

# ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

## GAME NOTES - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025



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### AFL Standings

Surprise Saguaros	9-4	-	W4
Scottsdale Scorpions	10-5	-	W2
Salt River Rafter	8-7	2.0	L1
Peoria Javelinas	7-7	2.5	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	5-9	4.5	L2
Glendale Desert Dogs	3-10	6.0	L6

### Friday's Top Performers

**KEVIN MCGONIGLE** (SCO/MLB No. 2/DET No. 1/INF) went 4-for-5 capped off by a go-ahead two-run home run in the top of the 10th. McGonigle's long ball was the farthest hit ball of the day, going 424 feet with a 109 mph exit velocity. He is slashing .378/.500/.649 through 10 games.

**JAMES HICKS** (SCO/HOU No. 26/RHP) tossed four scoreless innings, striking out six batters out of the 14 he faced and allowing two hits.

**MAX ANDERSON** (SCO/HOU No. 9/INF) got on base four times in five plate appearances on two singles and two walks. Anderson now leads qualified AFL hitters with a .520 average.

**PARKS HARBER** (SCO/SF/OF) smashed a 422-foot home run with a 107.1 exit velocity, also going 2-for-4 at the plate with a double.

**CADE DENTON** (SRR/COL/RHP) struck out six of eight batters faced in two scoreless innings of relief. His 14 strikeouts leads AFL relievers.

### Three Teams

**SURPRISE STEALS:** The Surprise Saguaros have stolen 23 bases in their four-game winning streak. They had had a league-worst nine in their first nine games.

**PATIENCE IS KEY:** After drawing nine walks on Friday, the Scottsdale Scorpions lead the AFL with 104 walks, 16 more than any other team.

**STRONG ON THE ROAD:** The Peoria Javelinas are the perfect 5-0 on the road this season.

### Fall League Alumni

**FALL LEAGUE TO FALL CLASSIC:** In the 2025 World Series, 20 of the 52 active players (38.5%) between the Dodgers and Blue Jays are Arizona Fall League alum.

**BARGER BASH:** 2022 Salt River Rafter **Addison Barger** hit the first-ever pinch-hit grand slam in World Series history on Friday, propelling the Blue Jays to a 11-4 win.

**UMPIRES:** Six of the seven umpires assigned to the 2025 World Series are AFL alum.

**MVPs:** Each of the last 10 Willie Mays World Series MVPs played in the Arizona Fall League including two-time MVP **Corey Seager** ('13-'14 Desert Dog).

**FEELING GOLDEN:** 24 Rawlings Gold Glove Finalists are Arizona Fall League alum (40%).

**SILVER SLUGGERS:** 26 Louisville Slugger Silver Slugger Finalists are Arizona Fall League alum (47.3%).

**DEBUTS:** 84 AFL alumni made their MLB debut in 2025 including 30 of which from #AFL24.

### Media Inquiries

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### Today's Headlines

**Mesa @ Surprise:** The Solar Sox take on the Saguaros match up for the fifth time this season after Surprise held onto a 7-5 win Thursday night. **Blake Mitchell** (SUR/KC No. 2/MLB No. 62/C) smashed his first AFL home run. A three-run shot, 116.5 mph off the bat, put Surprise up in the first. **Karson Milbrandt** struck out seven in relief for Mesa while **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** went 3-for-5 with a single and two doubles.

On a four-game winning streak, the Saguaros have a league-best 2.81 ERA since Tuesday while holding opponents to a .231 batting average. Their bullpen has allowed four runs in 20 innings while securing three saves.

RHP **Nathan Dettmer** (MSS/ATH) is set to make his first Fall League start against the Saguaros. The 2023 5th round pick out of Texas A&M is coming off his first full professional season after he missed all but the opening month in 2024 due to bone spurs. Across 25 appearances (20 starts), the Athletics prospect struck out 102 hitters over 109.1 innings between Low-A Stockton and High-A Lansing.

He will face RHP **Logan Martin**, making his third AFL start. He allowed just one hit and one walk in three scoreless innings, his first time out on Oct. 8. In 2025, Martin pitched to a 3.45 ERA in 91.1 innings with 78 strikeouts for High-A Quad Cities. He did not allow a run in his final four appearances (12 IP), striking out 13.

**Peoria @ Glendale:** Two west-valley teams face off for the third time this season after splitting the first two affairs. After a two-run double on Thursday, **Leo Balcazar** (CIN No. 23) leads the AFL with 16 hits for Peoria, while **Ethan Anderson** (BAL) is hitting .400 while ranking fifth in hits (14).

RHP **Rhett Lowder** (PEO/CIN No. 5/MLB No. 80) makes his third start in the Arizona Fall League. Lowder has struck out five across a pair of starts that each went two innings. The alarming number is his 74.5% strike rate across two outings while not allowing a walk. The No. 7 overall pick in 2023 out of Wake Forest made six starts with the Reds in 2024, allowing four runs across 30 2/3 innings pitched (1.17 ERA) and striking out 22.

On the other side, RHP **Luke Sinnard** (GDD/ATL No. 16) also makes his third start in the AFL. In his last outing on Oct. 18, Sinnard threw three scoreless innings, giving up three hits, striking out four with eight swings and misses. The 2024 third-rounder pitched to a 2.86 ERA in 72 1/3 innings between Single-A Augusta and High-A Rome. The 6-foot-8 hurler struck out 10.7 batters per nine innings, ranking 6th among Braves MiLB starters.

### Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

#### Saturday, October 25

Mesa @ Surprise	12:30	RHP Nathan Dettmer vs. RHP Logan Martin
Peoria @ Glendale	3:30	RHP Rhett Lowder vs. RHP Luke Sinnard

#### Sunday, October 26

Peoria @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Ryan Hawks vs. RHP Eiberson Castellano
Salt River @ Glendale	5:00	RHP Luis Peralas vs. LHP Jakob Wright
Mesa @ Scottsdale	5:00	RHP Aiden May vs. LHP Jake Bennett

### 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.