



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Thursday, November 4 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division GB

Mesa	9-8-1	—
Scottsdale	7-12	3
Salt River	6-11	3

#### West Division GB

Surprise	13-5	—
Glendale	10-8	3
Peoria	8-9	4.5

### Today's Games

#### SCOTTSDALE @ PEORIA

##### Scottsdale

LHP Seth Corry (SF)  
0-0, 1.80 ERA

##### Peoria

RHP Victor Vodnik (ATL)  
0-1, 8.18 ERA

#### SURPRISE @ GLENDALE

##### Surprise

RHP Cole Henry (WAS)  
1-0, 3.75 ERA

##### Glendale

RHP Coleman Crow (LAA)  
1-0, 1.13 ERA

#### SALT RIVER @ MESA

##### Salt River

RHP Slade Cecconi (ARI)  
1-0, 3.00 ERA

##### Mesa

RHP Michael Dominguez (TOR)  
0-1, 8.44 ERA

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/6

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

**Todd Helton** (Peoria Javelinas, 1996) was the eighth inductee of the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame. A career .316/.414/.539 MLB hitter, Helton spent all 17 of his big league seasons with the Colorado Rockies, collecting three Gold Gloves and four Silver Slugger awards. Helton posted an unsightly .372/.463/.698 slash in 2000, starting a streak of five consecutive All-Star appearances at first base. His number 17 was the first Rockies jersey number retired at Coors Field. Helton was drafted by Colorado with the eighth-overall selection of the 1995 draft out of the University of Tennessee, where he played baseball and football. He was once a backup quarterback to Peyton Manning.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Friday, November 5

Salt River @ Mesa	12:35 p.m. RHP Slade Cecconi vs. RHP Logan Gillaspie
Scottsdale @ Peoria	12:35 p.m. RHP Connor Seabold vs. RHP Hans Crouse
Surprise @ Glendale	12:35 p.m. RHP James Marinan vs. RHP Chad Donato

#### Saturday, November 6

Peoria @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m. RHP Juan Then vs. LHP Kody Funderburk
Mesa @ Surprise	6:35 p.m. LHP Zach King vs. RHP Alec Marsh
Salt River @ Glendale	6:35 p.m. RHP Justin Jarvis vs. RHP Johan Dominguez

# Fall League Player Profile



## Christian Koss - BOS

Scottsdale Scorpions - SS, 2B, 3B

**Bats:** Right **Throws:** Right

**Height:** 6'1" **Weight:** 182 lb.

**Born:** January 27, 1998

**Birthplace:** Riverside, CA

**Drafted:** 2019 (12th round, COL)

**College:** UC-Irvine

**Favorite emoji:**

Laughing 😂

**Career if you weren't a baseball player:**

Law school

**Most played music artist on your phone:**

Drake

**Favorite AFL hat (other than the Scorpions):**

Glendale Desert Dogs

**Favorite food at Thanksgiving:**

Mashed potatoes and ham ("Not turkey.")

## AFL Player Notebook

### Peoria

**#21 Damon Jones (PHI)** - Made his MLB debut with the Phillies on August 10, 2021, pitching 1/3 of an inning (no runs). Played two seasons at Washington State, posting a combined 4.87 ERA in 112.2 collegiate innings. Drafted by the Phillies in the 18th round of the 2017 draft. Played exclusively with Triple-A Lehigh Valley in 2021 outside of his lone MLB appearance, posting a 5.44 minor league ERA in 41.1 innings.

**#29 Travis Kuhn (SEA)** - Drafted in the 19th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of San Diego. Pitched 28 innings for Low-A Modesto in 2021, posting a 3.86 ERA with 36 strikeouts. Pitched 5.1 innings for High-A Everett and one inning for Triple-A Tacoma in 2021. 5.1 scoreless innings of Fall League work in his first four appearances. Born in Laguna Hills, California.

**#22 Matt Batten (SD)** - 32nd-round draft selection in 2017 out of Quinnipiac. Played 117 games for Triple-A El Paso in 2021, posting a .293/.368/.382 slash in 440 at-bats. Started the 2021 Fall League going 10-for-38 in his first 10 games with a double. Made his Triple-A debut in 2018 in his second season as a professional. Played a collegiate summer in the Northwoods League with the Thunder Bay Border Cats (2015).

### Salt River

**#7 Mark Reed (Hitting Coach, ARI)** - Served as a Diamondbacks hitting coach in the Arizona Complex League in 2021. Worked as a coach for Arizona since 2011. Played in nine total minor league seasons, playing 26 career games in Triple-A. Finished his minor league career with a .238/.295/.316 slash. Drafted in the third round of the 2004 draft out of Bonita High School (CA).

**#15 Matt Dennis (COL)** - Played three seasons at Bradley University, posting a 3.28 ERA in 172.2 total innings. Drafted in the 14th round of the 2016 draft. Played all of 2016 with rookie-level Grand Junction, all of 2017 with Low-A Asheville and all of 2018 with High-A Lancaster. Made his Double-A debut with Hartford in 2019. Pitched 96 innings for Hartford in 2021, posting a 5.81 ERA in 23 total games (17 starts).

**#18 Ryan Kreidler (DET)** - Drafted in the fourth round of the 2019 draft out of UCLA. Turned down a 35th-round pick to the Cubs out of high school. Played for Double-A Erie and Triple-A Toledo in 2021, posting a combined .270/.349/.454 slash. 24 career minor league home runs in 189 games. 10th-ranked prospect in the Tigers' system and a big league ETA in 2023 according to MLB Pipeline.

### Mesa

**Kameron Misner (MIA)** - Drafted with the 35th-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of the University of Missouri. 22nd-ranked Marlins prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played 102 total games in 2021 between High-A Beloit and Double-A Pensacola, posting a combined .253/.355/.433 slash. Played in three seasons with the Missouri Tigers in the SEC, posting a .301/.424/.489 slash in 149 games.

**#30 Brody Rodning (TOR)** - Drafted in the 13th round of the 2017 draft out of Minnesota State-Mankato. Pitched three seasons with the Mavericks and two seasons in the Northwoods League (collegiate summer) with the Eau Claire Express. Pitched exclusively with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021, posting a 5.58 ERA in 40.1 innings. 4.39 career minor league ERA in 155.2 total innings.

**#52 Pedro Santos (OAK)** - Pitched 68.1 innings for Low-A Stockton in 2021, posting a 6.32 ERA. Made his professional debut in 2019 with the A's playing exclusively in the rookie-level Arizona League. 5.66 career minor league ERA. 136 career minor league strikeouts in 111.1 total innings. Born in Trinidad, Cuba, about 200 miles east of Havana.

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## Scottsdale

**#38 Carlos Garcia (TB)** - Made his professional debut in 2018 with the Rays' affiliate in the Dominican Summer League. Pitched exclusively with High-A Bowling Green in 2021, posting a 4.23 ERA in 66 total innings. Allowed two runs in his first 10 2/3 innings of Fall League work, collecting 11 strikeouts and posting a 0.938 ERA. Played winter ball with the Australian Baseball League's Perth Heat in 2019-20, posting a 1.72 ERA in 15.2 innings.

**#15 Patrick Bailey (SF)** - Spent 2021 with High-A Eugene for 33 games and Low-A San Jose for 47 games, posting a combined .265/.366/.429 slash. Played three seasons at NC State prior to being drafted as the 13th-overall pick in the 2020 draft. Played on the USA 18U national team. Began the Fall League going 9-for-27 with two doubles and a home run.

**#46 Aaron Pinto (CLE)** - Drafted in the 24th round of the 2018 draft out of Stony Brook. Played four collegiate seasons with the Seawolves, posting a combined 2.72 ERA in 68 games (two total starts). Played exclusively with Double-A Akron in 2021, posting a 2.30 ERA in 43 total innings. 179 minor league strikeouts in a combined 145 innings. Born in West Covina, California.

## Surprise

**#32 Donovan Casey (WSH)** - Drafted in the 20th round of the 2017 draft by the Dodgers out of Boston College. Played two seasons in the Cape Cod Baseball League with the Chatham Anglers. Acquired by the Nationals in the same deal that sent Max Scherzer to the Dodgers. Started the 2021 Fall League going 8-for-31 with two home runs and two doubles. .278/.338/.462 career minor league slash in four seasons.

**#52 Evan Lee (WSH)** - Drafted in the 15th round of the 2021 draft out of the University of Arkansas. Played in the College World Series in 2018. Pitched exclusively with High-A Wilmington in 2021, posting a 4.32 ERA in 77 innings. Career 4.23 minor league ERA in 112.2 innings. Seven strikeouts in his first 5.2 innings of Fall League work. Born in Bryant, Arkansas.

**#31 Michael Byrne (CIN)** - Played three seasons at the University of Florida (2016-18), making a College World Series appearance in all three seasons. Drafted to the Reds in the 14th round of the 2018 draft. Played for Double-A Chattanooga and Triple-A Louisville in 2021, posting a combined 3.22 ERA in 50.1 innings. Minor league career ERA of 3.41 in 137.1 total innings. Played one collegiate summer with the Madison Mallards (Northwoods League) and Cotuit Kettleers (Cape Cod Baseball League).

## Glendale

**#43 Danny Farquhar (Pitching Coach, CWS)** - Played in seven MLB seasons between the Mariners, Rays, White Sox and Blue Jays. Posted a career 3.93 ERA in 272.1 career MLB innings, posting 309 career strikeouts in 92 appearances (all in relief). Drafted by the Blue Jays in the 10th round of the 2008 draft out of Louisiana-Lafayette. Served as pitching coach for High-A Winston-Salem.

**#3 Jacob Amaya (LAD)** - Played exclusively with Double-A Tulsa in 2021, posting a .216/.303/.343 slash in 113 total games. 161 RBIs in 330 career minor league games. Drafted in the 11th round of the 2017 draft out of South Hills High School (CA). Born in El Monte, California. Made his professional debut at the age of 18 in the rookie-level Arizona League. Opened the 2021 Fall League going 6-for-23 with a double and home run.

**#20 Jeremiah Jackson (LAA)** - Drafted in the second round of the 2018 draft out of St. Luke's Episcopal School (AL). Played 45 games with Low-A Inland Empire in 2021 and six games with the Angels' complex league affiliate. Posted a combined .277/.358/.548 slash in 2021. Hit a total of six home runs in 2021 minor league action; posted two home runs in his first 11 Fall League games. Played on the Team USA 15U team. Born in Antioch, Tennessee.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: Yolbert Sanchez (CHW) tallied an AFL-leading three hits in Wednesday action, leading his Glendale Desert Dogs over the Peoria Javelinas 4-2. Sanchez drove in two runs on three singles, jumping his Fall League slash to a .421/.522/.474 in 19 at-bats.

2: Owen White's (TEX) magnificent fall campaign was extended on Wednesday with a 4 1/3-inning, one-run, two-hit performance. White now holds a 1.40 ERA through 19 1/3 innings of AFL work, striking out 19 in his time in Arizona.

3: Connor Grey (NYM) and Andre Pallante (STL) tied for the league's longest scoreless pitching appearances on Wednesday. Each allowed two hits. Pallante struck out five hitters and walked one, while Grey struck out three without allowing a free pass. Pallante's five strikeouts tied with Owen White for the most on the day.

4: There was a single home run hit in the Fall League on Wednesday. Seuly Matias blasted his sixth home run of the fall as part of a 1-for-3 afternoon and his solo shot was the difference in a 3-2 victory over the Salt River Rafters. He has collected 18 RBIs and tallied 32 total bases in his 56 Fall League at-bats.

5: AFL teams this year have posted a combined 31 wins by visiting teams and 22 wins by home teams. The Surprise Saguaros are the only teams with a winning record at home (5-3), while only the Salt River Rafters have a losing record on the road (2-6).

### **Important dates to remember:**

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

