



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Friday, October 29, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division

GB

Mesa	7-6	—
Salt River	6-6	0.5
Scottsdale	4-10	3.5

West Division

GB

Surprise	10-3	—
Glendale	7-6	3.0
Peoria	5-8	5.0

Today's Games

GLENDALE @ SCOTTSDALE

Glendale

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

Scottsdale

LHP Seth Corry (SF)
0-0, 3.38 ERA

SALT RIVER @ PEORIA

Salt River

RHP Slade Cecconi (ARI)
1-0, 4.00 ERA

Peoria

RHP William Woods (ATL)
0-0, 6.00 ERA

SURPRISE @ MESA

Surprise

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

Mesa

RHP Michael Dominguez (TOR)
0-1, 9.00 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	-	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., 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.

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

Fall League Alum of the Day

Brian Wilson (Mesa Solar Sox, 2005) pitched 17 2/3 innings of Arizona Fall League work before cementing himself as one of MLB's most identifiable closers of the 21st century. Wilson posted a career 3.30 ERA in 382 innings of big league work, recording 172 saves. He pitched in 17 career MLB postseason games and did not allow a run in 18 total innings, helping his San Francisco Giants win the World Series in 2010 through 11 2/3 postseason frames. Wilson was a 24th-round selection out of LSU in 2013 and worked his way up to Triple-A in his second season as a professional. Wilson made his MLB debut an April 2006, just months after his work in the Arizona Fall League.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Saturday, October 30

Peoria @ Mesa	12:35 p.m.	RHP Hans Crouse vs. RHP Connor Loeprich
Surprise @ Scottsdale	12:35 p.m.	RHP Cole Henry vs. RHP Connor Seabold
Salt River @ Glendale	6:35 p.m.	RHP Shumpei Yoshikawa vs. RHP Angel Macuare

Sunday, October 31

No games scheduled (league-wide off day)

Fall League Player Profile



Jonah Bride - OAK

Mesa Solar Sox - C

Bats: Right **Throws:** Right
Height: 5'10" **Weight:** 200 lb.

Born: December 27, 1995 (25)
Birthplace: Owasso, OK
Drafted: 2018 (23rd round, OAK)
College: South Carolina,
Junior College: Neosho County CC

Favorite Halloween candy:
Reese's

Least favorite Halloween candy:
Sour Punch Straws

Favorite restaurant in Arizona since coming to the Fall League:
Culinary Dropout

Celebrity Crush:
Addison Rae



AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#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. Played in two summer seasons with the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod Baseball League, batting a combined .340/.439/.610 slash in 159 at-bats.

#18 Devin Sweet (SEA) - Signed with the Mariners as an undrafted free agent in 2018. Played four seasons at North Carolina Central, posting a combined 4.23 ERA in 226.1 combined innings. Played exclusively with Double-A Arkansas in 2021, posting a 4.74 ERA in 79.2 innings. Played for six different Mariners affiliates since 2018.

Salt River

#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.

#20 Willie MacIver (COL) - Played in the 2021 Futures Game at Coors Field. Born in Pleasant Hill, California. Played three seasons at the University of Washington before being drafted in the ninth round of the 2018 draft. Played with High-A Spokane, Double-A Hartford and Triple-A Albuquerque in 2021, recording 364 combined at-bats.

AFL Player Notebook

Mesa

#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.

#44 Cre Finfrock (TOR) - 29th-round draftee in 2018 out of Central Florida, where he played three collegiate seasons. Turned down a 26th-round selection in 2014 (Milwaukee) out of high school. Pitched 3.2 innings in 2021 with five total appearances. Made his Double-A debut in 2021. Opened the 2021 Fall League with one run allowed in his first three appearances (4.1 innings).

Scottsdale

#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.

#38 Carlos Garcia (TB) - Debuted in the Tampa Bay Rays organization in 2018, pitching 33.1 innings in the Dominican Summer League. Pitched exclusively with Double-A Bowling Green in 2021, posting a 4.32 ERA in 66 total innings. Played winter ball for the Perth Heat of the Australian Baseball League in 2019-20, posting a 1.72 ERA in 15.2 total innings. Opened the 2021 Fall League with 4.1 scoreless innings.

Surprise

#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.

#12 Cole Henry (WAS) - Second-round draft selection to the Nationals in 2021 out of LSU. Pitched two seasons with the Tigers after turning down a 38th-round selection by Detroit in 2018. Pitched 43 innings for High-A Wilmington in 2021, posting a 1.88 ERA. Seventh-ranked Washington prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Allowed one earned run in his first five innings of Fall League work.

Glendale

#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.

#48 Carson Taylor (LAD) - Fourth-round selection in the 2020 draft out of Virginia Tech. Played two seasons in the ACC, posting a .332/.436/.495 slash in 53 career games. Played exclusively with High-A Great Lakes in 2021, posting a .278/.371/.433 slash in 29 games. Opened the 2021 Fall League going 2-for-9 with a home run.

Today's Fall League Five

1: Thursday's Arizona Fall League slate featured two walk-off hits. The Surprise Saguaros took down the Salt River Rafters on a walk-off RBI single by Seuly Matias (KC), while the Peoria Javelinas' Jose Caballero (SEA) posted a two-RBI walk-off single to beat the Glendale Desert Dogs 7-6.

2: Premier pitching prospects Bobby Miller (LAD) and MacKenzie Gore (SD) went toe-to-toe on Thursday afternoon. Gore tossed five innings, allowing three earned runs on seven hits. Miller pitched three innings, allowing one run on two hits. Each averaged one strikeout per inning, while Gore's Javelina's bested Miller's Desert Dogs 7-6.

3: In 10 AFL games this week, there have been a combined 26 home runs. Six different players have hit two home runs this week: J.J. Bleday (MIA), Elijah Dunham (NYY), Kameron Misner (MIA), Nelson Velazquez (CHC), Matt Wallner (MIN) and Juan Yopez (STL). The full season leader is Jeter Downs (BOS) with five.

4: The Surprise Saguaros furthered their AFL-best record (now 10-3) with an 8-7 victory over the Salt River Rafters on Thursday. The Surprise pitching staff struck out a combined 17 opponents; they have recorded 42 punchouts in four combined games this week.

5: Including today, 10 of the next 15 games on the Fall League schedule will be hosted in East division ballparks. The Mesa Solar Sox are in game three of a six-game stretch of consecutive home games, while they have two scheduled road games through November 7. The Surprise Saguaros will be on the road for six of their next seven.

Important dates to remember:

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

