ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

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Final AFL Standings	W-L	GB	Streak
Surprise Saguaros	18-10	-	W4
Peoria Javelinas	17-11	1.0	L1
Salt River Rafters	14-15	4.5	W1
Scottsdale Scorpions	13-15-1	5.0	L2
Mesa Solar Sox	11-15-2	6.0	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	10-17-1	7.5	W1

The Stars of Tomorrow, Today

TOP DAWGS: The AFL features 15 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 8 Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers). It is 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.

TOP PROSPECTS: AFL rosters combine 80 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Los Angeles Dodgers lead all systems with five.

FUTURES GAME: A total of five players in the AFL represented their organizations in the 2026 MLB All-Star Futures Game presented by Nike: Eduardo Quintero (Dodgers), Caleb Bonemer (White Sox), Nathan Flewelling (Rays), Ike Irish (Orioles), and Dakota Jordan (Giants).

FALL STARS: Thirty-two percent of all players named to the 2026 MLB All-Star Game in Philadelphia were alum (25 of 77), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

THE BEST ROOKS AROUND: In 2025, Catcher **Drake Baldwin** (ATL/SRR) and first baseman **Nick Kurtz** (ATH/MSS) became the 37th and 38th Fall League alumni to win Rookie of the Year. It was the 9th time that both the NL and AL Rookies of the Year are AFL alums.

It was the 3rd time in AFL history that the National League and American League Rookies of the Year played in the AFL the year before, and the first since 2012 with Mike Trout and Bryce Harper.

STATE 48: Nine players on 2026 AFL rosters have ties to Arizona. Pitchers Ross Dunn (Salt River; MIN) and Josh Hansell (Surprise; KC) are Arizona State graduates, with Brendan Summerhill (Scottsdale; TB) and Mason White (Mesa; BOS) going to Arizona, and Mathias Lacombe (Glenale; CWS) going to Cochise CC. Grant Richardson (Mesa; ATH) is a Horizon High School and Grand Canyon University alum with left-handed pitcher Calvin Schapira (Peoria; SEA) going to Pinnacle High School and Central Arizona. Cade McGee (Peoria; STL) and Demetrio Crisantes (Salt River; ARI) are both Tucson natives.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects (15)

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)

*No longer on Arizona Fall League rosters

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League Semifinals are today at Peoria Sports Complex, the Spring Training Home of the San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners. In the second-edition of the playoff format, the Peoria Javelinas and Surprise Saguaros earned byes after earning the top two seeds. If either the Javelinas or Saguaros win, this will be the 17th-consecutive season that one of the two teams will be playing for an AFL title.

Yordan Alvarez - MVP

Houston Astros Designated Hitter and 2017 Mesa Solar Sox **Yordan Alvarez** was named the American League Most Valuable Player of Thursday. Alvarez is the first Fall League alumni to be named MVP since Ronald Acuña Jr. in 2023. Since the AFL began in 1992, 24 former players have gone to win MVP, totalling 31 awards.

Semifinals Starting Pitchers

Glendale vs. Surprise: RHP Brooks Auger (LAD No. 28) draws the semifinal start for the Desert Dogs. In his last start on Nov. 3, he surrendered a run on two hits. In 2026, he registered a 33.5% strikeout rate. Across 59.2 innings pitched, he punched out 85 hitters in 17 starts. Through his first three starts in the AFL, he's posted a 32.1% strikeout rate over 6.2 innings.

The Saguaros will send **RHP Peyton Prescott (NYM)** to the mound for his final start of the fall. In his last start, he earned his third victory of the season after striking out a pair in 2.0 innings of work. In six fall starts, he's registered a 3-1 record, with 10 strikeouts and a 1.80 WHIP. Before his AFL debut on Oct. 3, he had only pitched one inning in professional baseball. It was his first appearance in 453 days. Before being drafted in the 5th round (163) in 2025 out of Florida State, he underwent Tommy John Surgery. Across his brief Single-A appearance and his AFL starts (10.2 combined professional innings), Prescott has yet to surrender a home run as a professional.

Salt River vs. Peoria: The Rafters will turn to **RHP R.J. Sales (WSH).** In his last start, he suffered the loss after he surrendered six runs on seven hits across 3.0 innings pitched. The Nationals acquired the right-hander in a trade that sent All-Star closer Kyle Finnegan to the Detroit Tigers on July 31, 2025. Between two minor league levels in 2026, he held opposing hitters to a .217 batting average. Across both his MiLB regular season (13.2 IP) and his AFL stint (14.2 IP), Sales has not surrendered a single home run in 28.1 total innings pitched. Prior to his AFL selection, over 6.2 innings with High-A Wilmington, he posted a 1.35 ERA and a 0.60 WHIP, striking out 39.1% of the batters he faced and generating an 81.8% groundball rate.

RHP Patrick Reilly (BAL) is named the playoff starter for the Javelinas. Reilly was named AFL NFP Week Two Pitcher of the Week after he notched seven strikeouts in four scoreless frames on Oct. 16. The Orioles prospect currently ranks tied for second in strikeouts (25), tied for seventh in wins (2), fourth in ERA (2.87), and 10th in batting average against (.213). Reilly carries a 2-0 record with a 2.87 ERA, a 1.28 WHIP in 15.2 innings. He started for the American League Fall Stars on Nov. 8; Reilly walked the bases loaded to open the first inning before bearing down. He induced a sacrifice fly for the lone run and struck out two batters—including fanning AFL home run leader Jack O'Dowd.

Team by Team Championships

Javelinas: 7 Titles
Rafters: 6 Titles
Solar Sox: 6 Titles
Desert Dogs: 6 Titles
Saguaros: 5 Titles
Scorpions: 3 Titles

Postseason Scores

Quarterfinals:

Game 1: #6 Glendale 17, #3 Scottsdale 5
- Scottsdale Pitching Held No-Hitter into 6th Inning
- Glendale Scores 17 Runs in Final Four Innings

Game 2: #4 Salt River 5, #5 Mesa 2
- Jarlin Susana truck out 5 in 2.2 scoreless innings, topping at 102.3
- Two-Run Single by Kyle DeBarge gives Rafters Lead for Good

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Friday, November 13 - Semifinals (Peoria Sports Complex)

#6 Glendale vs. #2 Surprise	1:30	RHP Brooks Auger vs. RHP Peyton Prescott
#4 Salt River vs. #1 Peoria	6:30	RHP RJ Sales vs. RHP Patrick Reilly

Saturday, November 14 - Championship (Peoria Sports Complex)

6:00 PM at Peoria Sports Complex: TBD vs. TBD

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2026 AFL SEMIFINALS - CONTINUED

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Award Season

MLB AWARDS: Eight AFL alumni were finalists for 2026 MLB Awards. The AL Rookie of the Year, Kevin McGonigle became the 39th Rookie of the Year Winner to have formerly have played in the AFL in 34 seasons of the league.

NL Reliever of the Year: Mason Miller (2022)
AL Hank Aaron & MVP: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Comeback POTY: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
Most Outstanding DH: Yordan Alvarez (2017)
AL Manager of the Year: Will Venable (2007)
AL Rookie of the Year: Kevin McGonigle (2025)

Finalists:
AL Reliever of the Year: Cade Smith (2022)
AL Manager of the Year: Kevin Cash (2002)
AL Manager of the Year: Chad Tracy (2008)
NL Manager of the Year: Don Mattingly (2010)

SILVER SLUGGERS: Of the 50 MLB Silver Slugger nominations, 22 (44%)are players who previously played in the Arizona Fall League. A total of 105 former Arizona Fall League alumni have won a Silver Slugger Award.

GOLD GLOVERS: 10 of 20 MLB Rawlings Gold Glove Award Winners (50%) are Arizona Fall League Alumni.

National League:
C Gabriel Moreno, ARI (MSS, 2021)
1B Matt Olson, ATL (MSS, 2014)
SS Geraldo Perdomo, ARI (SRR, 2019)
UTL Mauricio Dubon, ATL (SUR, 2016)

American League:
C Dillion Dingler, DET (SRR, 2022)
2B Cole Young, SEA (PEO, 2024)
3B Caleb Durbin, BOS (MSS, 2023/SRR, 2024)
LF Cody Bellinger, NYY (GLE, 2016)
RF Wilyer Abreu, BOS (SCO, 2022)
UTL Ezequiel Duran, TEX (SUR, 2021)

Of the 9 MiLB Gold Glove Winners, Cade Smith (MSS, 2025) Carson Roccaforte (SUR, 2025), and Max Anderson (SCO, 2025) are AFL Alumni.

All-MLB x AFL

First Team:
1B, Pete Alonso (BAL)
C, Gabriel Moreno (ARI)
DH, Yordan Alvarez (HOU)
Closer, Mason Miller (SD)

Second Team:
1B, Willson Contreras (BOS)
2B, Brandom Lowe (PIT)
OF, Jordan Walker (STL)
Closer, Cade Smith (CLE)

AFL Championship Game History

The Surprise Saguaros have reached the AFL Championship Game for six straight seasons and nine times out of the last 12 seasons. After dropping back-to-back title games, they won back-to-back championships in 2022 and 2023. The streak is the second longest in AFL History after the Desert Dogs made it seven straight years from 2003 to 2009.

2025: Surprise Saguaros (9-4) over Peoria Javelinas
2024: Salt River Rafters (3-2) over Surprise Saguaros
2023: Surprise Saguaros (6-5) over Peoria Javelinas
2022: Surprise Saguaros (7-6, F11) over Glendale Desert Dogs
2021: Mesa Solar Sox (6-0) over Surprise Saguaros
2019: Salt River Rafters (5-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2018: Peoria Javelinas (3-2, F10) over Salt River Rafters
2017: Peoria Javelinas (8-2) over Mesa Solar Sox
2016: Mesa Solar Sox (6-1) over Surprise Saguaros
2015: Scottsdale Scorpions (6-4) over Surprise Saguaros
2014: Salt River Rafters (14-7) over Peoria Javelinas
2013: Surprise Saguaros (2-0) over Mesa Solar Sox
2012: Peoria Javelinas (4-3) over Salt River Rafters
2011: Salt River Rafters (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros
2010: Scottsdale Scorpions (3-2) over Peoria Javelinas
2009: Peoria Javelinas (5-4) over Phoenix Desert Dogs
2008: Phoenix Desert Dogs (10-4) over Mesa Solar Sox
2007: Phoenix Desert Dogs (7-2) over Surprise Rafters
2006: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Grand Canyon Rafters
2005: Phoenix Desert Dogs (9-3) over Surprise Saguaros (9-3)
2004: Phoenix Desert Dogs (6-2) over Scottsdale Scorpions (6-2)
2003: Mesa Solar Sox (7-2) over Mesa Desert Dogs
2002: Peoria Javelinas (7-1) over Scottsdale Scorpions
2001: Phoenix Desert Dogs (12-8) over Grand Canyon Rafters

Home Run Derby Recap

On Saturday night, Toronto Blue Jays prospect **Aaron Parker** surged from a late-added No. 7 seed to win the 2026 Arizona Fall League Home Run Derby at Salt River Fields.

Parker hit 19 home runs, finishing with a 477-foot blast (112.7 mph EV) to defeat Tai Peete (STL/PEO) 2-1 in the final round.

Alex McCoy, 6'6, 277-pound Padres slugger launched an event-best 503-foot home run. The Colorado Rockies (SRR) slugger, Jack O'Dowd, led all hitters with 10 preliminary round home runs.

The eight-player field combined for 142 total home runs during the event.

Fall League Alumni

FALL LEAGUE TO FALL CLASSIC: In the 2026 World Series Presented by Capital One, 14 of 52 players (27%), Rays Manager Kevin Cash, and 11 other coaches were Arizona Fall League alumni.

RING HIM UP: In the 2026 World Series Presented by Capital One, all 9 Umpires and Replay Officials are alumni of the Arizona Fall League.

NLCS MVP: Brewers first baseman **Jake Bauers** was named the 2026 National League Championship Series MVP. In 2015, he played for the Mesa Solar Sox, hitting five extra-base hits with eight RBIs in 18 games.

DEBUTS: 92 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2026 including 19 of which from the 2025 AFL season.

2025 AFL: In 2026, 25 players from the 2025 AFL season spent time in the Major Leagues, including 2025 MVP Kevin McGonigle, who had the highest WAR by a 21-and-under rookie since Mike Trout (2010 AFL alum) in 2012.

Key Performers - Game 1

WELBYN FRANCISCA (SUR/CLE No. 19) led the AFL in AVG, Hits, RBI, slugging percentage, OPS, and total bases. In Francisca's first fall league game, he reached base six times, going 5-for-5 with a double, a home run, 3 RBIs, a walk, and 3 runs scored, later winning Week 1 Player of the Week.

SEBASTIAN WALCOTT (SUR/MLB No. 8/TEX No. 1) slashed .303/.351/.455 with an .806 OPS, 7 doubles, a home run, 21 RBI, 6 walks, and 10 stolen bases in his second season in the AFL.

PAXTON KLING (SUR/TEX No. 20) batted .355 (22-for-62) with 3 doubles, a triple, 13 RBI, 14 walks, and 14 stolen bases. On Oct.5, when he finished the day 4-for-5 with a double, a triple, and 5 RBI against Glendale.

ZION ROSE (SUR/KC No. 6) hit .322/.494/.508 with a 1.008 OPS. The sixth overall pick in the 2026 MLB Draft secured a double, 2 triples, 2 home runs, 16 RBI, 17 walks, and 14 SB.

SS TATE SOUTHISENE (MLB No. 58/ATL No.3) is slashing .345/.500/.418 over 17 regular season games this fall. Southisene has seven multi-hit performances.

OF DILLON LEWIS (MIA No. 11) has 19 hits, 6 doubles, a home run, and 14 RBI in 19 games.

Key Performers - Game 2

TAI PEETE (PEO/STL No. 17) ended second in the AFL with five triples. He also ranked tied for first in stolen bases (20), second in hits (27), runs scored (24), total bases (51), extra-base hits (13), and slugging percentage (.662), while ranking fourth in average (.351) and OPS (1.103), and 10th in home runs (3), doubles (5), walks (17), and RBI (17).

IKE IRISH (PEO/BAL No./MLB No. 95) slashed .328/.946/.506 with two home runs, and ranks top 10 in AVG (.328).

YERLIN CONFIDAN (PEO/CIN) slashed .309/.924/.559 with two home runs. Is ranked top 10 in doubles (5) and triples (3).

ALEX MCCOY (PEO/SD No.26) is top 10 in home runs (5), doubles (6), RBI (19), SLG (.578) and stolen bases (12). He slashed .250/.950/.578.

OF JARED THOMAS (SRR/COL No. 10), in his second season in the AFL, leads the league in triples (6), is second in RBI (25), and fourth in hits (26) and fifth in total bases (47). Across two seasons, he is a .302 hitter in the AFL with 37 RBI in 42 games.

C JACK O'DOWD (SRR/COL) leads the league in doubles (8), tied for the lead in the Fall League in home runs (6), tied for third in RBI (21), top 10 in OPS (1.013) and SLG (.641).

INF KYLE DEBARGE (SRR/MIN) leads the AFL in runs (28), is second in OPS (1.133), is tied for second in home runs (5), and is top 10 in seven offensive categories: AVG (.343), RBI (18), hits (26), triples (2), walks (18), OBP (.480), and SLG (.653). In the Quarterfinals, he went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI.

TEO BANKS (SRR/WSH) slashed .342/.570/.989 and ranks top 10 in AVG (.342), home runs (4), RBI (17), and hits (27).