



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Monday, November 8, 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division

GB

Mesa	11-9-1	—
Scottsdale	8-14	4
Salt River	7-13	4

#### West Division

GB

Glendale	13-8	—
Surprise	13-8	—
Peoria	10-10-1	2.5

### Today's Games

#### GLENDALE @ PEORIA

##### Glendale

RHP Bobby Miller (LAD)

0-0, 7.04 ERA

##### Peoria

RHP James McArthur (PHI)

0-0, 11.17 ERA

#### SALT RIVER @ SURPRISE

\*7-inning game

##### Salt River

RHP Matt Dennis

0-2, 3.38 ERA

##### Surprise

RHP Jackson Rutledge (WAS)

0-2, 6.43 ERA

#### SCOTTSDALE @ MESA

##### Scottsdale

LHP Tanner Tully (CLE)

0-2, 6.23 ERA

##### Mesa

RHP Ryan Jensen (CHC)

2-0, 7.30 ERA

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/13

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

**12:35 p.m.** - HINF: 9:10 a.m., HBP: 9:25 a.m., VBP: 10:40 a.m., VINP: 11:40 a.m.

**6:35 p.m.** - HINF: 3:10 p.m., HBP: 3:25 p.m., VBP: 4:40 p.m., VINP: 5:40 p.m.

Teams are REQUIRED to take batting practice and infield every Monday and Thursday

### Fall League Alum of the Day

**Andrew McCutchen** (Phoenix Desert Dogs, 2007) was drafted 11th overall in the 2005 draft out of Fort Meade High School (FL) and the outfielder played in 29 career AFL games, posting a combined .286/.381/.378 slash. McCutchen made his MLB debut in 2009 with the Pittsburgh Pirates and would later make five consecutive All-Star appearances from 2011-2015. He won the National League MVP award in 2013, posting a .317/.404/.508 slash and leading the Pirates to their first postseason appearance in 21 years. Pittsburgh would go on to make three consecutive postseason appearances from 2013-2015, while McCutchen placed in the top five of NL MVP voting in each of those seasons. He was inducted into the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame in 2015.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Tuesday, November 9

Mesa @ Peoria	12:35 p.m. RHP Jeff Criswell vs. TBD
Salt River @ Glendale	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. RHP Andre Pallante
Surprise @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m. RHP Owen White vs. TBD

#### Wednesday, November 10

Salt River @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. TBD
Mesa @ Glendale	6:35 p.m. RHP Michael Dominguez vs. RHP Robinson Pina
Off day: Peoria, Surprise	

## Fall League Player Profile



### Ivan Johnson - CIN Surprise Saguaros - INF

**Bats:** Switch    **Throws:** Right  
**Height:** 6'0"    **Weight:** 190 lb.

**Born:** October 11, 1998  
**Birthplace:** Atlanta, GA  
**Drafted:** 2019 (4th round, CIN)  
**School:** Chipola College (FL)

**Favorite emoji:**  
Grimacing face 😬

**Most played music artist on your phone:**  
J. Cole

**Favorite Thanksgiving food:**  
Mac and Cheese

**If you could have a superpower, what would it be?**  
The ability to fly

**If you could have dinner with any three people, who would those people be?**  
Denzel Washington, Barack Obama, LeBron James

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### Peoria

**#24 Jesse Franklin V (ATL)** - Played two season 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.

**#5 Bryson Stott (PHI)** - 14th-overall pick in the 2019 draft out of UNLV. Second-ranked Phillies prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played 112 games in 2021, 80 with Double-A Reading. Posted a Double-A slash of .301/.368/.481 in 312 at-bats. Played three years at UNLV (171 career games) where he posted a combined .340/.43/.515 slash. Started the 2021 Fall League going 19-for-56.

**#2 Jose Caballero (SEA)** - Drafted to the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 7th round of the 2017 draft. Attended Chipola College and won a junior college national championship in 2017. Played in 20 games in 2021 between Double-A Arkansas (8), High-A Everett (4) and the Mariners' complex league affiliate (8), posting a combined .258/.385/.484 slash. 195 career minor league games with a .287/.377/.439 slash.

### Salt River

**#10 Ezequiel Tovar (COL)** - Made his professional debut with the Rockies at the age of 16 in the Dominican Summer League. Played in 104 games between Low-A Fresno and High-A Spokane in 2021, posting a combined .287/.322/.475 slash in 432 combined at-bats. Hit 15 home runs in 2021 with 24 stolen bases. Born in Maracay, Venezuela.

**#30 Colin Holderman (NYM)** - 9th-round draft pick in the 2016 draft out of Heartland Community College (IL). Played one collegiate season at Southern Illinois before his junior college tenure. Pitched 24 combined innings in 2021 between High-A St. Lucie and Double-A Binghamton, posting a combined 3.38 ERA with 27 strikeouts. Career minor league ERA of 2.95 in 146 innings.

**#2 Buddy Kennedy (ARI)** - Drafted in the fifth round of the 2017 draft out of Millville Senior High School (NJ). Played 96 total games in 2021 between Double-A Amarillo (66) and High-A Hillsboro (30), posting a combined .290/.384/.523 slash. 33 home runs in 304 career minor league games with a .285/.366/.447 slash. Recorded nine stolen bases in 30 games with High-A Hillsboro in 2021.

### Mesa

**#16 Ryan Jensen (CHC)** - First-round selection by the Blue Jays in the 2019 draft. MLB Pipeline's 15th-ranked Cubs prospect. 70-grade fastball per MLB Pipeline. Played three years at Fresno State, posting a 2.88 ERA in an even 100 innings during his junior season. Made 16 starts with High-A South Bend in 2021, posting a 4.50 ERA. Made four starts with Double-A Tennessee in 2021, posting a 3.00 ERA.

**#28 Bryce Conley (OAK)** - Played exclusively with Double-A Midland in 2021, posting a 4.39 ERA in 94.1 innings. Drafted to the A's in the 22nd round of the 2017 draft out of Georgia State. Played one collegiate season at Mercer in 2014. 306.1 career minor league innings over four seasons; holds a combined 4.23 ERA and has collected 312 strikeouts. Born in Alpharetta, Georgia.

**#40 Danis Correa (CHC)** - Debuted as a professional in 2017 at 17 years old, playing in the rookie-level Arizona League and Dominican Summer League. Pitched 37 innings in 2021 between Low-A Myrtle Beach and High-A South Bend, posting a combined 1.95 ERA with 60 strikeouts. Career 1.180 WHIP and 2.60 ERA in 79.2 innings (three total seasons).

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## Scottsdale

**#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.

**#49 Matthew Peguero (TB)** - Made his professional debut at 17 years old in the Dominican Summer League (2017). Pitched 50.1 total innings between Low-A Charleston and the Rays' complex league affiliate, posting a combined 4.29 ERA and collecting 61 strikeouts. 182.2 career minor league innings across four seasons. Born in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

**#14 Ydwin Villegas (1B Coach, SF)** - Served as a coach for the Giants' affiliate in the Arizona Complex League in 2021. Worked as bullpen catcher for the San Jose Giants in 2019. Played seven seasons in the Giants' organization, playing 95 career games in Triple-A. 415 career minor league games as a shortstop, second basemen and outfielder. Born in Valencia, Venezuela.

## Surprise

**#40 Jackson Rutledge (WAS)** - Second-tallest player in the AFL (6'8") behind Spencer Mraz (TEX/Sagueros, 6'10"). Drafted with the 17th overall pick in the 2019 draft out of San Jacinto College (TX). Played one season at the University of Arkansas in 2018, pitching 15.2 innings with a 3.45 ERA. Pitched 36.1 total innings in 2021 between High-A Wilmington, Low-A Fredericksburg and the Nationals' complex league team, posting a combined 7.68 ERA. Third-ranked Nationals prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

**#55 Eudrys Manon (TEX)** - Pitched 28 innings in 2021 (22.2 with Low-A Down East; 5.1 in the Arizona Complex League). Posted a combined 2.89 ERA with 42 strikeouts and 18 walks. Made his affiliate debut in 2019 in the Dominican Summer League. 50.2 career minor league innings with a 3.38 ERA. Born in San Cristobal, Dominican Republic, a few miles west of Santo Domingo.

**#59 Mitch Ellis (KC)** - Born in Bundoora, Australia. Played three seasons in the Australian Baseball League, one for the Brisbane Bandits and two for the Melbourne Aces, before signing with the Kansas City Royals prior to the 2021 season. Converted position player; 113 career at-bats in the ABL with a .239/.328/.354 slash. Posted a combined 4.83 ERA in 2021 between Low-A Columbia and High-A Quad Cities.

## Glendale

**#16 Nolan Gorman (STL)** - MLB Pipeline's 24th-ranked prospect and the No. 1 prospect in the Cardinals organization. Big league ETA is set for 2022 per MLB Pipeline. .822 career OPS in three seasons as a professional. Played in 76 games for Triple-A Memphis in 2021, posting a .274/.333/.481 slash. 25 total home runs in 480 at-bats in 2021. 19th overall selection in the 2018 draft out of Sandra Day O'Connor High School (AZ). Played on the USA 18U team.

**#44 Nathan Burns (LAA)** - Pitched four seasons at Oregon State, posting a 4.60 ERA in 78.1 combined innings. Drafted in the 19th round of the 2021 draft. Pitched 16.1 total innings in 2021, reaching High-A Tri-City for two frames. Career 0.00 minor league ERA. Allowed one run in his first six innings of Fall League work. Born in

**#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.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: Nelson Velazquez (CHC) went 3-for-4 on Saturday with a first-inning line drive homer to left. His Mesa Solar Sox took down the Surprise Saguaros 12-9; Velazquez collected two RBIs and scored two runs. The outfielder now holds a .392/.494/.743 slash through 18 Fall League games (29-for-74).

2: James Outman (LAD) had a 3-for-4 afternoon for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Saturday, posting two doubles. Glendale took down the Salt River Rafters 11-2 while Outman raised his AFL slash to a .333/.444/.689 through 14 games (15-for-45).

3: Jose Tena (CLE) went 3-for-4 on Saturday with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored. His Scottsdale Scorpions beat the Peoria Javelinas 11-7 while Tena's AFL slash jumped to a .442/.537/.558 (19-for-43). His 1.095 OPS on the fall ranks fourth in the AFL among players with at least 10 games played.

4: Johan Dominguez (CHW) tossed a scoreless three innings for the Desert Dogs on Saturday, posting three strikeouts. He had the longest scoreless appearance of the day; Kody Funderburk (MIN) pitched four innings of two-run baseball for the Scorpions, while Cameron Bishop (CHC) pitched four innings for the Solar Sox and allowed one run.

5: With the best records in their respective divisions, Lance Rymel (CHC, Mesa Solar Sox) and Jair Fernandez (LAD, Glendale Desert Dogs) will manage the Fall Stars Game on Saturday. Rymel's Solar Sox are currently leading the AFL East division by four games, while Fernandez's Desert Dogs are tied with the Surprise Saguaros in the West but own a head-to-head tiebreaker (4-0).

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

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)

*\*Both games televised live on MLB Network*

