



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division

GB

Mesa	13-11-1	—
Scottsdale	11-16	3.5
Salt River	9-17	5.0

West Division

GB

Surprise	15-10	—
Glendale	16-11	—
Peoria	13-12-1	2.0

Today's Games

GLENDALE @ SALT RIVER

Glendale

Robinson Pina (LAA)
2-0, 2.51 ERA

Salt River

RHP Matt Dennis (COL)
0-3, 4.61 ERA

SCOTTSDALE @ SURPRISE

Scottsdale

LHP Tanner Tully (CLE)
0-2, 7.94 ERA

Surprise

RHP Zach Haake (KC)
1-1, 5.52 ERA

PEORIA @ MESA

Peoria

RHP Roansy Contreras (PIT)
1-1, 4.50 ERA

Mesa

RHP Ryan Jensen (CHC)
2-0, 11.05 ERA

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/20

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

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.

Note: Monday/Thursday required batting practice has been lifted for the final week of the season.

Fall League Alum of the Day

Derrek Lee (Sun Cities Solar Sox, 1995-1996) made his MLB debut with the San Diego Padres in 1997, five months removed from his second season of Fall League action. The right-handed-hitting first baseman was drafted in the first round of the 1993 MLB Draft and went on to play 15 seasons in the big leagues, seven of them with the Cubs and six with the Marlins. Lee amassed 1,959 career hits in 1,942 total big league games, earning three Gold Glove awards, a batting title, a Silver Slugger and two All-Star nominations. Lee hit 331 home runs in his MLB career, ranking 112th on the all-time home run list, and currently ranks 138th in doubles with 432. He was a member of the World Series champion Florida Marlins in 2003, and was inducted into the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame in 2007.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Wednesday, November 17

Glendale @ Mesa	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. LHP Hogan Harris
Peoria @ Surprise	12:35 p.m. RHP Michael Burrows vs. RHP James Marinaran
Salt River @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. RHP Caleb Sampen

Thursday, November 18

Peoria @ Surprise	12:35 p.m. RHP William Woods vs TBD
Mesa @ Salt River	6:35 p.m. RHP Michael Dominguez vs. TBD

Off day: Glendale Desert Dogs, Scottsdale Scorpions

Fall League Player Profile



Carlos Cortes - NYM

Salt River Rafters - OF, 2B

Bats: Left **Throws:** Right
Height: 5'7" **Weight:** 197 lb.

Born: June 30, 1997 (24)
Birthplace: Orlando, FL
Drafted: 2018 (3rd round, NYM)
College: South Carolina

Favorite AFL hat (other than the Rafters):
Surprise Saguaros

Favorite food for Thanksgiving:
Sweet potato casserole with marshmallows

Dream vacation:
Bora Bora

Favorite NFL team:
Miami Dolphins

Celebrity crush:
Scarlett Johansson

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#18 Devin Sweet (SEA) - Signed with the Mariners as an undrafted free agent in 2018. Played four seasons at North Carolina Central, posting a combined 4.23 ERA in 226.1 combined innings. Played exclusively with Double-A Arkansas in 2021, posting a 4.74 ERA in 79.2 innings. Played for six different Mariners affiliates since 2018.

#12 Zach DeLoach (SEA) - Drafted to the Mariners in the second round of the 2020 draft. Played 58 games with High-A Everett this season, posting a .313/.400/.530 slash. Made his Double-A debut in 2021, playing in 49 games. Played for the Falmouth Commodores in the 2019 Cape Cod Baseball League, posting a .969 OPS. Currently the sixth-ranked Mariners prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

#30 Victor Vodnik (ATL) - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2018 draft out of Rialto High School (CA). Pitched exclusively with Double-A Mississippi in 2021, posting a 5.35 ERA in 33.2 total innings. Career 4.00 ERA in 105.2 frames. Pitched exclusively with Low-A Rome in 2019, posting a 2.94 ERA in 67.1 innings. 119 career minor league strikeouts in 105.2 combined frames. Born in Whittier, California.

Salt River

#58 Garrett Hill (DET) - Drafted in the 26th round of the 2018 draft out of San Diego State. Pitched 75.2 innings in 2021 between High-A West Michigan and Double-A Erie, posting a combined 2.74 ERA with 99 strikeouts. Career 2.54 minor league ERA in 237.1 innings. Born in Petaluma, California.

#27 Ryan Vilade (COL) - Second-round draftee in 2017 out of Stillwater High School (OK). Played in three MLB games for the Colorado Rockies in 2021. Career minor league slash of .289/.360/.422 in 402 career games. Played in the 2021 Futures Game at Coors Field. Played with Triple-A Albuquerque and the Rockies in 2021.

#11 Joey Wiemer (MIL) - Played three seasons at the University of Cincinnati before being drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft. Played 109 total games in 2021 between Low-A Carolina and High-A Wisconsin, posting a combined .295/.403/.556 slash. Posted a collegiate slash of .264/.379/.408 in 122 career NCAA games. Played a collegiate summer in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

Mesa

#38 Graham Spraker (TOR) - Perfect 0.00 ERA through the Fall Stars Game. Played for Double-A New Hampshire and Triple-A Buffalo in 2021, posting a combined 2.62 ERA in 44.2 innings. Drafted in the 31st round of the 2017 draft out of Quincy University (IL). Born in Tucson, Arizona.

#10 J.J. Bleday (MIA) - MVP of the Fall Stars Game (2-3, HR, 3 RBI). MLB Pipeline's No. 74 overall prospect. Drafted fourth overall in the 2019 draft out of Vanderbilt. Led all of NCAA Division-I baseball with 27 home runs in 2019. Played exclusively with Double-A Pensacola in 2021 (110 games), hitting 12 home runs in 397 at-bats.

#1 Nelson Velazquez (CHC) - Debuted as a professional in 2017 with the Cubs' Arizona League affiliate. Played 103 games in 2021 between High-A South Bend and Double-A Tennessee, posting a combined .270/.333/.496 slash. 316 career minor league games with a .259/.324/.449 slash. Named the Week 3 Arizona Fall League Hitter of the Week. Born in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

AFL Player Notebook

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.

#30 Cody Laweryson (MIN) - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of Maine. Born in Bingham, Maine. Pitched exclusively with High-A Cedar Rapids in 2021, posting a 4.91 ERA in 58.2 innings. Career 3.44 minor league ERA in 104.2 innings. Played for Low-A Cedar Rapids and rookie-level Elizabethton in 2019, posting a combined 1.57 ERA in 46 frames.

#44 Curtis Mead (TB) - Born in Adelaide, Australia. Played four seasons in the Australian Baseball League before signing with the Rays prior to the 2021 season. Played rookie ball in the Phillies system in 2018 and 2019. .310/.368/.510 career minor league slash in 150 total games. Posted a 1.214 OPS with Triple-A Durham in the final three games of the 2021 minor league season.

Surprise

#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.

#6 Nathan Eaton (KC) - 21st-round pick in the 2018 draft out of the Virginia Military Institute. Posted a .243/.344/.371 slash in 70 games with High-A Quad Cities in 2021 with 23 stolen bases. 1,029 career minor league at-bats in three total seasons. Started the 2021 Fall League going 10-for-21 with four doubles and a triple.

#27 James Marinar (CIN) - Fourth-round draft selection in the 017 draft out of Park Vista Community High School (FL). 4.32 career minor league ERA in 214.2 total innings. Pitched 64.2 innings in 2021 between Low-A Daytona and High-A Dayton, posting a combined 4.31 ERA with 63 strikeouts. 175 career strikeouts in 214.2 minor league innings.

Glendale

#30 Caleb Freeman (CHW) - Drafted in the 15th round of the 2019 draft out of Texas Tech. Helped lead the Red Raiders to their deepest College World Series run in program history (2019). College teammate of Taylor Floyd (Salt River Rafters). Pitched 44 innings in 2021 between High-A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham, posting a combined 3.27 ERA with 19 walks and 55 strikeouts.

#14 James Outman (LAD) - Drafted in the seventh round of the 2018 draft out of Sacramento State. Played in 104 games in 2021, 39 with Double-A Tulsa and 65 with High-A Great Lakes. Posted a combined .266/.379/.490 slash with 18 home runs in 414 at-bats. Opened the 2021 Fall League with a .333/.444/.689 slash in his first 14 games. Born in Redwood City, California.

#37 Landon Knack (LAD) - Drafted in the second round of the 2020 draft out of East Tennessee State. Played two collegiate seasons and posted a 2.29 ERA in 122 career NCAA innings. Debuted as a professional in 2021, pitching 62.1 innings between High-A Great Lakes and Double-A Tulsa. Posted a combined 3.18 ERA. Born in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Today's Fall League Five

1: Mario Feliciano (MIL) went 3-for-4 for the Salt River Rafters on Monday, posting two doubles in a 12-5 win over the Surprise Saguaros. His AFL batting slash jumped from a .294/.333/.382 to a .342/.375/.474, and five of his 13 hits this fall have been for extra bases.

2: Ryan Vilade (COL) posted a 3-for-4 afternoon for the Rafters on Monday, driving in four runs in their 12-5 victory. Vilade lifted his AFL batting slash from a .215/.301/.277 to a .250/.338/.309 over those four at-bats.

3: Not to be outdone by his Salt River counterparts, Dominic Canzone (ARI) also went 3-for-4 in Monday action. The Diamondbacks outfielder hit his second home run of the Fall League, a two-run blast in the sixth inning of Monday's contest. He now holds a .328/.418/.483 slash in 58 at-bats this fall.

4: Andre Pallante (STL) tossed a scoreless four innings for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Monday, the most of any pitcher in the Fall League. He allowed one hit and two walks while the Glendale bullpen tossed a combined three innings of one-hit, one-run baseball. Glendale beat the Peoria Javelinas 2-1 in walk-off fashion, as Brendan Donovan (STL) cashed in the game-winning run with a single.

5: The Surprise Saguaros and Glendale Desert Dogs are currently tied for the AFL West division lead with four days left to decide a division champion.

Remaining schedules:

Surprise: Scottsdale (Tuesday), Peoria (Wednesday), Peoria (Thursday), Glendale (Friday)

Glendale: Salt River (Tuesday), Mesa (Wednesday), Off day (Thursday), Surprise (Friday)

AFL Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)

**Televised live on MLB Network*

