



Arizona Fall League Game Notes - Wednesday, November 10, 2021

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AFL Standings

East Division

GB

Mesa	12-10-1	—
Scottsdale	9-15	4.0
Salt River	7-15	5.0

West Division

GB

Glendale	14-9	—
Surprise	14-9	—
Peoria	12-10-1	1.5

Today's Games

SALT RIVER @ SCOTTSDALE

Salt River

RHP Garrett Hill (DET)

2-0, 1.69 ERA

Scottsdale

LHP Seth Corry (SF)

0-1, 5.40 ERA

MESA @ GLENDALE

Mesa

RHP Michael Dominguez (TOR)

0-2, 5.94 ERA

Glendale

RHP Robinson Pina (LAA)

1-0, 1.59 ERA

Off day:

Peoria Javelinas
Surprise Saguaros

Batting Practice Schedule - Through 11/13

Team	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
Surprise	X	X	off	-*	X*	Fall Stars Game
Peoria	X	-	off	X	X	
Glendale	X	-	-	X	-	
Salt River	X	-	-	X	TBD	
Scottsdale	X	-	-	X	X	
Mesa	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

*Surprise: Approved mandatory BP switch from Thursday to Friday

Fall League Alum of the Day

Alfonso Soriano (Grand Canyon Rafter, 1998) made his MLB debut just months after his time in the Arizona Fall League. He went on to play 16 consecutive seasons in the big leagues between the Yankees, Cubs and Nationals, posting a career .270/.319/.500 slash in 1,975 games. Born in the Dominican Republic, Soriano played professionally in Japan before making his pro debut in the United States at the age of 23. He went on to make seven consecutive MLB All-Star appearances from 2002-2008 and helped lead the New York Yankees to an American League championship in 2001 and 2003. A four-time Silver Slugger, Soriano's 412 career home runs rank 55th on the all-time MLB home run leaderboard. He was inducted into the Arizona Fall League Hall of Fame in 2006.

Upcoming Games and Probable Starters

Thursday, November 11

Surprise @ Glendale	12:35 p.m.	RHP Zach Haake vs. RHP Chad Donato
Mesa @ Salt River	6:35 p.m.	RHP Conner Loeprich vs. RHP Shumpei Yoshikawa
Peoria @ Scottsdale	6:35 p.m.	RHP William Woods vs. RHP Connor Seabold

Friday, November 12

Mesa @ Surprise	12:35 p.m.	LHP Zach King vs. RHP James Marinar
Scottsdale @ Glendale	12:35 p.m.	LHP Kody Funderburk vs. RHP Johan Dominguez
Peoria @ Salt River	6:35 p.m.	RHP Victor Vodnik vs. RHP Justin Jarvis

Fall League Player Profile



JJ Bleday

Mesa Solar Sox - OF

Bats: Left

Throws: Left

Height: 6'3"

Weight: 205 lb.

Born: November 10, 1997

Birthplace: Danville, PA

Drafted: 2019 (1st round, MIA)

College: Vanderbilt

Favorite emoji:

Wink face 🙄

Favorite restaurant in Arizona since arriving:

Sushi Roku

Most played music artist on your phone:

Blackberry Smoke

Favorite food for Thanksgiving:

Stuffing

Favorite NFL team:

Pittsburgh Steelers

AFL Player Notebook

Peoria

#6 Cade Marlowe (SEA) - 27th-ranked Mariners prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Drafted in the 20th round of the 2019 draft out of the University of West Georgia. Played for Low-A Modesto, High-A Everett and Triple-A Tacoma in 2021, posting a combined .275/.368/.566 slash. 168 career minor league games with a .284/.369/.523 slash. Born in Tifton, Georgia

#13 Jake Higginbotham (ATL) - Drafted in the 11th round of the 2018 draft out of Clemson. Played two collegiate seasons with the Tigers, posting a combined 3.08 ERA in 113.2 innings. Played in nine games in 2021 between Double-A Mississippi, High-A Rome and the Braves' complex league affiliate, posting a total of 11.1 scoreless innings and collecting 16 strikeouts.

#24 Jesse Franklin V (ATL) - Played two season at the University of Michigan, capped off by a runner-up finish in the 2019 College World Series. Drafted by the Atlanta Braves in 2020 with a third-round selection. Left-handed hitter; played 101 games with High-A Rome in 2021 with a .244/.320/.522 slash. 24 home runs in 101 career minor league games.

Salt River

#48 Zack Hess (DET) - Played three seasons at LSU, posting a combined 4.42 ERA in 224 innings. Played in the 2017 College World Series. Pitched 52.2 innings in 2021, 49.2 with High-A West Michigan where he posted a 3.62 ERA with 66 strikeouts. Posted three scoreless innings with Double-A Erie with three strikeouts. Played two collegiate summer seasons in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

#12 Justin Jarvis (MIL) - Drafted in the fifth round of the 2018 draft out of Lake Norman High School (NC). Pitched exclusively for High-A Wisconsin in 2021, posting a 5.40 ERA in 63.1 innings. Recorded 62 strikeouts in 2021; posted 132 strikeouts in 157 career minor league innings. Born in Concord, North Carolina. 31 career minor league starts in 45 total appearances.

#10 Ezequiel Tovar (COL) - Made his professional debut with the Rockies at the age of 16 in the Dominican Summer League. Played in 104 games between Low-A Fresno and High-A Spokane in 2021, posting a combined .287/.322/.475 slash in 432 combined at-bats. Hit 15 home runs in 2021 with 24 stolen bases. Born in Maracay, Venezuela.

Mesa

#38 Graham Spraker (TOR) - 31st-round draft pick in the 2017 draft by the Toronto Blue Jays. Pitched 42.2 innings with Double-A New Hampshire in 2021, posting a 2.74 ERA with 62 strikeouts. Pitched four seasons at Quincy University and two summer collegiate seasons in the Northwoods League with the LaCrosse Loggers. Opened the 2021 AFL season with 9.1 scoreless innings, allowing two hits with 14 strikeouts.

#36 Hogan Harris (OAK) - Third-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Louisiana-Lafayette. Played three collegiate seasons, posting a combined 2.87 ERA in 153.2 total innings. Did not pitch in the minor leagues in 2020 and 2021. Pitched 54.2 minor league innings in 2019, posting a 2.80 ERA between Low-A Vermont and High-A Stockton. Born in Lafayette, Louisiana.

#16 Ryan Jensen (CHC) - First-round selection by the Blue Jays in the 2019 draft. MLB Pipeline's 15th-ranked Cubs prospect. 70-grade fastball per MLB Pipeline. Played three years at Fresno State, posting a 2.88 ERA in an even 100 innings during his junior season. Made 16 starts with High-A South Bend in 2021, posting a 4.50 ERA. Made four starts with Double-A Tennessee in 2021, posting a 3.00 ERA.

AFL Player Notebook

Scottsdale

#50 R.J. Dabovich (SF) - Pitched at Central Arizona College and turned down an 18th-round pick in 2018 to pitch at Arizona State. Drafted in the fourth round of the 2020 draft after posting a 4.04 ERA in 32.1 innings for the Sun Devils. Made his professional debut with High-A Eugene in 2021, finishing the year with Double-A Richmond. Opened the 2021 Fall League with three scoreless innings and five strikeouts.

#20 Jeter Downs (BOS) - Fifth-ranked Red Sox prospect according to MLB Pipeline. 32nd-overall selection in the 2017 draft out of Monsignor Edward Pace High School (FL). Played exclusively with Triple-A Worcester in 2021, posting a .190/.272/.333 slash in 99 games. Career .248/.338/.427 slash in 1,444 career minor league at-bats. Posted a Double-A OPS of 1.116 for the Tulsa Drillers in 2019 (12 games). Traded from the Reds to the Dodgers in 2018 and from the Dodgers to the Red Sox in the deal that sent Mookie Betts and David Price to Los Angeles.

#1 Richie Palacios (CLE) - Third-round selection in the 2018 draft out of Towson University. Played with Double-A Akron and Triple-A Columbus in 2021, posting a combined .297/.404/.471 slash. Played collegiate summer baseball with the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters of the Northwoods League in 2016 and the Bourne Braves of the Cape Cod Baseball League in 2017.

Surprise

#41 Alec Marsh (KC) - Second-round draft pick in 2019 out of Arizona State. Pitched 194 career innings with the Sun Devils, posting a 4.13 ERA. Pitched exclusively with Double-A Northwest Arkansas in 2021, posting a 4.97 ERA in 25.1 total innings. Played one collegiate summer with the Lakeshore Chinooks (Northwoods League) and the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox (Cape Cod Baseball League). Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

#24 Drew Millas (WAS) - Drafted in the 7th round of the 2019 draft out of Missouri State. Played three collegiate seasons, posting a combined .277/.363/.409 slash in 158 total games. Played 86 games in 2021, 59 with High-A Lansing and 27 with High-A Wilmington, posting a combined .264/.372/.348 slash. Traded from the A's to the Nationals in July in a deal that sent Josh Harrison and Yan Gomes to Oakland.

#40 Jackson Rutledge (WAS) - Second-tallest player in the AFL (6'8") behind Spencer Mraz (TEX/Sagueros, 6'10"). Drafted with the 17th overall pick in the 2019 draft out of San Jacinto College (TX). Played one season at the University of Arkansas in 2018, pitching 15.2 innings with a 3.45 ERA. Pitched 36.1 total innings in 2021 between High-A Wilmington, Low-A Fredericksburg and the Nationals' complex league team, posting a combined 7.68 ERA. Third-ranked Nationals prospect according to MLB Pipeline.

Glendale

#22 Juan Yopez (STL) - Debuted in affiliate ball in 2015 with the Atlanta Braves organization at the age of 17. Played with Double-A Springfield and Triple-A Memphis in 2021, posting a combined .286/.383/.586 slash. Career .274/.340/.443 minor league slash in 476 games. Began the 2021 Fall League going 19-for-65 with five home runs. Traded from Atlanta to St. Louis in 2017 in a deal that sent Matt Adams to the Braves.

#14 James Outman (LAD) - Drafted in the seventh round of the 2018 draft out of Sacramento State. Played in 104 games in 2021, 39 with Double-A Tulsa and 65 with High-A Great Lakes. Posted a combined .266/.379/.490 slash with 18 home runs in 414 at-bats. Opened the 2021 Fall League with a .333/.444/.689 slash in his first 14 games. Born in Redwood City, California.

#16 Nolan Gorman (STL) - MLB Pipeline's 24th-ranked prospect and the No. 1 prospect in the Cardinals organization. Big league ETA is set for 2022 per MLB Pipeline. .822 career OPS in three seasons as a professional. Played in 76 games for Triple-A Memphis in 2021, posting a .274/.333/.481 slash. 25 total home runs in 480 at-bats in 2021. 19th overall selection in the 2018 draft out of Sandra Day O'Connor High School (AZ). Played on the USA 18U team.

Today's Fall League Five

1: Owen White (TEX) continued his torrid streak of AFL dominance on Tuesday, tossing four scoreless innings and lowering his fall ERA to a 1.16 through 23 1/3 innings of work. White has allowed 11 hits this fall while collecting 23 strikeouts; he allowed a single hit in his four frames on Tuesday. The right-hander now holds the best ERA in the Fall League among players with at least 12 innings pitched.

2: Nick Gonzales (PIT) had a 3-for-4 afternoon for the Peoria Javelinas on Tuesday, posting a double, RBI and a run scored. He lifted his AFL batting slash from a .356/.466/.542 to a .381/.487/.571; his 1.059 OPS is eighth-best in the league among players with at least 10 games played.

3: Cole Henry (WAS) tossed four innings of scoreless work for the Surprise Saguaros on Tuesday, posting seven strikeouts. His 30 K's are now the most by any pitcher in the 2021 Fall League and just ahead of second-place Jeff Criswell (OAK/Mesa) with 28. Henry now holds a 3.32 ERA through 19 innings of Fall League work, allowing 12 total hits.

4: Jacob Amaya (LAD) went 3-for-4 for the Glendale Desert Dogs on Tuesday, helping to lift his squad over the Salt River Rafters 5-1. Amaya recorded a home run, double, one RBI and two runs scored, all while lifting his AFL slash to a .342/.468/.553.

5: Andre Pallante (STL) recorded six strikeouts in four scoreless innings on Tuesday, spacing two hits with zero walks. He has not allowed a run in his last seven innings of AFL work and has struck out 22 in his 17 total innings in the Fall League.

Important dates to remember:

- Fall Stars Game: November 13th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)
- Championship Game: November 20th at Salt River Fields (5:00 p.m. MST)

**Both games televised live on MLB Network*

