



Draft Day is finally upon us, Indians fans. It's time for the team to reap the harvest that was planted the day after the Justin Verlander game last year, when the club started the epic collapse that found them picking 5th overall in the first round tonight. That collapse and the corresponding top-10 pick did allow the Indians to sign two marquee free agents and "only" lose their sandwich and 2nd round picks as opposed to their 1st round pick in this year's draft, so I suppose we can use tonight as a silver lining for the horror we all endured watching Chief Wahoo's Tribe tailspin towards the bottom of the American League standings last season.

In case you missed my more in-depth profile of the players that the Indians will be considering with the #5 pick tonight, you can find it here. Today, I'm going to sketch out for you how I think the top 1/3 of the draft is going to go, including the only pick we really care about, the Indians selection at #5. Here's hoping for another Lindor or Sabathia and not another Beau Mills or Michael Aubrey.

1. Houston Astros: Jonathan Gray, RHP-Oklahoma

The Astros strategy with the #1 pick last year was to draft a talented but signable player and use the savings later in the draft. After his positive test for Adderall, the uber-talented Jonathan Gray might just be that player. He's a candidate for 1-1 based on his talent alone, and now that the Astros will have some leverage in negotiations, they could snag the draft's best player at a discount. It's a perfect world scenario for the hapless Astros and their fans. If Gray makes it known that he won't sign at below slot for 1-1, look for the Astros to take UNC 3B Colin Moran



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