



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Glendale Desert Dogs	0-0	0	N/A
Peoria Javelinas	0-0	0	N/A
Salt River Rafters	0-0	0	N/A
Surprise Saguaros	0-0	0	N/A
Scottsdale Scorpions	0-0	0	N/A
Mesa Solar Sox	0-0	0	N/A

#10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The AFL features 11 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 2 Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers). The Cincinnati Reds lead the league sending three Top 100 prospects, while the Chicago White Sox sent two.

2. Two of the AFL's Top 100 prospects are pitchers. No. 80 Rhett Lowder (RHP/Peoria/Reds) has not had his first start announced, while No. 88 Hagen Smith (LHP/Glendale/White Sox) will make his Fall League debut on Wednesday.

3. Guardians No. 29 prospect Daniel Espino made his first professional appearance in 1,250 days on Sept. 20 and will make his AFL debut on Tuesday.

4. There are four organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters, including Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers), Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers), Josue De Paula (OF/Glendale/Dodgers), and Braden Montgomery (OF/Glendale/White Sox).

5. AFL rosters combine 91 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Rangers lead all systems with seven.

6. Forty-one percent of all players named to the 2025 MLB All-Star Game in Atlanta were alums (33 of 80), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

7. Ten players on Arizona Fall League rosters represented their organizations in the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in July. McGonigle, Enrique Bradfield Jr (OF/Peoria/Orioles), and Alfredo Duno (C/Peoria/Reds) will appear on Opening Night.

8. Max Muncy (3B/Mesa/Athletics) returns to the AFL after making Fall Star Game honors in 2023 with the Solar Sox.

9. Justin Chambers (LHP/Glendale/Dodgers), and Nathan Peterson (LHP/Surprise/Brewers) are two Valley natives, with Chambers being a Basha High School alum.

10. Arizona alum Austin Smith (RHP/Salt River/Rockies) and Arizona State alum Joe Lampe (OF/Surprise/Guardians) are the two local college products.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

- Kevin McGonigle - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
- Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
- Josue De Paula - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
- Braden Montgomery - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Charlie Condon - 1B/LF, Salt River Rafters (COL)
- Blake Mitchell - C, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- Alfredo Duno - C, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- Jonny Farnelo - OF, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- Rhett Lowder - RHP, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- Hagen Smith - LHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Cam Collier - 1B/3B Peoria Javelinas (CIN)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns for its 33rd playing season tonight. Welcoming hundreds of top Minor League prospects, the Arizona Fall League serves as the "finishing school" for players to reach the Major League level.

The AFL's highest-ranked prospect, No.2 overall prospect Kevin McGonigle, (DET) slashed .305/.408/583 across three levels in 2025, including batting .372 with a 1.110 OPS for High-A West Michigan. He helped propel AA Erie to the Eastern League Championship Series. No. 6 overall prospect Sebastian Walcott is one of only two 19-year-olds to qualify for the batting title in Double-A, as he ended top 10 in the Texas League in five categories

The AFL's six coaching staffs are managed by the following individuals, all but one with previous managerial experience at the professional or college levels: Eric Duncan (Glendale; Toronto Blue Jays), Aaron Leanhart (Mesa; Miami Marlins), Julio Morillo (Peoria; Cincinnati Reds), Eric Patterson (Salt River; Pittsburgh Pirates), René Rivera (Scottsdale; Detroit Tigers), and Jesus Azuaje (Surprise; Kansas City Royals).

Duncan and Patterson return to the AFL after playing in the league. Duncan earned Fall-Star and Joe Black MVP honors in 2005 for the Grand Canyon Rafters after hitting .362. Patterson appeared in the AFL in 2006 for the Mesa Solar Sox and hit .345 through 28 games.

Three players in the Peoria Javelinas' starting lineup are alumni of MLB's youth development programs, including MLB Develops and the Nike RBI program. This includes Enrique Bradfield Jr. (OF/Orioles), Cam Collier (1B/Reds), and Lamar King Jr. (C/Padres).

Left-handed pitcher Jake Bennett (Scottsdale/Nationals) makes his AFL debut tonight on the mound. He had a 2.27 ERA over 75.1 innings across three levels in 2025 and was awarded Double-A Eastern League Pitcher of the Week for the Harrisburg Senators in his final start of the campaign. He did not allow a run in his final 11 innings pitched.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Monday, October 6

Peoria @ Scottsdale 6:30 RHP Carson Montgomery vs. LHP Jake Bennett

Tuesday, October 7

Glendale @ Salt River 1:30 RHP Alex Amalfi vs. RHP Luis Perales
Surprise @ Mesa 6:30 RHP Daniel Espino vs. RHP Bryce Cunningham

Wednesday, October 8

Peoria @ Mesa 1:30 LHP Luis De Leon vs. RHP Koen Moreno
Glendale @ Surprise 6:30 LHP Hagen Smith vs. RHP Eiberson Castellano
Salt River @ Scottsdale 6:30 LHP Jojo Ingrassia vs. LHP Pablo Aldonis

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

Wednesdays are the current mandatory batting practice and I/O days. The schedule is below.

1:30 - Home I/O: 9:45 a.m., Home BP: 10:10 a.m., Visitor BP: 11:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 12:35 p.m.
6:30 - Home I/O 2:45 p.m., Home BP: 3:10 p.m., Visitor BP: 4:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 5:35 p.m.