

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

## GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024



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### AFL Standings

W-L	GB	Streak	
Mesa Solar Sox	11-6	--	W5
Surprise Saguaros	11-6	--	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	10-7	1.5	W1
Salt River Rafter	9-8	2.0	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	5-12	6.5	L5
Peoria Javelinas	5-12	6.5	L1

### Yesterday's Scores

Mesa 13, Surprise 7  
Salt River 3, Scottsdale 1

### Yesterday's Top Performers

#### Hitting

**Denzel Clarke** (Mesa; OAK): 4-for-6, 3B, HR, 5 RBI, 3 R  
**David Mershon** (Mesa; LAA): 2-for-3, 3B, 2 BB, RBI, 2 R  
**Caden Rose** (Mesa; BOS): 2-for-3, 2B, BB, RBI, 2 R  
**Brooks Brannon** (Mesa; BOS): 2-for-6, 2B, RBI, R  
**Niko Kavadas** (Mesa; LAA): 1-for-4, HR, BB, 2 RBI  
**Jac Caglianone** (Surprise; KC): 2-for-5, 2B, BB, RBI, R  
**Austin Deming** (Surprise; HOU): 2-for-4, 2B, BB, 2 RBI  
**Carter Jensen** (Surprise; KC): 1-for-4, HR, BB, RBI, 2 R  
**Thayron Liranzo** (Scottsdale; DET): 3-for-4, 2 1B, 2B  
**Garrett Martin** (Salt River; NYY): 1-for-4, HR, 2 RBI

#### Pitching

**Khristian Curtis** (Scottsdale; PIT): 4 IP, 0 R, 2 K, BB  
**Dustin Saenz** (Salt River; WSH): 3 IP, 0 R, 4 K, BB  
**Luinder Avila** (Surprise; KC): 3 IP, ER, 3 K, BB  
**Luis Pacheco** (Salt River; NYY): 2 IP, 0 R, 3 K, 0 BB  
**Derrick Edington** (Mesa; TB): 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, K, BB

### Players of the Week Tracker

#### Week 1:

Co-Hitter: **Kemp Alderman** (Peoria; MIA)  
Co-Hitter: **Colt Emerson** (Peoria; SEA)  
Pitcher: **Connor Phillips** (Glendale; CIN)

#### Week 2:

Hitter: **Josue Briceño** (Scottsdale; DET)  
Pitcher: **Alex Santos II** (Surprise; HOU)

#### Week 3:

Hitter: **Caleb Durbin** (Salt River; NYY)  
Pitcher: **Jose Acuña** (Glendale; CIN)

### MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects in AFL (13)

- Jac Caglianone - 1B/LHP, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- Ethan Salas - C, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
- Colt Emerson - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- Leodalis De Vries - SS, Peoria Javelinas (SD)
- Andrew Painter - RHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (PHI)
- Xavier Isaac - 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (TB)
- Chase DeLauter - OF, Surprise Saguaros (CLE)
- Moises Ballesteros - C/1B, Mesa Solar Sox (CHI)
- Nick Kurtz - 1B, Mesa Solar Sox (OAK)
- Jett Williams - SS/OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
- Edwin Arroyo - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (CIN)
- Drew Gilbert - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (NYM)
- Termarr Johnson - 2B, Scottsdale Scorpions (PIT)

### Arizona Fall League Headlines

The Arizona Fall League, in its 32nd year, is designed to serve as the "finishing school" of the minor leagues for players, coaches, umpires & aspiring employees.

Season highlights include the AFL Home Run Derby on Friday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 pm & the annual AFL Fall Stars Game on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 6 pm. Both of these events will take place at Sloan Park in Mesa. Then, the AFL Championship Game is on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Salt River Fields. The Fall Stars Game & Championship Game will air LIVE on MLB Network, MLB.com and the MLB app.

### Week 3 Players of the Week (10/21-10/27)

Hitter: **Caleb Durbin** (Salt River; NYY)

Durbin posted a .429/.550/.643 slash line with one home run and five RBI in four games last week. Setting the tone at the top of the lineup, Durbin added five walks to reach base safely 11 times, and he did not strike out in 20 plate appearances. Durbin stole eight bases without getting caught, five more than any other player last week.

Pitcher: **Jose Acuña** (Glendale; CIN)

Acuña pitched four hitless, scoreless innings with a league-best seven strikeouts and only two walks over Peoria on October 22. Acuña's seven punchouts are tied for the most in any game this season. The Venezuelan right-hander retired the first eight batters he faced, which included a stretch of five consecutive strikeouts.

### Today's Notes & Storylines

- All six teams are back in action today with day games in Peoria and Salt River, and a night game in Mesa. The highlights of the day are reigning AFL Pitcher of the Week Jose Acuña starting for Glendale, while the two teams tied for first place, Surprise and Mesa, meet on the east side in a rematch of their slugfest yesterday.
- Wednesday's schedule includes the top pitching prospect in the AFL, Phillies RHP Andrew Painter, making his fourth start for Glendale in Surprise.
- All three games on Thursday's slate are scheduled for 1:30 pm. It's the first time this season that the league will have three games going on at the same time.

### Upcoming Games & Probable Pitchers

#### Tuesday, October 29

Scottsdale @ Peoria (1:30) LHP Kendry Rojas (TOR) vs. RHP Coleman Crow (MIL)  
Glendale @ Salt River (1:30) RHP Jose Acuña (CIN) vs. RHP Dylan Ray (ARI)  
Surprise @ Mesa (6:30) LHP Juan Rojas (BAL) vs. RHP Mitch Myers (OAK)

#### Wednesday, October 30

Peoria @ Salt River (1:30) LHP Patrick Monteverde (MIA) vs. RHP Chase Solesky (COL)  
Glendale @ Surprise (1:30) RHP Andrew Painter (PHI) vs. RHP Jose Fleury (HOU)  
Scottsdale @ Mesa (6:30) RHP Jonathan Pintaro (NYM) vs. RHP Grant Kipp (CHI)

#### Thursday, October 31

Surprise @ Peoria (1:30) RHP Zak Kent (CLE) vs. RHP Brandon White (MIA)  
Salt River @ Mesa (1:30) RHP Jackson Fristoe (NYY) vs. RHP Luis Rujano (CHI)  
Glendale @ Scottsdale (1:30) RHP Grant Taylor (CWS) vs. RHP Lazaro Estrada (TOR)

### Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

This week's league-wide batting practice & infield/outfield day is as follows:

Tuesday 10/29

1:30 Game - Home I/O: 9:45 am, Home BP: 10:10 am, Visitor BP: 11:25 am, Visitor I/O: 12:35 pm  
6:30 Game - Home I/O 2:45 pm, Home BP: 3:10 pm, Visitor BP: 4:25 pm, Visitor I/O: 5:35 pm

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