

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025



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AFL Standings

Surprise Saguaros	3-0	-	W3
Peoria Javelinas	3-1	0.5	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	2-2	1.5	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-2	2.0	W1
Mesa Solar Sox	1-3	2.5	L1
Salt River Rafters	1-3	2.5	L3

NFP Hitter & Pitcher of the Week

OWEN AYERS (MSS/CHC/C):

- 5-11, 2 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 1.447 OPS
- Leads the AFL with 10 total bases
- Go-ahead, two-run double in ninth inning on Thursday

LUIS DE LEÓN (PEO/BAL No. 21/LHP):

- 1 GS, 4 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 7 K, .077 BAA
- Innings pitched and strikeouts lead league
- Struck out final four batters faced on Wednesday

Friday's Top Performers

RHETT LOWDER (PEO/CIN No. 5/MLB No. 80) completed two shutout innings, striking out three and tossing 21 of his 23 pitches for strikes in his AFL debut.

JONNY FARMELO (PEO/SEA No. 7/MLB No. 75) drove in five runs capped off with a bases-clearing triple.

MAUI AHUNA (SCO/SF No. 12) drove in a pair with an RBI single going 2-for-4 against Mesa.

BRAEDON KARPATIOS (PEO/SD No. 30) went 2-for-4 with a double, two walks and a pair driven in.

Fall League Alumni

ROAD TO THE FALL CLASSIC: 30 players on Championship Series rosters are AFL alumni (28.8%) with the Dodgers leading with 12. 2009 Peoria Saguaros and 2010 Phoenix Desert Dog **Freddie Freeman** hit his 14th postseason home run on Monday while 2017 Peoria Javelina **Josh Naylor** capped a 10-3 Seattle win with a 3-4 night and a two-run home run.

DEBUTS: 84 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2025 including 30 of which from #AFL24.

FALL STARS: Forty-one percent of all players named to the 2025 MLB All-Star Game in Atlanta were alums (33 of 80), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

The Stars of Tomorrow, Today

TOP 30: AFL rosters combine 92 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Rangers lead all systems with seven.

THE FUTURE: Ten players on Arizona Fall League rosters represented their organizations in the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in July.

TOP DOG: There are four organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters, including Kevin McGonigle (SS/SCO/Tigers), Sebastian Walcott (SS/SUR/Rangers), Josue De Paula (OF/Glendale/Dodgers), and Braden Montgomery (OF/GDD/White Sox).

STATE 48: Arizona alum Austin Smith (RHP/SRR/Rockies), Arizona State alum Joe Lampe (OF/SUR/Guardians) and Gateway CC alum Carson Jacobs (RHP/GDD/White Sox) are the local college products. Justin Chambers (LHP/GDD/Dodgers), and Nathan Peterson (LHP/SUR/Brewers) are two Valley natives, with Chambers being a Basha High School alum.

Media Inquiries

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Today's Headlines

Glendale @ Salt River: The Desert Dogs and Rafters meet for the second straight Tuesday after the Rafters won 7-3 on Opening Day. **Esmerlyn Valdez** (PIT No. 15) and **Juan Flores** (LAA No. 17) each hit a solo homer while **Jared Thomas** (COL No. 8) added a pair of doubles and an RBI triple.

Red Sox No. 9 prospect **Luis Peralas** makes his second AFL start after striking out a pair of Desert Dogs on Oct. 7. Peralas topped 101 with his fastball, averaging 99.2. The 22-year-old made three appearances this season, recovering from Tommy John Surgery while making progress on a splitter, slider, and cutter.

Braves No. 16 prospect **Luke Sinnard** makes his AFL debut for the Desert Dogs after having a 2.86 ERA and punching out 86 across 16 starts between two levels. His 10.7 K/9 rate ranked 6th among Braves MiLB starters this season. Sinnard is one of three AFL pitchers listed at 6-foot-8, the tallest players in the league this season.

Scottsdale @ Peoria: The best producing offense takes on the best pitching staff. The Scorpions have scored a league-most 32 runs while combining for a .856 OPS. Peoria has a league-best 3.14 ERA while striking out a second-most 41.

RHP **Kenny Serwa** (DET) makes his AFL debut after tossing 118 innings, the second most among Tigers minor leaguers. Serwa played in independent baseball for two seasons before being signed by the Tigers in January. Mariners No. 19 prospect RHP **Marcelo Perez** makes his AFL debut after 19 starts with a 3.44 ERA across High-A and Double-A in 2025.

Surprise @ Mesa: The lone undefeated team, Surprise, earned its first win on Oct. 7 at Mesa, scoring four runs in the first inning. C **Blake Mitchell** (KC No. 2/MLB No. 62) drove in a pair on an RBI single, helping to a 9-6 win.

RHP **Jose Corniell** (TEX No. 3) is one of three Rangers 40-man rostered pitchers in the AFL. The 22-year-old made his MLB debut on Sept. 28. Across 13 Minor League starts, Corniell struck out 41 in 38 innings pitched, recording a 1.89 ERA. Baumeister allowed two runs in his final five starts (23 IP), coming back from injury. He struck out 20 compared to seven walks with a 0.78 ERA.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 14

Glendale @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Luke Sinnard vs. RHP Luis Peralas
Scottsdale @ Peoria	1:30	RHP Kenny Serwa vs. RHP Marcelo Perez
Surprise @ Mesa	6:30	RHP Jose Corniell vs. RHP Jackson Baumeister

Wednesday, October 15

Glendale @ Peoria	1:30	RHP Alex Amalfi vs. RHP Carson Montgomery
Salt River @ Scottsdale	1:30	RHP Brandon Neely vs. RHP Sean Paul Liñan
Mesa @ Surprise	6:30	TBD vs. RHP Daniel Espino

Thursday, October 16

Peoria @ Mesa	1:30	LHP Luis De León vs. TBD
Glendale @ Scottsdale	6:30	LHP Hagen Smith vs. RHP Ryan Murphy
Surprise @ Salt River	6:30	RHP Trenton Denholm vs. RHP Jack Mahoney

Tropical Storm Priscilla Cancels Saturday and Sunday AFL Slate

Due to weather concerns related to Tropical Storm Priscilla, the Arizona Fall League cancelled all games on Saturday, Oct. 11 and Sunday, Oct. 12. For questions, and more information, go to MLBFallBall.com