



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Saturday, October 16, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division GB

Mesa	2-1	—
Salt River	2-1	—
Scottsdale	1-2	1

West Division GB

Surprise	2-1	—
Glendale	2-1	—
Peoria	0-3	2

Today's Games

SCOTTSDALE @ PEORIA

Scottsdale

LHP Seth Corry (SF)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Peoria

RHP Juan Then (SEA)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

GLENDALE @ SURPRISE

Glendale

RHP Robinson Pina (LAA)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Surprise

RHP James Marinan (CIN)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

MESA @ SALT RIVER

Mesa

RHP Michael Dominguez (TOR)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Salt River

RHP Garrett Hill (DET)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/16

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise			X	X	-	X*
Peoria			X	X	X	-
Glendale			X	X	-	-
Salt River			X	X	-	X
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., 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.

**Surprise BP on Saturday: on TEX Field 5 & 6 at 4:30 p.m.*

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

Fall League Alum of the Day

Cody Bellinger (Glendale Desert Dogs, 2016) broke a 1-1 tie in Game 5 of the 2021 NLDS between the Giants and Dodgers on Thursday, scoring a run on a clutch ninth-inning single into right-center field. His Dodgers went on to win 2-1, advancing to their fifth NLCS appearance in the past six years. Bellinger, an Arizona native, made his big league debut in 2017 just months after posting a Fall League slash of .314/.424/.557. He won MLB Rookie of the Year honors in 2017, the National League MVP award in 2019 and his first World Series championship with the Dodgers in 2020.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Sunday, October 17

No games scheduled (league-wide off day)

Monday, October 18

SCOTTSDALE at SALT RIVER 12:35 p.m. LHP Seth Corry vs TBD

SURPRISE at PEORIA 12:35 p.m. LHP Asa Lacy vs TBD

GLENDALÉ at MESA 6:35 p.m. RHP Angel Macuare vs RHP Conner Loeprich

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#10 Ji-Hwan Bae (PIT) - MLB Pipeline's 22nd-ranked Pirates prospect. Signed with the Atlanta Braves in September 2017 but deal was voided due to Atlanta international signing violations. Signed with Pittsburgh shortly after for a \$1.25 million signing bonus. Played in 83 games for Double-A Altoona in 2021, posting a .278/.359/.413 slash. Played 19 games of winter ball for Geelong-Korea in the Australian Baseball League in 2019-20 prior to the minor league COVID-19 shutdown.

#26 Logan O'Hoppe (PHI) - MLB Pipeline's 11th-ranked Phillies prospect. Drafted in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of St. Johns The Baptist High School (NY). Played in 85 games for High-A Jersey Shore in 2021, posting a .270/.335/.459 slash with 13 home runs. Played winter ball in 2019-20 with the Adelaide Giants of the Australian Baseball League, posting a .258/.389/.483 slash.

#20 William Woods (ATL) - 23rd-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Dyersburg State Community College (TN), the school's second-ever draftee. Pitched only 10 2/3 innings in 2021 after not pitching in 2020 and tossing 51 innings in 2019. Posted a 4.22 ERA in 2021. 60-grade fastball according to MLB Pipeline.

#1 MacKenzie Gore (SD) - Third-overall pick to the Padres in the 2017 draft. Pitched 50 innings in 2021 between four affiliates, 20 of them coming with Triple-A El Paso. Averaged over one strikeout an inning in 2021, posting a 2.18 strikeout-to-walk ratio. Four-pitch mix that plays well up in the zone. Pitched in the 2019 Futures Game in Cleveland.

Salt River

#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.

#31 Mitchell Stumpo (ARI) - Played 36 total games across four affiliates in 2021. Signed with the Diamondbacks as an undrafted free agent in 2019. Posted a 2.63 ERA in 51.1 minor league innings in 2021; worked a 2.59 ERA in 24.1 innings with Double-A Amarillo. Promoted to Triple-A Albuquerque at the end of the 2021 season, tossing six innings and allowing one run. Pitched at Division-III Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

#8 Spencer Torkelson (DET) - MLB Pipeline's No. 4 overall prospect. First overall pick in the 2020 draft out of Arizona State. Played in 40 games for Triple-A Toledo in his first professional season, posting a .238/.350/.531 slash (.881 OPS). Played 50 games with Double-A Erie, posting a .933 OPS. Went 1-2 in the 2021 Futures Game at Coors Field. Named PAC-12 Freshman of the Year in 2018 and spent two summers in the Cape Cod Baseball League with the Chatham Anglers.

#34 Jordan Sheffield (COL) - Rule 5 selection from the Los Angeles Dodgers following the 2020 season. Pitched in the Fall League for the Glendale Desert Dogs in 2019. Pitched 29.1 innings in the big leagues for the Rockies in 2021, slowed by a lat strain that kept him on the injured list for several months. Attended Vanderbilt University, making 22 starts in 38 college appearances. Brother of Mariners pitcher Justus Sheffield. 70-grade curveball according to FanGraphs.

Mesa

#7 Logan Davidson (OAK) - 29th overall selection of the 2019 draft out of Clemson. Started his 2021 fall campaign going 2-for-5 with two doubles. Played exclusively for Double-A Midland during the 2021 season (119 games) posting a .212/.307/.313 slash. Member of the A's 60-man player pool in 2020. 12th-ranked A's prospect according to MLB Pipeline with an estimated big league ETA in 2022.

#16 Ryan Jensen (TOR) - 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.

#10 J.J. Bleday (MIA) - 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. Named to the Marlins' 60-man player pool in 2020 and worked exclusively at the club's alternate site.

#11 Luis Vazquez (CHI) - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2017 draft out of Alberto Melendez Torres High School (Puerto Rico). Played in 34 games in 2021; sidelined early in the season after sustaining an injury sliding into a base. Played winter ball in Puerto Rico in 2019-20 and 2020-21. Has played 140 affiliated minor league games in the past three years.

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Scottsdale

#15 Patrick Bailey (SF) - 13th-overall pick of the 2020 draft out of NC State. Posted a collegiate .296/.466/.685 slash for NC State in 2020 before the COVID-19 shutdown. 55-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played 47 games with Low-A San Jose in 2021 and posted a .322/.415/.531 slash in Low-A. Promoted to High-A Eugene for 33 games and won a High-A West championship. Began the 2021 Fall League going 1-for-3 with a double.

#40 Damon Cassetta-Stubbs (CLE) - Traded from Seattle to Cleveland in July. Played in only 10 games in 2021, nine for the Mariners' Low-A affiliate (Modesto) and one with Cleveland's complex team. Drafted by Seattle in the 11th round of the 2018 draft out of King's Way Christian Schools (WA).. Career 5.78 ERA with 173 strikeouts in 165 minor league innings

#59 Kody Funderburk (MIN) - Mesa, Arizona native. Pitched at both Mesa Community College and Dallas Baptist University before being drafted in the 15th round of the 2018 draft. Pitched 80 innings in 2021 between High-A Cedar Rapids and Double-A Wichita, posting a combined 2.55 ERA and collecting 90 strikeouts. 10.1 K/9 and 3.5 BB/9 in 2021.

#17 Triston Casas (BOS) - 60-grade power and arm according to MLB Pipeline. 26th-overall pick in the 2018 draft out of American Heritage High School (FL). Posted a .279/.394/.484 slash in 308 at-bats in 2021, with 77 of his 86 games played with Double-A Portland. Made his Triple-A debut with Worcester at the end of 2021, posting an .866 OPS in 33 at-bats. Played for the Team USA 18U and 15U teams.

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.

#28 Sam Huff (TEX) - Drafted by the Rangers in the seventh round of the 2016 draft out of Arcadia High School (AZ). Played in 10 games for the Texas Rangers in 2020, posting a .355/.394/.742 slash. Underwent knee surgery in early 2021 following a hamstring strain that kept him out of spring training action. Played in 61 minor league games in 2021 between Triple-A Round Rock, Double-A Frisco and the Rangers' complex league squad.

#13 Austin Wells (NYY) - 28th overall pick of the 2020 draft and the sixth-ranked prospect in the Yankees system per MLB Pipeline. Big league ETA is projected for 2023. Played two seasons at the University of Arizona, posting a 1.035 OPS in 277 career at-bats. Held a .258/.398/.479 slash with Low-A Tampa in 2021, finishing the year with High-A Hudson Valley.

Glendale

#35 Korey Lee (HOU) - 32nd-overall selection in the 2019 draft out of Cal. Played in 88 minor league games in 2021, posting a .277/.340/.438 slash. Played over half of his games in 2021 with Double-A Corpus Christi, collecting 185 at-bats and hitting eight home runs. 65-grade arm according to MLB Pipeline. Played two summers for the La Crosse Loggers in the summer collegiate Northwoods League.

#25 Bobby Miller (LAD) - MLB Pipeline's fourth-ranked Dodgers prospect. Pitched three seasons at the University of Louisville (2018-2020), posting a 3.28 ERA in 170 total innings. Drafted by the Dodgers with the 29th overall pick in the 2020 draft. Tops out at 99 and features both a four-seam and two-seam fastball. Minor league BB/9 of 2.1 is better than his college figure of 3.6.

#12 Jordan Hicks (STL) - Routine triple-digit fastball. Third-round selection by the Cardinals in the 2015 draft. Pitched for the Cardinals in 2018, 2019 and 2021, posting a career 3.64 ERA and 111 strikeouts in 116.1 innings. Did not pitch in 2020 following Tommy John surgery in July 2019. Made 10 appearances with the Cardinals in 2021 before being shut down with right elbow inflammation in May.

#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.

Today's Fall League Five

1: The Scottsdale Scorpions picked up their first win of the season on Friday courtesy of a three-run blast by Curtis Mead (TB) in the top of the seventh inning. Mead hit 15 home runs in 411 at-bats this year, and the Australian has drove in 25% of the Scorpions' runs in this young fall season.

2: Right-hander Bobby Miller (LAD), the 29th-overall pick in the 2020 draft, made his first start in the Fall League on Friday tossing two innings. His only damage in the run column came on a solo homer by Scottsdale's Jeter Downs (BOS), while Miller otherwise faced the minimum in his two frames of work.

3: As a team, the Surprise Saguaros have struck out 43 batters in their first 27 innings of work. The team holds a 14.33 K/9. Reliever Evan Lee (WAS) struck out the side in the fifth inning of Friday's game at Glendale, while starter Jackson Rutledge (WAS) collected five strikeouts of his own in four innings pitched.

4: 15 different players have logged a home run in the Fall League through nine total games. Lars Nootbaar (STL) is the early leader with two, while the Glendale Desert Dogs have six different players that have logged at least one.

5: As of today, there are no unbeaten teams remaining in the 2021 Fall League. Surprise and Glendale were the remaining unbeaten teams at 2-0 but each lost on Friday afternoon.

Important dates to remember:

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

