



## Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Saturday, October 30, 2021

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### AFL Standings

#### East Division

GB

Mesa	7-7	—
Salt River	6-7	0.5
Scottsdale	5-10	2.5

#### West Division

GB

Surprise	11-3	—
Glendale	7-7	4.0
Peoria	6-8	5.0

### Today's Games

#### PEORIA @ MESA

##### Peoria

RHP Hans Crouse (PHI)  
0-1, 6.43 ERA

##### Mesa

RHP Connor Loeprich (BAL)  
0-1, 11.12 ERA

#### SURPRISE @ SCOTTSDALE

##### Surprise

RHP Cole Henry (WAS)  
0-0, 4.50 ERA

##### Scottsdale

RHP Connor Seabold (BOS)  
1-1, 5.79 ERA

#### SALT RIVER @ GLENDALE

##### Salt River

RHP Shumpei Yoshikawa (ARI)  
0-0, 5.87 ERA

##### Glendale

RHP Angel Macuare (HOU)  
1-0, 4.15 ERA

### Batting Practice Schedule - Through 10/30

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

**Buster Posey** (Scottsdale Scorpions, 2009) played in 19 games of Fall League action, posting a .225/.345/.338. He played in his first seven career big league games prior to his AFL action and would go on to win National League Rookie of the Year honors in 2010. He won a World Series championship with the San Francisco Giants in that rookie season, followed by additional championships in 2012 and 2014. Posey is a seven-time All-Star and four-time Silver Slugger, while all 12 of his big league seasons have been spent in a Giants uniform. Posey has collected an even 1,500 hits in 12 seasons as a big leaguer (1,371 career games).

### Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

#### Sunday, October 31

*No games scheduled (league-wide off day)*

#### Monday, November 1

Glendale @ Salt River	12:35 p.m. RHP Johan Dominguez vs. TBD
Peoria @ Mesa	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. LHP Zach King
Scottsdale @ Surprise	12:35 p.m. TBD vs. RHP Zach Haake

## Fall League Player Profile



### Todd Peterson - WAS Surprise Saguaros - P

**Bats:** Right    **Throws:** Right  
**Height:** 6'5"    **Weight:** 230 lb.

**Born:** January 22, 1998 (23)  
**Birthplace:** St. Petersburg, FL  
**Drafted:** 2019 (7th round, WAS)  
**College:** LSU

*\*Pitched in the 2017 College World Series*

**Favorite Halloween candy:**  
Reese's Peanut Butter Cup

**Least favorite Halloween candy:**  
Candy corn

**Favorite restaurant in Arizona since coming to the AFL:**  
Valley Wings or Little Miss BBQ

**Favorite ballpark in the SEC (other than LSU):**  
Hoover Metropolitan Stadium (SEC Tournament host)

**Favorite minor league ballpark he's played in:**  
Maimonides Park (Brooklyn Cyclones)

## AFL Player Notebook

### Peoria

**#17 Anthony Contreras (Manager, SD)** - Manager of the Fort Wayne TinCaps (High-A) from 2016-2021. Played nine seasons of minor league baseball as a utility infielder, peaking at Triple-A for 227 career games. Drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the 9th round of the 2005 draft. Spent six years in the Padres' system as a player before taking on managerial duties.

**#4 Drew Lugbauer (ATL)** - Played three seasons at the University of Michigan before an 11th-round draft selection to Atlanta in 2017. Turned down a 21st-round pick to the Blue Jays in 2014. Played exclusively with Double-A Mississippi in 2021, playing in 86 games and posting a .223/.331/.453 slash. 59 career minor league home runs in 387 games. Started the Fall League going 3-for-11 with a home run.

**#3 Nick Gonzales (PIT)** - Seventh overall selection in the 2020 draft out of New Mexico State. Fourth-ranked Pirates prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Played exclusively with High-A Greensboro in 2021, posting a .302/.385/.565 slash in 369 at-bats. Played in 128 career games at New Mexico State, posting a career .399/.502/.747 collegiate slash.

### Salt River

**#40 Hayden Senger (NYM)** - Drafted in the 24th round of the 2018 draft. Played 61 total games in 2021, 50 of them coming with Double-A Binghamton where he posted at .254/.337/.387 slash. 160 hits in 183 career minor league games. Three home runs and 13 doubles in his 50 career Double-A games. Went 3-for-17 with a double to begin his 2021 AFL campaign.

**#56 Lun Zhao (MIL)** - Born in Beijing, China. Made his minor league debut in 2018 with Brewers rookie-level affiliates, allowing one run in 8.1 innings. Played exclusively with the Brewers' complex league affiliate in 2021, posting a 1.04 ERA in 8.2 total innings. 17 combined innings of minor league experience. Allowed one earned run in his first 3.1 innings of AFL work (two total appearances).

**#26 Shumpei Yoshikawa (ARI)** - Born in Suita, Japan. Made his minor league debut in 2019 at the age of 24, pitching 103.1 innings with High-A Visalia. Played with four Diamondbacks affiliates in 2021, pitching 20.1 of his 21.2 innings this year with High-A Hillsboro. Posted a 8.72 ERA in 2021. 153 career minor league strikeouts in 125 career innings.

### Mesa

**#75 Zach King (MIA)** - 13th-round selection in the 2019 draft out of Vanderbilt. Played in the 2019 College World Series with the Commodores. 94.1 total innings of minor league experience between the Marlins' rookie-level Florida affiliate and High-A Beloit. Pitched exclusively in High-A this year, posting a 5.88 slash in 78 total innings.

**#9 Ramon Rodriguez (BAL)** - Drafted in the 30th round of the 2016 draft out of the Puerto Rico Baseball Academy. Made his professional debut at the age of 17 with the Dodgers' Arizona League affiliate. Played in a total of 54 games in 2021, splitting time between Low-A Delmarva, High-A Aberdeen and Double-A Bowie, posting a combined .253/.304/.384 slash. 166 career minor league hits in 193 games.

**#40 Danis Correa (CHC)** - Made his professional debut in 2017 (17 years old) with the Cubs' Arizona League and Dominican Summer League affiliate. Played 2021 with High-A South Bend and Low-A Myrtle Beach, posting a combined 1.95 ERA in 37 innings of work. 86 minor league strikeouts in 79.2 career innings. Opened his 2021 Fall League campaign with a scoreless 2/3-inning appearance.

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## Scottsdale

**#43 Zach Featherstone (MIN)** - 12th-round pick in the 2016 draft out of Tallahassee Community College (FL). Pitched exclusively with High-A Cedar Rapids in 2021, posting a 2.13 ERA in 55 innings. 73.1 career minor league innings with a 2.58 ERA. Collected 93 strikeouts in 55 innings this year. Did not record a minor league affiliate inning in 2019 or 2020.

**#21 Hunter Bishop (SF)** - Played three seasons at Arizona State before signing as the 10th overall selection in the 2019 draft. Posted a career collegiate slash of .304/.412/.576 with the Sun Devils. Played in 16 minor league games this year, 11 in the Arizona complex league. Went 2-for-3 on Wednesday night against the Salt River Rafters, posting two RBIs. Sixth-ranked Giants prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

**#39 Justin Evans (MIA)** - 19th-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Columbus State University. Pitched a career 22 innings at Columbus State; held a 0.77 ERA in his final collegiate season (11.2 IP). Played for Low-A Jupiter, High-A Beloit and Double-A Pensacola in 2021, posting a combined 6.40 ERA in 45 total innings. Played a collegiate summer with the Eau Claire Express of the Northwoods League in 2017, recording three innings on the mound and 188 at-bats at the plate.

## Surprise

**#47 Tanner Myatt (NYY)** - 11th-round pick in the 2018 draft out of Florence-Darlington Technical College (SC). 77 career minor league innings with a 4.79 ERA. Pitched 18.1 total innings in 2021 between High-A Hudson Valley and Low-A Tampa. One run allowed in his first 2.2 innings of AFL work. 87 strikeouts in 77 career minor league innings.

**#31 Michael Byrne (CIN)** - Drafted in the 14th round of the 2018 draft out of the University of Florida. Played for the Gators in 2016, 2017 and 2018, making a College World Series appearance in all three seasons. Played in 33 games with Double-A Chattanooga in 2021, posting a 3.24 ERA. Made one scoreless appearance in Triple-A Louisville this year. Four innings of scoreless work to being his 2021 AFL campaign.

**#33 Seuly Matias (KC)** - Made his professional debut in 2016 with the Royals' affiliate in the Arizona League and Dominican Summer League. Played 64 games in 2021 between Double-A Northwest Arkansas, High-A Quad Cities and the Royals' complex affiliate, posting a combined .213/.309/.511 slash. 68 career minor league home runs in 325 career games. Three home runs for the AFL Saguaros in his first eight games.

## Glendale

**#39 Brendan Donovan (STL)** - Born in Wurzburg, Germany. Drafted in the 7th round of the 2018 draft out of the University of South Alabama. Recorded 391 at-bats in 2021, posting a combined .304/.399/.455 slash between High-A Peoria, Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis. Started the Fall League going 10-for-28 with five doubles.

**#52 McKinley Moore (CWS)** - 14th-round draft pick out of Arkansas-Little Rock in 2019. Played in 37 games in 2021 between Low-A Kannapolis and High-A Winston-Salem, posting a combined 4.20 ERA in 40.2 total innings. 4.43 career minor league ERA in 63 innings. Allowed two earned runs in his first 3.1 innings of AFL work (three total appearances).

**#18 Jair Fernandez (Manager, LAD)** - Managed the 2021 Columbian National Team in the WBSC Baseball Americas Qualifier, a tournament awarding a bid to the Tokyo Olympics. 10 seasons of professional catching experience, peaking at Triple-A for the Astros, Twins and Mariners organization. Managed the Dodgers' Dominican Summer League affiliate in 2021.

## Today's Fall League Five

1: Lars Nootbaar (STL) hit for the cycle in Friday's matchup between the Glendale Desert Dogs and Scottsdale Scorpions. His ninth-inning home run tied the game and forced it into extra innings. Nootbaar went 4-for-5 out of the Desert Dogs' leadoff spot and now holds a .375 average and 1.390 OPS. He now has five home runs in the AFL season, tied with Jeter Downs (BOS) for the league lead.

2: Andy Weber (CHC) posted four RBIs for the Mesa Solar Sox on Friday, three of them coming on a ninth-inning home run. He went 3-for-4 with a walk and two runs scored, lifting his season OPS to 1.047. Weber held a .273/.442/.424 slash line entering Friday's action; he now holds a .324/.479/.568 line.

3: William Woods (ATL) pitched four scoreless innings for the Peoria Javelinas on Friday, allowing three hits while collecting two strikeouts. He now holds a 3.60 ERA with 10 total innings of Fall League work under his belt. Only seven pitchers in the Fall League have thrown more innings than Woods, and all but two of them (Slade Cecconi, ARI; Owen White, TEX) have posted a higher ERA.

4: The Surprise Saguaros won on Friday, furthering their league-best 11-3 record. They are now four games ahead of the next best record in the AFL, and they currently hold the league's best batting average (.280), OPS (.867) and WHIP (1.48) .

5: With day games in Mesa and Scottsdale and a night game in Glendale, it will take a 29 or 28-mile drive to watch two Fall League games today.

### Important dates to remember:

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

