



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Wednesday, November 3, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division

GB

Mesa	8-8-1	—
Scottsdale	7-11	2
Salt River	6-10	2

West Division

GB

Surprise	12-5	—
Glendale	9-8	3
Peoria	8-8-1	3.5

Today's Games

MESA @ SCOTTSDALE

Mesa

LHP Hogan Harris (OAK)
0-0, 7.36 ERA

Scottsdale

RHP Caleb Sampen (TB)
1-1, 7.36 ERA

PEORIA @ GLENDALE

**7-inning game*

Peoria

RHP William Woods (ATL)
0-0, 3.60 ERA

Glendale

RHP Andre Pallante (STL)
0-1, 2.70 ERA

SURPRISE @ SALT RIVER

Surprise

RHP Owen White (TEX)
3-0, 1.20 ERA

Salt River

RHP Garrison Bryant (NYM)
0-0, 1.29 ERA

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/6

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

Jorge Soler (Mesa Solar Sox, 2013) took home the 2021 World Series MVP award on Tuesday night after posting three home runs in six World Series games. His Atlanta Braves won their first championship since 1995 with a 7-0 victory in Game 6 over the Houston Astros, fueled by Soler's three-run, 446-foot home run in the third inning. Soler was a minor leaguer in the Chicago Cubs organization during his Fall League tenure, suiting up for 20 AFL games and posting a .271/.311/.376 slash. He made his MLB debut with the Cubs in 2014, his Kansas City Royals debut in 2017, and his Atlanta Braves debut at the 2021 trade deadline. His .882 OPS with Atlanta in 2021 made a lasting impact.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

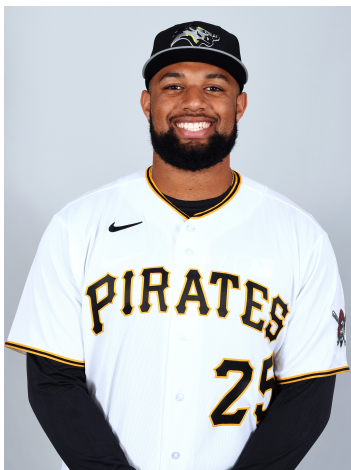
Thursday, November 4

Scottsdale @ Peoria	12:35 p.m. LHP Seth Corry vs. RHP Victor Vodnik
Surprise @ Glendale	12:35 p.m. RHP Cole Henry vs. RHP Coleman Crow
Salt River @ Mesa	6:35 p.m. RHP Slade Cecconi vs. RHP Michael Dominguez

Friday, November 5

Salt River @ Mesa	12:35 p.m. RHP Slade Cecconi vs. RHP Logan Gillaspie
Scottsdale @ Peoria	12:35 p.m. RHP Connor Seabold vs. RHP Hans Crouse
Surprise @ Glendale	12:35 p.m. RHP James Marinan vs. RHP Chad Donato

Fall League Player Profile



Canaan Smith-Njigba - PIT

Peoria Javelinas - OF

Bats: Left **Throws:** Right
Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 240 lb.

Born: April 30, 1999 (22)
Birthplace: Dallas, TX
Drafted: 2017 (4th round, NYY)
School: Rockwall-Heath HS (TX)

Favorite emoji:

Fingers crossed 🙏

Most played music artist on your phone:

Lil Uzi Vert

Favorite visiting park in the Fall League:

Salt River Fields at Talking Stick

Career if you weren't a baseball player:

Agent

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#29 Travis Kuhn (SEA) - Drafted in the 19th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of San Diego. Pitched 28 innings for Low-A Modesto in 2021, posting a 3.86 ERA with 36 strikeouts. Pitched 5.1 innings for High-A Everett and one inning for Triple-A Tacoma in 2021. 5.1 scoreless innings of Fall League work in his first four appearances. Born in Laguna Hills, California.

#22 Matt Batten (SD) - 32nd-round draft selection in 2017 out of Quinnipiac. Played 117 games for Triple-A El Paso in 2021, posting a .293/.368/.382 slash in 440 at-bats. Started the 2021 Fall League going 10-for-38 in his first 10 games with a double. Made his Triple-A debut in 2018 in his second season as a professional. Played a collegiate summer in the Northwoods League with the Thunder Bay Border Cats (2015).

#55 Indigo Diaz (ATL) - Played college baseball at Michigan State after transferring from Iowa Western Community College. Drafted in the 27th round of the 2019 draft, posting a 3.48 ERA for the rookie-level Gulf Coast League in the same year. Recorded a 1.20 ERA in 2021 between High-A Rome and Double-A Mississippi in 2021, posting 83 strikeouts in 45 innings. 0.867 WHIP in 55.1 career minor league innings.

Salt River

#15 Matt Dennis (COL) - Played three seasons at Bradley University, posting a 3.28 ERA in 172.2 total innings. Drafted in the 14th round of the 2016 draft. Played all of 2016 with rookie-level Grand Junction, all of 2017 with Low-A Asheville and all of 2018 with High-A Lancaster. Made his Double-A debut with Hartford in 2019. Pitched 96 innings for Hartford in 2021, posting a 5.81 ERA in 23 total games (17 starts).

#18 Ryan Kreidler (DET) - Drafted in the fourth round of the 2019 draft out of UCLA. Turned down a 35th-round pick to the Cubs out of high school. Played for Double-A Erie and Triple-A Toledo in 2021, posting a combined .270/.349/.454 slash. 24 career minor league home runs in 189 games. 10th-ranked prospect in the Tigers' system and a big league ETA in 2023 according to MLB Pipeline.

#32 J.T. Hintzen (MIL) - Drafted in the 10th round of the 2018 draft out of Florida Southern College. Played exclusively with Double-A Biloxi in 2021, posting a 3.88 ERA in 36 total appearances. 162.1 career minor league appearances in three seasons. Played the 2017 summer with the Orleans Firebirds (Cape Cod Baseball League), posting a 1.96 ERA in 16 games (23 innings).

Mesa

#30 Brody Rodning (TOR) - Drafted in the 13th round of the 2017 draft out of Minnesota State-Mankato. Pitched three seasons with the Mavericks and two seasons in the Northwoods League (collegiate summer) with the Eau Claire Express. Pitched exclusively with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021, posting a 5.58 ERA in 40.1 innings. 4.39 career minor league ERA in 155.2 total innings.

#52 Pedro Santos (OAK) - Pitched 68.1 innings for Low-A Stockton in 2021, posting a 6.32 ERA. Made his professional debut in 2019 with the A's playing exclusively in the rookie-level Arizona League. 5.66 career minor league ERA. 136 career minor league strikeouts in 111.1 total innings. Born in Trinidad, Cuba, about 200 miles east of Havana.

#1 Lance Rymel (CHC) - Managed the 2019 Eugene Emeralds and the 2021 Arizona Complex League Cubs. Served as a bullpen catcher and coach for the 2020 Chicago Cubs. Spent three years as a player in the Cubs' organization (2012-14), playing as high as Triple-A Iowa. .225/.304/.308 career minor league hitter. Attended Rogers State University (OK) and Broken Arrow High School (OK).

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Scottsdale

#15 Patrick Bailey (SF) - Spent 2021 with High-A Eugene for 33 games and Low-A San Jose for 47 games, posting a combined .265/.366/.429 slash. Played three seasons at NC State prior to being drafted as the 13th-overall pick in the 2020 draft. Played on the USA 18U national team. Began the Fall League going 9-for-27 with two doubles and a home run.

#46 Aaron Pinto (CLE) - Drafted in the 24th round of the 2018 draft out of Stony Brook. Played four collegiate seasons with the Seawolves, posting a combined 2.72 ERA in 68 games (two total starts). Played exclusively with Double-A Akron in 2021, posting a 2.30 ERA in 43 total innings. 179 minor league strikeouts in a combined 145 innings. Born in West Covina, California.

#53 Andrew Politi (BOS) - 15th-round selection in 2018 out of Seton Hall. Played exclusively with Double-A Portland in 2021, posting a 6.36 ERA in 75 total innings. Allowed two earned runs in his first six games of Fall League work (7.2 innings), allowing eight hits and recording five strikeouts. 228 strikeouts in 182.2 minor league innings.

Surprise

#52 Evan Lee (WSH) - Drafted in the 15th round of the 2021 draft out of the University of Arkansas. Played in the College World Series in 2018. Pitched exclusively with High-A Wilmington in 2021, posting a 4.32 ERA in 77 innings. Career 4.23 minor league ERA in 112.2 innings. Seven strikeouts in his first 5.2 innings of Fall League work. Born in Bryant, Arkansas.

#31 Michael Byrne (CIN) - Played three seasons at the University of Florida (2016-18), making a College World Series appearance in all three seasons. Drafted to the Reds in the 14th round of the 2018 draft. Played for Double-A Chattanooga and Triple-A Louisville in 2021, posting a combined 3.22 ERA in 50.1 innings. Minor league career ERA of 3.41 in 137.1 total innings. Played one collegiate summer with the Madison Mallards (Northwoods League) and Cotuit Kettleers (Cape Cod Baseball League).

#11 Andres Chaparro (NYY) - In Week 3 of AFL action (Oct. 25-30), posted a 1.560 OPS and went 7-for-14. Debuted in minor league ball at 17 with the Yankees in the Dominican Summer League. Played for Low-A Tampa and High-A Hudson Valley in 2021, posting a .267/.381/.468 slash in 359 total at-bats. 314 career minor league games with a .240/.336/.393 slash.

Glendale

#3 Jacob Amaya (LAD) - Played exclusively with Double-A Tulsa in 2021, posting a .216/.303/.343 slash in 113 total games. 161 RBIs in 330 career minor league games. Drafted in the 11th round of the 2017 draft out of South Hills High School (CA). Born in El Monte, California. Made his professional debut at the age of 18 in the rookie-level Arizona League. Opened the 2021 Fall League going 6-for-23 with a double and home run.

#20 Jeremiah Jackson (LAA) - Drafted in the second round of the 2018 draft out of St. Luke's Episcopal School (AL). Played 45 games with Low-A Inland Empire in 2021 and six games with the Angels' complex league affiliate. Posted a combined .277/.358/.548 slash in 2021. Hit a total of six home runs in 2021 minor league action; posted two home runs in his first 11 Fall League games. Played on the Team USA 15U team. Born in Antioch, Tennessee.

#29 Joe Record (HOU) - Played three seasons at UC-Santa Barbara before a 28th-round draft selection in 2017. Played exclusively with Double-A Corpus Christi in 2021, posting a 3.36 ERA in 61.2 total innings. 116.2 career minor league innings with a 4.17 ERA. Began the 2021 Fall League with six scoreless innings, allowing one hit and collecting five strikeouts.

Today's Fall League Five

1: Kole Cottam (BOS) went 4-for-5 on Tuesday with a pair of home runs and four RBIs. His offensive outburst jumped his AFL slash from a .207/.351/.276 to a .294/.405/.529 in a single day, leading his Scottsdale Scorpions over the Salt River Rafters 10-9. Cottam hit 10 total home runs in the 2021 minor league season (71 games); he now has two in 10 AFL matchups.

2: Reigning AFL Pitcher of the Week Caleb Kilian (CHC) posted the longest scoreless outing in the league on Monday. He tossed four innings while allowing two hits, collecting four strikeouts. Kilian allowed eight earned runs in his first two combined outings this fall (2 IP) but has not allowed an earned run since (7 IP).

3: Roansy Contreras (PIT) tossed a perfect three innings for the Peoria Javelinas in a start on Tuesday, collecting five strikeouts. He now holds a 4.50 ERA through six innings of AFL action alongside a 1.17 WHIP and a .182 opposing average.

4: The hot streak of Surprise outfielder Nathan Eaton (KC) continued into Tuesday afternoon with a 2-for-4 showing. Eaton blasted his first home run of the fall, and his three RBIs on the day accounted for 60% of the Saguaros' run production. He now holds a .444/.479/.667 slash and is 20-for-45 in the Fall League with seven extra-base hits.

5: With a Peoria Javelinas win and Mesa Solar Sox loss, the three best records in the AFL will be West division teams. Surprise also remains atop the AFL standings (12-5) by a three-game margin, despite losing their past two games.

Important dates to remember:

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

