It was also 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

MANAGER OF THE YEAR: On Tuesday, former Arizona Fall League player Will Venable was named the 2026 American League Manager of the Year. Venable played for the Peoria Saguaros in 2007 when he was a Padres farmhand. He is one of nine managers during the 2026 season who at one point played or coached in the AFL.

Tuesday's Top Performers

DEMETRIO CRISANTES (SRR/MLB No. 72/ARI No. 1) went 1-for-1 with an RBI triple and four walks. He's recorded nine extra-base hits, including two triples.

FELIX ARRONDE (SUR/KC No. 21/RHP) got his second win of the fall, allowing 1 run on 1 hit while striking out 5 batters over 3.0 innings.

SEBASTIAN WALCOTT (SUR/MLB No. 8/TEX No. 1/SS) went 2-for-2 with a double, an RBI, and a stolen base. Walcott has reached 10 stolen bases this fall.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects (15)

8. Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
15. Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
26. Zyhir Hope - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)*
27. Caleb Bonemer - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)*
34. Arjun Nimmala - SS, Mesa Solar Sox (LAA)
44. Bryce Rainer - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
58. Tate Southisene - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (ATL)
59. Aidan Miller - SS, Surprise Saguaros (PHI)
63. Nathan Flewelling - C, Scottsdale Scorpions (TB)
66. Jarlin Susana - RHP, Salt River Rafters (WSH)
76. Angeibel Gomez - OF, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
78. Dax Kilby - SS, Salt River Rafters (NYY)
79. Charles Davalan - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
84. Demetrio Crisantes - 2B, Salt River Rafters (ARI)
95. Ike Irish - OF, Peoria Javelinas (BAL)

*No longer on Arizona Fall League rosters

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League announced that all games Tuesday, Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 11 will be seven-inning games with no extra-innings. The league will also implement a mercy rule for the Quarterfinals: 15 runs after five innings and 10 runs after seven innings.

The 2026 AFL Playoff seeding is set:

No. 1: Peoria Javelinas
No. 2: Surprise Saguaros
No. 3: Scottsdale Scorpions
No. 4: Salt River Rafters
No. 5: Mesa Solar Sox
No. 6: Glendale Desert Dogs

Starting Pitchers

Surprise @ Peoria: The Saguaros will send **RHP Keegan Batka (PHI)** to the hill for his first start of the AFL. In 6.1 innings of relief work, the 24-year-old has racked up 11 strikeouts. He features a 4.26 ERA and a 1.74 WHIP. Batka signed as an Undrafted Free Agent in 2025 out of Davenport University (DII). Out of the 213 professional hitters he faced during the 2026 minor league regular season, he struck out 69. He limited opponents to a .175 batting average.

RHP Winyer Chourio (SD No. 15) is the countering starter for the Javelinas. In his last outing, he struck out a pair, giving up three unearned runs across 2.0 innings. In his first three starts of the AFL, he tossed 8.2 innings, while giving up five earned runs and striking out six hitters. Chourio signed with the Padres as a 20-year-old out of Venezuela in May 2024. In April, he yielded a 2.12 ERA and a .153 opponent batting average. He led the Padres Minor League system in 2026 with 122 strikeouts across 92.2 innings.

Salt River @ Mesa: Getting the nod for Salt River is LHP **Ross Dunn (MIN)**. On Nov. 5, he allowed two runs on three hits in 3.2 innings pitched. In 2026, Dunn averaged 9.5 strikeouts per nine innings while holding opponents to a .216 batting average. He posted a 57.4% ground-ball rate across his 23.2 total minor league innings in 2026 across three levels.

The 6-foot-11 hurler, **RHP Peyton Olejnik (LAA)**, is the tallest player in AFL history. He takes the mound for his fourth start (sixth appearance) of the fall. The right-hander was named Northwest League Pitcher of the Week (7/12/2026) and NWL Pitcher of the Month for June 2026, after going 2-0 with a 1.99 ERA in four starts. Among all qualified pitchers in the Northwest League in 2026, Olejnik ranked 1st in batting average against (.241) and 2nd in WHIP (1.40). Prior to jumping to High-A Tri-City in 2026, Olejnik led the entire Low-A California League in 2025 with 130 strikeouts over 128.2 innings for Inland Empire.

Scottsdale @ Glendale: RHP Joey Dixon (HOU) is slated for his sixth start of the fall. On Nov. 3, he suffered the loss, giving up four runs on five hits in 1.1 innings. Dixon opened his fall with eight consecutive scoreless innings across his first four starts, allowing just three hits and three walks while striking out 13. The right-hander has logged 15 strikeouts while sporting a 2.89 ERA for the Scorpions. He went 998 days between professional appearances before finally making his season debut for Single-A Fayetteville on May 2, 2026—a game in which he threw 3.0 perfect innings with 7 strikeouts.

RHP Alex Williams (MIA) was named the Arizona Fall League NFP Week 5 Pitcher of the Week on Nov. 10, 2026. The honor follows a historic Nov. 4 outing against the Surprise Saguaros in which he tossed four scoreless, one-hit innings while walking one and striking out 10 hitters en route to his second win of the fall. The right-hander became the 10th AFL hurler since 2005 to rack up double-digit strikeouts in a single outing, one shy of the AFL single-game strikeout record. Reaching the feat in 14 plate appearances, became the quickest AFL pitcher to reach double-digit strikeouts in an outing.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Wednesday, November 11

Surprise @ Peoria	1:30	RHP Keegan Batka vs. RHP Winyer Chourio
Salt River @ Mesa	1:30	LHP Ross Dunn vs. RHP Peyton Olejnik
Scottsdale @ Glendale	3:30	RHP Joey Dixon vs. RHP Alex Williams

Thursday, November 12 - Quarterfinals

1:30 PM at Sloan Park: #6 Glendale vs. #3 Scottsdale
6:30 PM at Sloan Park: #5 Mesa vs. #4 Salt River