

ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

GAME NOTES - MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026



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AFL Standings

	W-L	GB	Streak
Scottsdale Scorpions	8-3-1	-	W1
Surprise Saguaros	8-3	-	W5
Salt River Rafter	7-5	1.5	W1
Peoria Javelinas	5-7	3.5	L1
Mesa Solar Sox	4-6-1	3.5	L2
Glendale Desert Dogs	2-10	6.5	L1

NFP Hitter & Pitcher of the Week

ARJUN NIMMALA (MSS/LAA No. 1/MLB No. 34/SS):
- 6-11, 12 TB, 5 R, 2 2B 2 3B, 3 RBI, 4 BB, 1 K, 1.758 OPS
- Led the AFL in SLG (1.091), doubles, triples, extra-base hits (4), total bases, OPS.
- On Oct. 15, ended a home run shy of the cycle, going 4-for-5 with a double and two triples and three RBIs.

PATRICK REILLY (PEO/BAL/RHP):
- 1-0 W-L, 4.0 IP, 0 R, 7 K, 1 BB, 0.50 WHIP, and a 0.77 BAA
- 2026 AFL: 2 GS, 2-0 W-L, 13 K (leads AFL), 7.0 IP, and 1 R
- Struck out 48% (13 of 27) of batters faced.

Goodyear Tripleheader Top Performers

CORE JACKSON (SRR/NYY No. 11/SS) hit a two-run home run in the third inning, his first in the AFL. He also stole his AFL-leading seventh base.

PATRICK FORBES (SRR/ARI No. 11/RHP) secured his first win of the AFL, not allowing a run and striking out 4 across 2.2 innings pitched.

MIGUEL MENDEZ (SCO/SF No. 16/RHP) allowed one run on three hits while striking out 5 batters over 3.0 innings pitched. His 12 strikeouts are tied for second among all AFL pitchers.

KANNON KEMP (PEO/SD No. 13/RHP) tossed 4.0 no-hit innings with 2 walks, while striking out 5 batters. Kemp's 11 strikeouts are ranked fourth in the AFL.

NATHAN FLEWELLING (SCO/MLB No. 63/TB No. 4/DH) drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI double in the eighth inning. The Futures Game MVP is batting .371 with a .850 OPS in his first 9 games of the AFL.

WELBYN FRANCISCA (SUR/CLE No. 20/SS) went 3-for-4 with 3 RBI. He leads the AFL in seven categories including AVG (.615), OPS (1.618) and RBI (13).

MLB Pipeline Top 100 Prospects (15)

8. Sebastian Walcott - SS, Surprise Saguaros (TEX)
15. Eduardo Quintero - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
26. Zyhír 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 Rafter (WSH)
76. Angeibel Gomez - OF, Surprise Saguaros (KC)
78. Dax Kilby - SS, Salt River Rafter (NYY)
79. Charles Davalan - OF, Glendale Desert Dogs (LAD)
84. Demetrio Crisantes - 2B, Salt River Rafter (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

Glendale @ Salt River: Taking the hill for his third start of the fall is **RHP Brooks Auger (LAD)**. In his first two starts, he's worked 3.2 innings, allowing two runs on three hits with six strikeouts. In his AFL debut on Oct. 5, he preserved a 2-0 lead for Glendale by striking out three consecutive batters in a scoreless appearance. In 2026, he registered a 33.5% strikeout rate. Across 59.2 innings pitched, he punched out 85 hitters in 17 starts.

LHP Sean Sullivan (COL No. 20) is the opposing starter for the Desert Dogs. In his first two starts of the AFL, Sullivan has allowed five earned runs across 5.2 innings with four strikeouts. The 24-year-old made his MLB debut with the Rockies on June 12 and is currently on the Rockies 40-man roster. He is one of four players in the AFL currently on 40-man rosters.

Mesa @ Surprise: **RHP Dominick Reid (CHC No. 28)** is set to start for the Solar Sox. In two starts, he's allowed two runs in 8.0 innings, striking out nine. In his AFL debut, Reid struck out 7 of 13 batters faced, tied for the most strikeouts in an AFL start this season. Across two levels in 2026, Reid made 13 starts with a 2.08 ERA with 50 strikeouts in 53.2 innings.

RHP Jacob Johnson (TEX No. 17) gets the nod for the Saguaros. Johnson has not allowed a run in his first two starts, giving up just one hit in 4.1 innings while striking out three. Johnson split 2026 between the Arizona Complex League and High-A Hickory, going 2-0 with a 2.51 ERA, 48 strikeouts, and a 1.26 WHIP in 14 games (13 starts). He limited opposing hitters to a .193 batting average against over 43.0 innings pitched in 2026.

Peoria @ Scottsdale: After 3.0 hitless innings with six strikeouts in his last start on Oct. 13, **RHP Luke Holman (CIN No. 23)** gets the ball for the Javelinas. In 2025, he managed 9.0 innings before he underwent Tommy John surgery, and he eventually returned in June, 2026 to throw 6.2 innings in the ACL. Holman has recorded 10 strikeouts and one walk over 5.0 frames this fall.

RHP Randy Rodriguez (SFG) returns to the mound for his second start of 2026. On Oct. 13, he took the mound in an official game for the first time in 417 days. Rodriguez pitched a 1-2-3 inning that lasted 11 pitches and included a strikeout. Rodriguez made 85 MLB appearances (one start) across 2024 and 2025. The 27-year-old was named a 2025 National League All-Star after posting a 3-1 record with a 0.86 ERA, 55 strikeouts, and a 0.79 WHIP across 41 appearances in the first half.

Upcoming Games and Probable Pitchers

Monday, October 19

Glendale @ Salt River	1:30	RHP Brooks Auger vs. LHP Sean Sullivan
Mesa @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Dominick Reid vs. RHP Jacob Johnson
Peoria @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Luke Holman vs. RHP Randy Rodriguez

Tuesday, October 20

Salt River @ Peoria	1:30	LHP Ross Dunn vs. RHP Winyer Chourio
Glendale @ Surprise	1:30	RHP Bryan Mena vs. RHP Ryan Dromboski
Mesa @ Scottsdale	6:30	RHP Jake Bloss vs. RHP Marcus Johnson

Wednesday, October 21

Glendale @ Peoria	1:30	RHP Alex Williams vs. RHP Tekoah Roby
Salt River @ Scottsdale	1:30	RHP Jarlin Susana vs. RHP Joey Dixon
Surprise @ Mesa	6:30	LHP Justin Lamkin vs. TBD

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 mandatory 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.