



ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025



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AFL Standings

Peoria Javelinas	1-0	-	W1
Glendale Desert Dogs	0-0	0.5	N/A
Salt River Rafter	0-0	0.5	N/A
Surprise Saguaros	0-0	0.5	N/A
Mesa Solar Sox	0-0	0.5	N/A
Scottsdale Scorpions	0-1	1.0	L1

#10Things (Twitter-Friendly Notes)

1. The AFL features 11 MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects, led by No. 2 Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers). The Cincinnati Reds lead the league sending three Top 100 prospects, while the Chicago White Sox sent two.

2. Two of the AFL's Top 100 prospects are pitchers. No. 80 Rhett Lowder (RHP/Peoria/Reds) has not had his first start announced, while No. 88 Hagen Smith (LHP/Glendale/White Sox) will make his Fall League debut on Wednesday.

3. Walker Janek (C/Astros) drove in the first AFL RBI of 2025 on an RBI double in the first before completing a 3-for-4 evening. Janek had eight 3-plus hit performances in High-A Asheville.

4. There are four organizational No. 1 prospects on AFL rosters, including Kevin McGonigle (SS/Scottsdale/Tigers), Sebastian Walcott (SS/Surprise/Rangers), Josue De Paula (OF/Glendale/Dodgers), and Braden Montgomery (OF/Glendale/White Sox).

5. AFL rosters combine 91 of MLB Pipeline's organizational Top 30 prospects. The Rangers lead all systems with seven.

6. Forty-one percent of all players named to the 2025 MLB All-Star Game in Atlanta were alums (33 of 80), including 10 out of 20 players in the starting lineups (starting pitchers and DH included).

7. Arizona alum Austin Smith (RHP/Salt River/Rockies) and Arizona State alum Joe Lampe (OF/Surprise/Guardians) are the two local college products.

8. Two college teammates are reuniting with the Solar Sox, as Ryan Lasko and Joshua Kuroda-Grauer, the only two Rutgers University alumni in the league and Oakland Athletics prospects, will play for Mesa.

9. Justin Chambers (LHP/Glendale/Dodgers), and Nathan Peterson (LHP/Surprise/Brewers) are two Valley natives, with Chambers being a Basha High School alum.

10. Ten players on Arizona Fall League rosters represented their organizations in the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in July.

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects

- Kevin McGonigle - SS, Scottsdale Scorpions (DET)
- Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
- Josue De Paula - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
- Braden Montgomery - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Charlie Condon - 1B/LF, Salt River Rafter (COL)
- Blake Mitchell - C, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
- Alfredo Duno - C, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- Jonny Farnelo - OF, Peoria Javelinas (SEA)
- Rhett Lowder - RHP, Peoria Javelinas (CIN)
- Hagen Smith - LHP, Glendale Desert Dogs (CWS)
- Cam Collier - 1B/3B Peoria Javelinas (CIN)

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Today's Headlines

The Arizona Fall League kicked off its 33rd playing season last night as Peoria took down Scottsdale on the road, 4-3. The No. 25 Twins prospect Hendry Mendez launched the first AFL home run while No. 94 overall prospect and Reds No. 6 prospect Cam Collier drove in a pair on an RBI single in the third.

Glendale @ Salt River - Salt River is coming off their third Arizona Fall League Championship in the last 10 seasons, the most of any team.

No. 9 Red Sox prospect Luis Peralas makes his Fall League debut. Recovering from Tommy John Surgery, the 22-year-old made three appearances in 2025. He's opposite RHP Alex Amalfi (Toronto), who made 34 appearances, 11 out of the bullpen. He moved fully to a starter for his final eight appearances with New Hampshire (AA).

Surprise @ Mesa - Guardians No. 29 prospect Daniel Espino made his first professional appearance in 1,250 days on Sept. 20 and will make his AFL debut today for the Saguaros. He toes the slab against No. 5 Yankees prospect RHP Bryce Cunningham, who had a 2.82 ERA in 54.1 innings with Hudson Valley (A+).

No. 6 overall prospect Sebastian Walcott is one of only two 19-year-olds to qualify for the batting title in Double-A, as he ended top 10 in the Texas League in five categories.

Max Muncy (3B/Mesa/Athletics) returns to the AFL. The 2021 first-round pick made Fall Star Game honors in 2023 with the Solar Sox.

Coaching Staffs - The AFL's six coaching staffs are managed by the following individuals, all but one with previous managerial experience at the professional or college levels: Eric Duncan (Glendale; Toronto Blue Jays), Aaron Leanhardt (Mesa; Miami Marlins), Julio Morillo (Peoria; Cincinnati Reds), Eric Patterson (Salt River; Pittsburgh Pirates), René Rivera (Scottsdale; Detroit Tigers), and Jesus Azuaje (Surprise; Kansas City Royals).

Duncan and Patterson return to the AFL after playing in the league. Duncan earned Fall-Star and Joe Black MVP honors in 2005 for the Grand Canyon Rafter after hitting .362. Patterson appeared in the AFL in 2006 for the Mesa Solar Sox and hit .345 through 28 games.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Tuesday, October 7

Glendale @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Alex Amalfi vs. RHP Luis Peralas
Surprise @ Mesa	6:30	RHP Daniel Espino vs. Bryce Cunningham

Wednesday, October 8

Peoria @ Mesa	1:30	LHP Luis De Leon vs. RHP Koen Moreno
Glendale @ Surprise	6:30	LHP Hagen Smith vs. RHP Logan Martin
Salt River @ Scottsdale	6:30	LHP Jojo Ingrassia vs. LHP Pablo Aldonis

Thursday, October 9

Surprise @ Peoria	1:30	RHP Eiberson Castellano vs. RHP Jonathan Harmon
Mesa @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Corey Avant vs. RHP David Hagaman
Scottsdale @ Glendale	6:30	RHP Ryan Murphy vs. RHP Chen-Wei Lin

Weekly Batting Practice & Infield/Outfield

Wednesdays are the current mandatory batting practice and I/O days. The schedule 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.