



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026



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Final AFL Standings W-L GB Streak

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

Cactus Cuts (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. 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.

2. There are five organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters, including Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers), Zyhri Hope (OF/Scottsdale/Tigers), Arjun Nimmala (SS/Mesa/Angels), Dax Kilby (SS/Salt River/Yankees), and Demetrio Crisantes (2B/Salt River/Diamondbacks).

3. OF Angeibel Gomez (KC No. 2/MLB No. 76) is the second-youngest player in Arizona Fall League history at 17 years and 295 days old on Opening Day. Only behind Michael De Leon in 2014, who was 17 years and 266 days old.

4. AFL rosters include five players who 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).

5. 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.

6. In the 2026 MLB Division Series, 27 of the 28 Umpires and Replay Officials are alumni of the Arizona Fall League.

7. A total of 78 organizational Top 30 prospects are on AFL rosters in 2026. The Dodgers and White Sox each lead the league with five Top 30 prospects.

8. In the 2026 MLB Wild Card Series, 94 of the 208 (45.2%) active players were Arizona Fall League alum. The Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees each carried 14, including 2025 National League Rookie of the Year Drake Baldwin.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

8. Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
15. Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
26. Zyhri 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)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns for its 34th playing season today. Welcoming hundreds of top Minor League prospects, the Arizona Fall League serves as the "finishing school" for players to reach the Major League level.

Starting Pitchers

Salt River @ Glendale: LHP Briggs McKenzie (ATL No. 8) makes his AFL debut today. The southpaw was originally committed to LSU before being drafted in the 4th round (127th overall) in 2025. In 2026, across three levels, McKenzie pitched in seven games with a 2.08 ERA in 26.0 innings. Made final appearance on June 25, before being placed on the injured list on July 2.

The Rafters turn to **RHP Jarlin Susana (WSH No. 3/MLB No. 65)**. A piece of the deal that sent infielder C.J. Abrams and outfielder James Wood from San Diego to Washington in exchange for outfielder Juan Soto Aug. 2, 2022. The Dominican Republic native tossed 20.1 innings across three levels in the Nationals system. He threw 2.0 scoreless innings allowing one hit and striking out one in the Triple-A National Championship for Rochester. Prior to entering the 2026 season, he was rated by Baseball America as the pitcher with the "Best Fastball" and "Best Slider" in the system.

Surprise @ Scottsdale: RHP Peyton Prescott (NYM/SUR) was drafted by the New York Mets 5th round (163rd overall) in 2025. Prescott, is making his second professional start after making his debut with Single-A St. Lucie on Sept. 4, where he struck out two in one inning of work. At Florida State, Prescott injured his elbow during a 2025 NCAA Super Regional matchup against Oregon State and did not make an appearance in 453 days.

On the other side, **RHP Marcus Johnson (TB)** will toe the rubber for Scottsdale. Johnson, was traded to Tampa Bay from Miami on Nov. 15, 2022 with RHP Santiago Suarez in exchange for RHP JT Chargois and INF Xavier Edwards. He logged 33.2 innings, 24 strikeouts and 1.78 WHIP across two levels in the 2026 regular season.

Mesa @ Peoria: RHP Dominick Reid (CHC No. 28) gets the nod for the Solar Sox in Saturday's final matchup of the day. The 2025 3rd-round pick by the Cubs held opponents to .230 batting average, striking out 54 across 13 starts. After transferring from Oklahoma State to Abilene Christian University, he struck out 112 batters in his lone season before becoming the Wildcats' highest draft selection since 1969 third-rounder Bill Gilbreth, the lone big leaguer in school history.

Peoria's **RHP Kannon Kemp (SD No. 13)** is returning for his second season in the AFL. In 2025, he made six appearances (two starts) with Peoria while only allowing one run in seven innings, with six strikeouts. Kemp was placed on injured list on April 4 and made three rehab appearances with ACL before High-A debut on Sept. 7. In nine appearances (five starts) in High-A Fort Wayne, he struck out 29 in 33.0 innings.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Saturday, October 3

Salt River @ Glendale	12:30	RHP Jarlin Susana vs. LHP Briggs McKenzie
Surprise @ Scottsdale	3:30	RHP Peyton Prescott vs. RHP Marcus Johnson
Mesa @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Dominick Reid vs. RHP Kannon Kemp

Sunday, October 4

Scottsdale @ Glendale	1:30	RHP Miqueas Mercedes vs. LHP Luke Fox
Peoria @ Mesa	5:00	RHP Braxton Bragg vs. LHP Grant Richardson
Salt River @ Surprise	5:00	LHP Sean Sullivan vs. RHP Jacob Johnson

Monday, October 5

Peoria @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Luke Holman vs. LHP Cesar Lares
Glendale @ Surprise	6:30	TBD vs. RHP Steven Zobac
Scottsdale @ Mesa	6:30	RHP Miquel Mendez vs. RHP Peyton Oleinik

Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

The Arizona Fall League is set to have three mandatory batting practice and I/O days on Oct. 8, 15, and 19. Other days are at the discretion of the coaching staffs. The schedule for those days 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.