



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Friday, October 22, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division

GB

Salt River	4-3	—
Mesa	4-4	0.5
Scottsdale	3-5	1.5

West Division

GB

Surprise	5-2	—
Glendale	5-3	0.5
Peoria	2-6	3.5

Today's Games

SURPRISE @ GLENDALE

Surprise

RHP Jackson Rutledge (WAS)
0-1, 9.00 ERA

Glendale

RHP Coleman Crow (LAA)
0-0, 4.50 ERA

MESA @ SALT RIVER

Mesa

RHP Michael Dominguez (TOR)
0-1, 9.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Abner Uribe (MIL)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

PEORIA @ SCOTTSDALE

Peoria

RHP Hans Crouse (PHI)
0-1, 4.50 ERA

Scottsdale

RHP Caleb Sampen (TB)
0-0, 3.38 ERA

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/23

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

Chris Taylor (Peoria Javelinas, 2013) went 4-for-5 with three home runs in Thursday's Game 5 of the National League Championship Series. He drove in six runs for the Los Angeles Dodgers en route to an 11-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves, keeping his team alive as the Dodgers are now two wins from their second-consecutive World Series appearance. Taylor was a fifth-round selection in the 2012 draft out of the University of Virginia and made his MLB debut with the Seattle Mariners in 2014. He had 68 at-bats in the 2013 Fall League, posting a .294/.351/.426 slash in his second year as a professional. Taylor was named to his first MLB All-Star Game in 2021 and won his first World Series championship in 2020.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Saturday, October 23

Mesa @ Glendale	6:35 p.m.	RHP Jeff Criswell vs. RHP Chad Donato
Peoria @ Surprise	6:35 p.m.	RHP Juan Then vs. RHP James Marinar
Salt River @ Scottsdale	6:35 p.m.	RHP Slade Cecconi vs. LHP Seth Corry

Sunday, October 24

No games scheduled (league-wide off day)

Fall League Player Profile



Elijah Dunham - NYY

Surprise Saguaros - OF, 1B

Bats: Left **Throws:** Left
Height: 6'0" **Weight:** 213lb.

Born: May 29, 1998 (23)
Birthplace: Evansville, IN
Drafted: 2019 (40th round, PIT)
College: Indiana



Favorite road ballpark in the Arizona Fall League:
Salt River Fields

Favorite minor league ballpark he's played in:
First National Bank Field (Greensboro Grasshoppers, High-A)

Favorite restaurant in Arizona since moving for the fall:
In-N-Out Burger

Favorite restaurant in his college town (Bloomington, IN):
Mother Bear's Pizza

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#59 Roansy Contreras (PIT) - Named to the 2021 Futures Game for the National League. Made his professional debut at 17 in the New York Yankees system, working his way up to High-A in 2018. Traded in a 2021 deal that sent Jameson Tallion to New York. Made 12 starts for Double-A Altoona in 2021, posting a 2.65 ERA. Made his MLB debut in 2021, posting three scoreless innings in one start. 4.50 ERA in two innings of Fall League action.

#41 Eguay Rosario (SD) - Debuted as a professional at 16 in the Dominican Summer League and rookie-level Arizona league. Played exclusively with Double-A San Antonio in 2021, recording 420 at-bats with a .281/.360/.455 slash. Played winter ball in Venezuela with the Bravos de Margarita, recording 98 at-bats. Made his Double-A debut in 2018. Went 2-4 on Tuesday, October 19 against the Salt River Rafters.

#24 Jesse Franklin V (ATL) - Played two seasons at the University of Michigan, capped off by a runner-up finish in the 2019 College World Series. Drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 2020 with a third-round selection. Left-handed hitter; played 101 games with High-A Rome in 2021 with a .244/.320/.522 slash. 24 home runs in 101 career minor league games. Hit 23 home runs with the Michigan Wolverines in 115 career college games.

Salt River

#50 Reagan Todd (COL) - 32nd-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Colorado Mesa University. Played two seasons at Arizona State, making seven starts and 35 total appearances. Pitched with Double-A Hartford and Triple-A Albuquerque in 2021, posting a combined 4.53 ERA in 51.2 innings. 2.1 innings of scoreless work to begin the Fall League. Attended Regis Jesuit High School (CO), fewer than 20 miles from Colorado's Coors Field.

#9 Cooper Hummel (ARI) - 18th-round selection of the 2016 draft out of the University of Portland. Traded from the Brewers to the Diamondbacks in 2021 in a deal that sent Eduardo Escobar to Milwaukee. Recorded 293 at-bats between Triple-A Nashville and Triple-A Reno in 2021, posting a .311/.432/.546 slash. Named Triple-A West Player of the Month in September, posting a .463/.515/.800 slash in 21 games.

#1 Carlos Cortes (NYM) - Third-round selection by the Mets in the 2018 draft. Began his 2021 Fall League campaign going 3-for-4 with a triple. Played 79 minor league games in 2021, all with Double-A Binghamton, posting a .257/.332/.487 slash. Played two seasons at the University of South Carolina, posting a career .274/.378/.528 slash. MLB Pipeline's 10th-ranked Mets prospect.

AFL Player Notebook

Mesa

#3 Greg Cullen (BAL) - 15th-round selection of the 2018 draft from Niagara University. Traded from the Braves to the Orioles in 2021 in a deal that sent left-hander Tommy Milone to Atlanta. Played 38 games in 2021, 24 in Double-A Bowie where he posted a .219/.429/.398 slash in 108 at-bats. 786 career minor league at-bats with a .271/.393/.399 slash.

#25 Brock Whittlesey (OAK) - Born in Mesa, Arizona. Signed with the A's as an undrafted free agent in 2019 after two seasons at New Mexico State. Pitched 10.1 innings for Low-A Stockton and 46.1 innings for High-A Lansing in 2021, posting a combined 3.65 slash. Did not allow a run in his 10.1 innings with Stockton.

#50 Jefry Yan (MIA) - Six strikeouts in his first two innings of Fall League work (4.50 ERA). Debuted as a professional at 17 years old in the Angels system. Debuted in the Marlins organization in 2021, pitching 31 innings between Low-A Jupiter and Double-A Pensacola. Posted a 2.61 ERA in 31 innings this year. Longer-limbed left-hander at six-foot-three and 170 pounds.

Scottsdale

#50 R.J. Dabovich (SF) - Pitched at Central Arizona College and turned down an 18th-round pick in 2018 to pitch at Arizona State. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft after posting a 4.04 ERA in 32.1 innings for the Sun Devils. Made his professional debut with High-A Eugene in 2021, finishing the year with Double-A Richmond. Opened the 2021 Fall League with three scoreless innings and five strikeouts.

#1 Richie Palacios (CLE) - Third-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Towson University. Played with Double-A Akron and Triple-A Columbus in 2021, posting a combined .297/.404/.471 slash. Played collegiate summer baseball with the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters of the Northwoods League in 2016 and the Bourne Braves of the Cape Cod Baseball League in 2017. Homered against the Surprise Saguaros in the third inning on Thursday.

#28 Tanner Tully (CLE) - 26th-round selection in 2016 out of Ohio State. Played in 26 games in 2021 between Double-A Akron and Triple-A Columbus, pitching 113 innings with a 3.50 ERA. In 2019, led Double-A Akron in innings pitched with 129 1/3 (4.38 ERA). 574.1 career minor league innings with a 1.290 WHIP and 3.84 ERA

Surprise

#18 Mario Lisson (Manager, WAS) - Worked as the manager for the Fredericksburg Nationals (Low-A) in 2021. Managed the Gulf Coast Nationals in 2018 and 2019, one year removed from his final minor league season as a player. 3,913 career minor league at-bats in 12 years as a professional. Played 147 career games in Triple-A, posting a .242/.294/.380 slash. Born and raised in Venezuela.

#48 Zach Haake (KC) - Sixth round selection by the Royals in the 2018 draft. Pitched at Arkansas State in his college freshman year before transferring to Kentucky for his final collegiate season in 2018. Made 10 starts (11 total appearances) with High-A Quad Cities in 2021, posting a 3.74 ERA and 1.248 WHIP. 166 strikeouts in 149 career minor league innings. Pitched 3.2 scoreless innings in his last Fall League start on October 20, allowing one hit and striking out three.

#21 Michael Siani (CIN) - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Reds prospect. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2018 draft out of William Penn Charter School (PA). Played on the 18U USA National Team. Played exclusively with High-A Dayton in 2021, posting a .216/.321/.327 slash in 97 games. 60-grade speed and arm according to MLB Pipeline.

Glendale

#26 Jake Walsh (STL) - 16th-round pick in the 2017 draft out of Florida Southern College after transferring from Jacksonville State in 2015. 191.2 career minor league innings with a 2.39 ERA and 1.007 WHIP. Pitched 22 innings in 2021 between Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis, posting a combined 2.86 ERA and collecting 34 strikeouts.

#10 Pedro Leon (HOU) - Second-ranked Astros prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played in 52 games for Double-A Corpus Christi in 2021 before finishing the season with Triple-A Sugar Land for 17 games. Posted a combined .220/.339/.369 slash in 2021. Played in the Cuban National Series in the league's 2017-18 and 2018-19 season, playing both with the Hurricanes de Mayabeque.

#31 Jeff Belge (LAD) - 18th-round selection in the 2019 MLB Draft out of St. John's (NY). Played three collegiate seasons in the Big East Conference, posting a 4.37 ERA in 177 innings. Played exclusively for High-A Great Lakes in 2021, posting a 5.61 ERA in 43.1 innings with 63 strikeouts. Two strikeouts in his first inning of Arizona Fall League work. 94 career minor league strikeouts in 66.2 innings.

Today's Fall League Five

1: After a 10-run, 13-hit outburst on Thursday night, the Glendale Desert Dogs saw three players in their starting lineup finish the night with an OPS over 1.000—and all three are St. Louis Cardinals. Brendan Donovan, Juan Ypez and Nolan Gorman went a combined 5-for-12 on Thursday night with three doubles.

2: Owen White (TEX) returned to the mound on Thursday for his first start since being named Arizona Fall League Pitcher of the Week. He tossed five innings against the Scottsdale Scorpions, allowing two earned runs and striking out four. His ERA now sits at a 1.80 through 10 innings of Fall League work.

3: Hans Crouse (PHI) will return to the mound for his second AFL start this evening. The fourth-ranked prospect in the Phillies organization according to MLB Pipeline, Crouse allowed two runs in his four-inning AFL debut and struck out six. He made his MLB debut in 2021 and made two starts for the Phillies this year (7 IP), allowing four runs in seven innings.

4: The Surprise Saguaros collected their AFL-leading fifth win of the season on Wednesday, a lopsided 17-2 victory over the Scottsdale Scorpions. After holding the third-best run differential in the league after Wednesday, Surprise now leads the Fall League with a +17.

5: Five of the six remaining AFL games this week are night games. The only day game is in Glendale this afternoon, while Scottsdale Stadium will host on both Friday and Saturday night. Mesa and Peoria do not have a night game scheduled for the remainder of the week, but Mesa had one on Monday while Peoria did on Thursday.

Important dates to remember:

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

