

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	6-2-1	-	L1
Salt River Rafters	6-3	0.5	L1
Surprise Saguaros	5-3	1.0	W2
Peoria Javelinas	4-5	2.5	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	3-4-1	2.5	W2
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-8	5.5	L5

Wednesday's Top Performers

IKE IRISH (PEO/MLB No. 95/BAL No. 5/1B) went leads the AFL with 12 hits and is on a four-game hitting streak after going 1-for-3 with a walk, two RBIs and a stolen base.

ANGEIBEL GOMEZ (SUR/MLB No. 76/KC No. 2/RF) scored a run after hitting a triple in the sixth, his first extra-base hit of the fall. He has a hit in 4 of 5 games.

RYAN DROMBOSKI (SUR/PHI/RHP) allowed one hit and three walks while striking out three over 3.0 scoreless innings. The right-hander has yet to allow a run through 6.1 innings this fall.

TYRESSE TURNER (SUR/CLE/CF) went 2-for-3 with a walk and an RBI triple in the sixth inning. He also stole three bases, bringing his season total to five.

LUKE HILL (SUR/CLE No. 15/DH) finished 2-for-5, including a go-ahead RBI single in the bottom of the eighth. Hill has now driven in a run in three consecutive games.

AROON ESCOBER (SUR/PHI/2B) hit a game-tying two-run triple in the bottom of the eighth inning and finished 1-for-2 with two walks and three RBIs.

ARJUN NIMMALA (MSS/MLB No. 35/LAA No. 1/SS) went 2-for-3 with a stolen base and two runs scored.

KEVIN BAZZELL (SRR/WSH/C) went 2-for-2 and launched a two-run home run (426 feet, 104.7 mph), his first of the fall.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

The AFL features 15 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, the most prospects in the AFL since the league had 16 in both 2021 & 2022. Both the Dodgers and Tigers lead the league with two Top 100 prospects.

8. Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
15. Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
26. Zyhir Hope - OF, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
27. Caleb Bonemer - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
34. Arjun Nimmala - SS, Mesa Solar Sox (LAA)
44. Bryce Rainer - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
58. Tate Southisene - SS, Glendale Desert Dogs (ATL)
59. Aidan Miller - SS, Surprise Saguaros (PHI)
63. Nathan Flewelling - C, Scottsdale Scorpions (TB)
66. Jarlin Susana - RHP, Salt River Rafters (WSH)
76. Angeibel Gomez - OF, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
78. Dax Kilby - SS, Salt River Rafters (NYY)
79. Charles Davalan - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
84. Demetrio Crisantes - 2B, Salt River Rafters (ARI)
95. Ike Irish - OF, Peoria Javelinas (BAL)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League returns for its 34th playing season, welcoming hundreds of top Minor League prospects, the Arizona Fall League serves as the "finishing school" for players to reach the Major League level.

Starting Pitchers

Surprise @ Glendale: LHP Justin Lamkin (KC No. 8) returns to the hill for his second start. In his last start on Oct. 6, he tossed 3.0 innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on four hits, earning the loss at Salt River. The 71st-overall pick in 2025 out of Texas A&M this spring was named to the All-Spring Breakout First Team after striking out six in 3.0 scoreless innings. Lamkin made eight starts across two levels to begin the season before going on the Injured List on May 27 and not returning.

LHP Emmett Olson (MIA) counters for the Desert Dogs. In 2026, he posted a 31.8% strikeout rate and a 12.60 K/9 ratio across seven starts coming back from Tommy John Surgery. The 24-year-old is a 2023 fourth-round pick out of Nebraska.

Mesa @ Salt River: In his first appearance on Oct. 4, LHP Tucker Novotny (ATH) pitched 3.0 scoreless innings in relief, allowing one hit and striking out four. The 18th-round pick out of Minnesota made 31 appearances in High-A Lansing in 2026. In his final 33.2 innings (six appearances) of the season, Novotny posted a 1.87 ERA and a 0.95 WHIP and fanned 40 batters. In his final appearance, he spun 5.0 scoreless frames with six strikeouts.

Salt River sends **RHP Jarlin Susana (MLB No. 65/WSH No. 3)** to the mound for his third start of the fall. Fresh off being named NFP Arizona Fall League Pitcher of the Week, he opened the AFL season with the fastest recorded pitch in league history at 103.4 MPH, before topping that mark with 103.8 MPH. In two starts, he ranked second in strikeouts (8), while holding opponents to a .150 batting average against in 5.2 innings.

Scottsdale @ Peoria: RHP Joey Dixon (HOU) tossed two scoreless innings with two strikeouts in his AFL debut on Oct. 8. He spent all of 2024 and 2025 on the injured list, not making an appearance for 998 days until his 2026 debut on May 2. In two starts at Single-A Fayetteville, Dixon struck out 14 of the 24 batters he faced (58.3%).

The Javelinas will send **RHP Tekoah Roby (STL No. 14)** to the hill. In 456 days since his last appearance, Roby spun three hitless innings, striking out six of 10 batters faced on Oct. 9 vs. Surprise. He generated a 45.5% whiff rate, tying Tucker Novotny for the highest mark of the AFL's opening week. He tallied 30 strikes on 40 pitches in his return to the AFL after pitching for Scottsdale in 2023.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, October 15

Surprise @ Glendale	1:30	LHP Justin Lamkin vs. LHP Emmett Olson
Mesa @ Salt River	6:30	LHP Tucker Novotny vs. RHP Jarlin Susana
Scottsdale @ Peoria	6:30	RHP Joey Dixon vs. RHP Tekoah Roby

Friday, October 16

Peoria @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Patrick Rielly vs. RHP JT Etheridge
Mesa @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Peyton Olejnik vs. RHP Aidan Major
Glendale @ Scottsdale	6:30	LHP Briqqs McKenzie vs. RHP Maddox Long

Saturday, October 17 - Goodyear Tripleheader

Salt River vs. Mesa	12:30	RHP Patrick Forbes vs. RHP Kyle Robinson
Scottsdale vs. Peoria	3:30	RHP Peyton Niksch vs. RHP Kannon Kemp
Surprise vs. Glendale	6:30	RHP Peyton Prescott vs. LHP Luke Fox

Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

The Arizona Fall League is set to have three mandatory batting practice and I/O days on Oct. 8, 15, and 19. Other days are at the discretion of the coaching staffs. The schedule for those days is below:

1:30 - Home I/O: 9:45 a.m., Home BP: 10:10 a.m., Visitor BP: 11:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 12:35 p.m.
6:30 - Home I/O: 2:45 p.m., Home BP: 3:10 p.m., Visitor BP: 4:25 p.m., Visitor I/O: 5:35 p.m.