

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Salt River Rafters	3-1	-	W1
Surprise Saguaros	3-1	-	L1
Scottsdale Scorpions	2-1-1	0.5	W1
Mesa Solar Sox	1-2-1	1.5	L1
Glendale Desert Dogs	1-3	2.0	W1
Peoria Javelinas	1-3	1.5	L3

Wednesday's Top Performers

TAI PEETE (PEO/STL No. 17/OF) went 3-for-5 with two runs scored, three stolen bases and an RBI.

NATHAN FLEWELLING (SCO/TB No. 4/MLB No. 63/C) went 2-for-4, boosting his average to .462 (6-for-13).

ZYHIR HOPE (SCO/DET No. 1/MLB 26/OF) went 2-for-3 with a walk.

LOGAN BERRIER (SCO/DET/RHP) collected the win, going 1.2 innings, giving up one hit, and a walk while striking out three.

JOSEPH KING (PEO/STL/RHP) went 1.1 innings, striking out three of five batters faced.

Tucson Ties

DEMETRIO CRISANTES (SRR/ARI No. 2): Born in Tucson before going to Nogales High School

CADE MCGEE (PEO/STL): A Tucson native, going to Salpointe Catholic and being ranked the 9th-overall prospect in class.

MASON WHITE (MSS/BOS): Teammates at Salpointe Catholic with McGee before ranking second all-time with 49 home runs at Arizona.

BRENDAN SUMMERHILL (SCO/TB): Drafted 42nd overall out of Arizona where he hit .343 as a junior.

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

Peoria @ Glendale: RHP Patrick Reilly (BAL) makes his first start of the AFL season. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 5th round (140) out of Vanderbilt. He was then traded to Baltimore in exchange for OF Billy Cook on July 30, 2024. Across three levels in 2026, Reilly struck out 70 compared to 24 walks in 53.0 innings across 13 starts.

The Desert Dogs send **LHP Emmett Olson (MIA)** to the hill. In 2023, Olson was drafted in the 4th round (110) out of Nebraska. He returned to pitching in 2026 after recovering from Tommy John surgery and pitched across three levels. The left-hander struck out 17 strikeouts in 18.0 innings pitched.

Mesa @ Salt River: RHP Kyle Robinson (LAA) gets the nod for the Solar Sox. In 2024, Robinson was drafted in the 11th round by the Athletics out of Texas Tech. He was then traded to the Pirates on May 16, 2026 for 2B Alike Williams and then traded to the Angels on Aug. 3, 2026, for RHP Kirby Yates. In 2026, made 25 appearances (24 starts), logging 106.2 innings with 99 strikeouts across three levels with five different teams.

Countering for the Rafters is **RHP J.T. Etheridge (NYY)**. He signed with the New York Yankees as an Undrafted Free Agent on Aug. 4, 2024. In 2026, he was named Florida State League Pitcher of the Week three times in 2026 for the Tampa Tarpons. In 20 appearances (13 starts) in 2026, he tossed 71.1 innings with a 1.46 WHIP and 105 strikeouts (10th in the FSL) and 13.25 K/9.

Surprise @ Scottsdale: RHP Aidan Major will take the mound for the Saguaros. He was drafted in the 5th round (146) in 2024 out of West Virginia. In his junior year, he struck out a career-high 13 batters in 8.0 innings against Oklahoma State on March 29, 2024. In 2025, he missed the entire season recovering from Tommy John Surgery. This season, he logged a 4.55 ERA, 57 strikeouts, 1.36 WHIP in 63.1 innings pitched.

RHP Joey Dixon (HOU) takes the mound for the Scorpions. Dixon, was drafted in the 7th round (224) in 2023 out of Stanford. Early in his career, Dixon 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 2026, he made two starts for Low-A Fayetteville, punching out 14 hitters in 6.1 innings.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Thursday, October 8

Peoria @ Glendale	1:30	RHP Patrick Riley vs. LHP Emmet Olson
Mesa @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Kyle Robinson vs. RHP JT Etheridge
Surprise @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Aidan Major vs. RHP Joey Dixon

Friday, October 9

Mesa @ Scottsdale	1:30	RHP Fernando Perez vs. RHP Marcus Johnson
Glendale @ Salt River	1:30	LHP Briggs McKenzie vs. LHP Patrick Forbes
Peoria @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Tekoah Roby vs. RHP Peyton Prescott

Saturday, October 10 - Tucson Doubleheader at Kino SC

Peoria vs. Mesa	12:30	RHP Kannon Kemp vs. RHP Dominick Reid
Scottsdale vs. Salt River	3:30	RHP Miqueas Mercedes vs. RHP Jarlin Susana

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.