

Cookie Crumbles in Tribe's Sixth Straight Defeat

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So, Justin Masterson is fine, but it wasn't the Tribe ace that got the ball for Terry Francona in Detroit on Saturday with the Indians set to try to end this five game skid that has plagued them so far in early June. With an injury to Zach McAllister's finger, and the need to circumvent any real consequence from Carlos Carrasco's latest 8-game suspension, Masterson was a healthy scratch today, in favor of the oft-punished piece of the 2009 Cliff Lee deal.

When permitted to pitch by the powers-that-be at Major League baseball, "Cookie" Carrasco has struggled mightily, a recurring theme of late for the Indians.

Called up from AAA, the right-hander wasted no time playing with fire in what would wind up being a 6-4 loss, the Tribe's tenth consecutive road defeat and sixth straight overall. The Tigers loaded the bases in each of the first two innings, but Carrasco was fortunate to come away unscathed the first time, retiring former Indians Victor Martinez and Jhonny Peralta, after a walk and two singles set Detroit up with runners on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with 1 out.

The second time around, an inning later, having already surrendered a run to tie the game at 1 on Andy Dirks single to center field, he had to face Prince Fielder with nowhere to put him.

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