ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

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Final AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Surprise Saguaros	18-10	-	W4
Peoria Javelinas	17-11	1.0	L1
Salt River Rafters	14-15	4.5	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	13-15-1	5.0	L2
Mesa Solar Sox	11-15-2	6.0	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	10-17-1	7.5	W1

The Stars of Tomorrow, Today

TOP DAWGS: The AFL features 15 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 8 Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers). It is the most prospects in the AFL since the league had 16 in both 2021 & 2022. Both the Dodgers and Tigers lead the league with two Top 100 prospects.

TOP PROSPECTS: AFL rosters combine 80 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Los Angeles Dodgers lead all systems with five.

FUTURES GAME: A total of five players in the AFL represented their organizations in the 2026 MLB All-Star Futures Game presented by Nike: Eduardo Quintero (Dodgers), Caleb Bonemer (White Sox), Nathan Flewelling (Rays), Ike Irish (Orioles), and Dakota Jordan (Giants).

FALL STARS: Thirty-two percent of all players named to the 2026 MLB All-Star Game in Philadelphia were alum (25 of 77), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

THE BEST ROOKS AROUND: 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 was the 9th time that both the NL and AL Rookies of the Year are AFL alums.

It was the 3rd time in AFL history that the National League and American League Rookies of the Year played in the AFL the year before, and the first since 2012 with Mike Trout and Bryce Harper.

STATE 48: Nine players on 2026 AFL rosters have ties to Arizona. Pitchers Ross Dunn (Salt River; MIN) and Josh Hansell (Surprise; KC) are Arizona State graduates, with Brendan Summerhill (Scottsdale; TB) and Mason White (Mesa; BOS) going to Arizona, and Mathias Lacombe (Glenale; CWS) going to Cochise CC. Grant Richardson (Mesa; ATH) is a Horizon High School and Grand Canyon University alum with left-handed pitcher Calvin Schapira (Peoria; SEA) going to Pinnacle High School and Central Arizona. Cade McGee (Peoria; STL) and Demetrio Crisantes (Salt River; ARI) are both Tucson natives.

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 on Friday, Nov. 6, the official seeding for the 2026 Arizona Fall League playoffs. 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:

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

Quarterfinals Starting Pitchers

Glendale @ Scottsdale: LHP Emmett Olson (MIA) is set to make his 5th start (6th appearance) with the Desert Dogs. The 2023 fourth-round pick out of Nebraska returned to action on July 31, 2026, after undergoing Tommy John Surgery 12 months prior. Before his surgery, he made 21 minor league starts split between Single-A Jupiter and High-A Beloit; he posted a 3.16 ERA and a 1.22 WHIP, striking out 95 batters over 102.2 innings.

RHP Miguel Mendez (SF No. 26) gets the nod in a win-or-go-home game for Scottsdale. In his last outing on Nov. 4, he allowed one run on two hits over 3.1 innings with five strikeouts. Mendez was traded to San Francisco alongside IF Joniel Hernandez for LHP Robbie Ray on Aug. 3, 2026. In 49.2 innings this season, the right-hander allowed 33 runs (31 earned) on 51 hits while striking out 56 batters and issuing 24 walks in 2026 across four leagues. In 2026, the right-hander surrendered only two home runs across 205 total batters faced in Double-A. He currently ranks fourth among AFL leaders with 22 strikeouts. In 2025, he was awarded MLB Pipeline's Padres Pitcher of the Year, ranking second in strikeouts (118), fourth in wins (8) and tied for seventh in games started (21) among Padres MiLB pitchers.

Mesa @ Salt River: LHP Tucker Novotny (ATH) gets the nod in a playoff start for the Solar Sox. In his last start on Nov. 4, he tossed 3.2 innings and allowed one run on three hits with three strikeouts. The 18th-round pick out of Minnesota made seven starts in 2026; he posted a 2.97 ERA, 1.17 WHIP, and a .198 batting average against. In his final 33.2 innings (six appearances) of the season, Novotny posted a 1.87 ERA and a 0.95 WHIP and fanned 40 batters. This year, Novotny held left-handed hitters to a .186 batting average, compared to right-handed hitters posting a .247 batting average against him in High-A Lansing. In three starts (five appearances), the 23-year-old ranks 6th among all qualified AFL pitchers with a 3.29 ERA.

The Rafters have named **RHP Jarlin Susana (MLB No.65/WSH No. 3)** as their playoff starter. In his last start, he tied his AFL high with six strikeouts over 2.2 innings and allowed one run on two hits. He was selected as the National League starting pitcher for the 20th annual Fall Stars Game on Nov. 8. He opened the showcase with back-to-back heaters at 102.7 and 103.1 mph, topped 102 mph five times, and averaged 101.2 mph on his fastball. His average fastball this season is 100.7 mph while owning each of the nine fastest recorded pitches ever in the AFL and 32 of the fastest 34. He leads Fall League pitchers with 26 strikeouts, while ranking third with a .162 batting average against. Susana was named AFL NFP Week One Pitcher of the Week after opening the 2026 Arizona Fall League season with the fastest recorded pitch in league history (velocity records back to 2015) at 103.4 mph before, two innings later, he topped it with 103.8. On Oct. 27, Susana struck out five in 5.0 innings of one-hit, one-run baseball, his longest outing since Aug. 24, 2025.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, November 12 - Quarterfinals (Sloan Park)

#6 Glendale vs. #3 Scottsdale	1:30	LHP Emmett Olson vs. RHP Miguel Mendez
#4 Salt River vs. #5 Mesa	6:30	LHP Tucker Novotny vs. RHP Jarlin Susana

Friday, November 13 - Semifinals (Peoria Sports Complex)

#3 or #6 vs. #2 Surprise	1:30	TBD vs. TBD
#4 or #5 vs. #1 Peoria	6:30	TBD vs. RHP Patrick Reilly

Saturday, November 14 - Championship (Peoria Sports Complex)

6:00 PM at Peoria Sports Complex: TBD vs. TBD

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2026 AFL QUARTERFINALS - CONTINUED

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Award Season

MLB AWARDS: Eight AFL alumni were finalists for 2026 MLB Awards. The AL Rookie of the Year, Kevin McGonigle became the 39th Rookie of the Year Winner to have formerly have played in the AFL in 34 seasons of the league.

NL Reliever of the Year: Mason Miller (2022)
AL Hank Aaron MVP: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Comeback POTY: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
Most Outstanding DH: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Manager of the Year: Will Venable (2007)
AL Rookie of the Year: Kevin McGonigle (2025)

Finalists:
AL Reliever of the Year: Cade Smith (2022)
AL Manager of the Year: Kevin Cash (2002)
AL Manager of the Year: Chad Tracy (2008)
NL Manager of the Year: Don Mattingly (2010)

SILVER SLUGGERS: Of the 50 MLB Silver Slugger nominations, 22 (44%)are players who previously played in the Arizona Fall League. A total of 105 former Arizona Fall League alumni have won a Silver Slugger Award.

GOLD GLOVERS: 10 of 20 MLB Rawlings Gold Glove Award Winners (50%) are Arizona Fall League Alumni.

National League:
C Gabriel Moreno, ARI (MSS, 2021)
1B Matt Olson, ATL (MSS, 2014)
SS Geraldo Perdomo, ARI (SRR, 2019)
UTL Mauricio Dubon, ATL (SUR, 2016)

American League:
C Dillion Dingler, DET (SRR, 2022)
2B Cole Young, SEA (PEO, 2024)
3B Caleb Durbin, BOS (MSS, 2023/SRR, 2024)
LF Cody Bellinger, NYY (GLE, 2016)
RF Wilyer Abreu, BOS (SCO, 2022)
UTL Ezequiel Duran, TEX (SUR, 2021)

Of the 9 MiLB Gold Glove Winners, Cade Smith (MSS, 2025) Carson Roccaforte (SUR, 2025), and Max Anderson (SCO, 2025) are AFL Alumni.

All-MLB x AFL

First Team:
1B, Pete Alonso (BAL)
C, Gabriel Moreno (ARI)
DH, Yordan Alvarez (HOU)
Closer, Mason Miller (SD)

Second Team:
1B, Willson Contreras (BOS)
2B, Brandom Lowe (PIT)
OF, Jordan Walker (STL)
Closer, Cade Smith (CLE)

AFL Championship Game History

The Surprise Saguaros have reached the AFL Championship Game for six straight seasons and nine times out of the last 12 seasons. After dropping back-to-back title games, they won back-to-back championships in 2022 and 2023. The streak is the second longest in AFL History after the Desert Dogs made it seven straight years from 2003 to 2009.

2025: Surprise Saguaros (9-4) over Peoria Javelinas
2024: Salt River Rafters (3-2) over Surprise Saguaros
2023: Surprise Saguaros (6-5) over Peoria Javelinas
2022: Surprise Saguaros (7-6, F11) over Glendale Desert Dogs
2021: Mesa Solar Sox (6-0) over Surprise Saguaros
2019: Salt River Rafters (5-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2018: Peoria Javelinas (3-2, F10) over Salt River Rafters
2017: Peoria Javelinas (8-2) over Mesa Solar Sox
2016: Mesa Solar Sox (6-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2015: Scottsdale Scorpions (6-4) over Surprise Saguaros
2014: Salt River Rafters (14-7) over Peoria Javelinas
2013: Surprise Saguaros (2-0) over Mesa Solar Sox
2012: Peoria Javelinas (4-3) over Salt River Rafters
2011: Salt River Rafters (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros
2010: Scottsdale Scorpions (3-2) over Peoria Javelinas
2009: Peoria Javelinas (5-4) over Phoenix Desert Dogs
2008: Phoenix Desert Dogs (10-4) over Mesa Solar Sox
2007: Phoenix Desert Dogs (7-2) over Surprise Rafters
2006: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Grand Canyon Rafters
2005: Phoenix Desert Dogs (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros (9-3)
2004: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Scottsdale Scorpions (6-2)
2003: Mesa Solar Sox (7-2) over Mesa Desert Dogs
2002: Peoria Javelinas (7-1) over Scottsdale Scorpions
2001: Phoenix Desert Dogs (12-8) over Grand Canyon Rafters

Home Run Derby Recap

On Saturday night, Toronto Blue Jays prospect **Aaron Parker** surged from a late-added No. 7 seed to win the 2026 Arizona Fall League Home Run Derby at Salt River Fields.

Parker hit 19 home runs, finishing with a 477-foot blast (112.7 mph EV) to defeat Tai Peete (STL/PEO) 2-1 in the final round.

Alex McCoy, 6'6, 277-pound Padres slugger launched an event-best 503-foot home run. The Colorado Rockies (SRR) slugger, Jack O'Dowd, led all hitters with 10 preliminary round home runs.

The eight-player field combined for 142 total home runs during the event.

Fall League Alumni

FALL LEAGUE TO FALL CLASSIC: In the 2026 World Series Presented by Capital One, 14 of 52 players (27%), Rays Manager Kevin Cash, and 11 other coaches were Arizona Fall League alumni.

RING HIM UP: In the 2026 World Series Presented by Capital One, all 9 Umpires and Replay Officials are alumni of the Arizona Fall League.

NLCS MVP: Brewers first baseman **Jake Bauers** was named the 2026 National League Championship Series MVP. In 2015, he played for the Mesa Solar Sox, hitting five extra-base hits with eight RBIs in 18 games.

DEBUTS: 92 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2026 including 19 of which from the 2025 AFL season.

2025 AFL: In 2026, 25 players from the 2025 AFL season spent time in the Major Leagues, including 2025 MVP Kevin McGonigle, who had the highest WAR by a 21-and-under rookie since Mike Trout (2010 AFL alum) in 2012.

Key Performers - Game 1

1B ERIC BITONTI (MIL No. 26) leads the Scorpions in home runs (3) and slugging percentage (.415), with an OPS of .757. The left-handed slugger posted an eight-game hitting streak between Oct. 13-Oct. 27 .

OF DAKOTA JORDAN (SF No. 7) has 20 hits, the second most on Scottsdale, with four doubles, a triple, and a home run. Jordan drove in 14 runs while also walking 14 times.

C NATHAN FLEWELLING (MLB No. 63/TB No.4) leads all qualifying catchers with 25 hits this Fall. The 2026 MLB Future Stars Game MVP has reached base in 19 of the 22 games he has played this fall.

1B CHASE HARLAN (LAD No. 9) leads Glendale in home runs (5), RBI (17), slugging percentage (.581), OPS (.989), and total bases (36). The 19-year-old is batting .290 over 17 regular season games played.

SS TATE SOUTHISENE (MLB No. 58/ATL No.3) is slashing .345/.500/.418 over 17 regular season games this fall. Southisene has seven multi-hit performances.

OF DILLON LEWIS (MIA No. 11) has 19 hits, 6 doubles, a home run, and 14 RBI in 19 games.

Key Performers - Game 2

SS ARJUN NIMMALA (MSS/LAA No. 1/MLB No. 34) is top 10 in the AFL in six offensive categories, posting a .974 OPS through 20 games, with 11 extra-base hits and 15 RBI. Since his time in Double-A Rocket City on Sept. 6: .308 AVG, 1.085 OPS, 10 HR, 25 XBH, 25 RBI, 6 SB across 31 games.

OF JAKE COOK (MSS/TOR No. 20) is top 10 in AVG (.343), runs scored (19), hits (24) and steals (14).

ANTONIO ANDERSON (MSS/BOS) ranks top ten in AVG (.352), home runs (3), hits (25), doubles (7), walks (21), OBP (.500), and SLG (.606).

OF JARED THOMAS (SRR/COL No. 10), in his second season in the AFL, leads the league in triples (6), is second in RBI (25), and fourth in hits (26) and fifth in total bases (47). Across two seasons, he is a .302 hitter in the AFL with 37 RBI in 42 games.

C JACK O'DOWD (SRR/COL) leads the league in doubles (8), tied for the lead in the Fall League in home runs (6), tied for third in RBI (21), top 10 in OPS (1.013) and SLG (.641).

INF KYLE DEBARGE (SRR/MIN) leads the Fall League in runs (28), is second in OPS (1.133), is tied for second in home runs (5), and is top 10 in seven offensive categories: AVG (.343), RBI (18), Hits (26), Triples (2), walks (18), OBP (.480) and SLG (.653).

TEO BANKS (SRR/WSH) slashed .342/.570/.989 and ranks top 10 in AVG (.342), Home Runs (4), RBI (17), and hits (27).