

## Winter Haven Live: 3/11

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This is the debut of Winter Haven Live, a piece that hopefully can help bring the spring training experience home to the fans. Many fans cannot make it to spring training, where we dispatched Tony Lastoria to this week. So for the next week he's going to try and make this column the next best thing to being there as he provides some quick recaps of the happenings in camp, but most importantly ... provides lots of pictures and videos you do not normally see on TV, in the newspapers, or online. Enjoy!



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As a diehard Indians fan for well over 25 years, I always wondered what the spring training experience was like, and this being my first time taking it in it truly is an awesome experience. As with any new feature or idea, things will be added and changed on the fly. Many fans cannot make it to spring training, and with that my goal is to make this daily column this week the next best thing to being there as I provide some quick recaps of the happenings in camp, but most importantly provide lots of pictures and videos you do not normally see on TV, in the newspapers, or on-line anywhere else.

When I originally thought of doing this report, I figured I would post tons of pictures. I am still doing that, but I also came up with the idea to shoot lots of video as well since there are numerous fans who have never been to spring training. Video would provide a good way for fans to get a firsthand look at some of the action as if they were actually there. Also, a lot of fans have never seen 99% of the prospects in the Indians minor league system, so another one of my intentions is to also shoot a lot of pictures and video of several Indians prospects.

That said, until you actually undertake the task of video and trying to upload it on-line, you don't know what you are getting into. I shot roughly an hours worth of video at camp on Sunday, but because I chose to shoot it in high definition quality video, one minute clips were too large (100 MB) so I am unable to host them on video hosting sites like YouTube, etc. As a result, I don't have nearly the amount of video to share as I originally intended.

When I eventually get these files uploaded, I will share them at a later date, but for now I only have three video clips to share. The reports later in the week will have lots more video as I opt for the more economical recording settings which will allow for faster uploads and smaller files. Just one of the many things you learn on the go I guess. (Note: I am hardly a world class

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videographer, so please remember I am an amateur with the camera. Remember that when watching.)

All that said, onto the news and highlights from camp on Sunday March 11th:

Yesterday, camp was somewhat quiet as the Indians were in Tampa playing the Yankees, winning 4-3 to improve their Grapefruit League record to 8-4. But, it was business as usual at Chain of Lakes Park as pitchers on the major league roster who did not make the trip to Tampa continued to get their regular work in, and the minor leaguers were also in action.

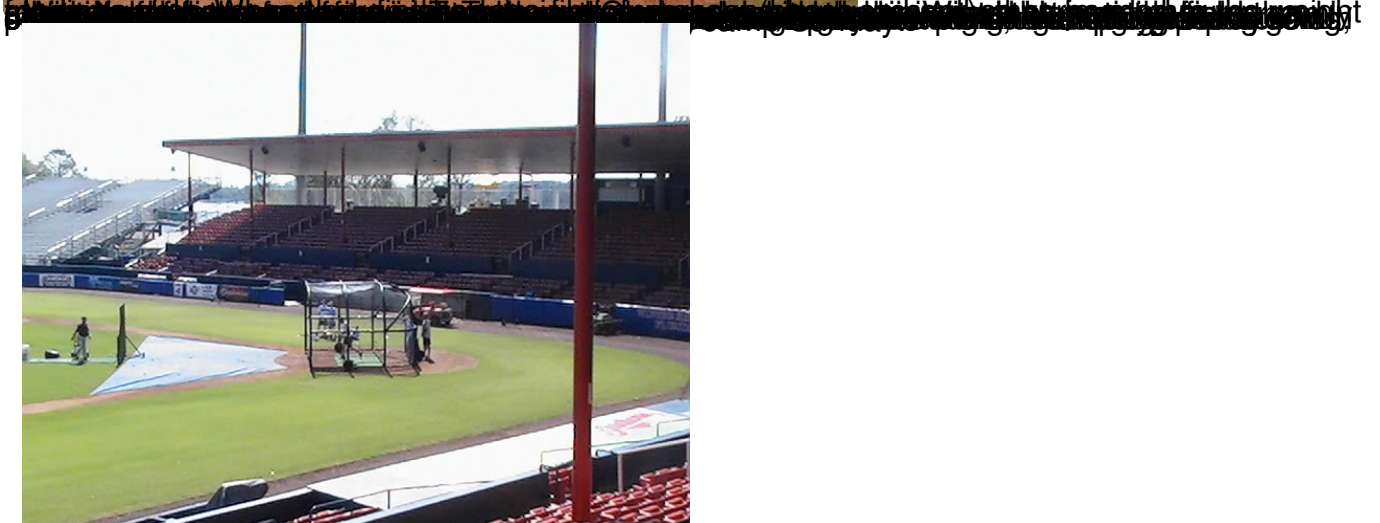
Major league roster pitchers who were left behind were: Jake Westbrook (#37), C.C. Sabathia (#52), Jeremy Sowers (#45), Matt Miller (#59), and Rafael Betancourt (#63). Also, some new faces and prospects as well: Aaron Fultz (#46), Tony Sipp (#70), Jason Stanford (#61), Rafael Perez (#53), J.D. Martin (#66), Brian Slocum (#54), Tom Mastny (#40), and Eddie Mujica (#49). Here are some pictures of them in action:



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Indians outfield prospect Jordan Brown (#30) hanging around the cages:

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the dirt infield respect. John Drennon (#26) gets ready to take some swings and hustles to



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Various shots of the players going through drills on each field:



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Random players hanging around the cages:



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Stephen Constanza (#20) and Brian Einedson (#10) chatting it up in the outfield while shagging



Brian Barton (#28) taking instruction and in action:



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Brian Barton and Ryan Mulhern (#24):



the Yankees on 3/15 on www.thebaseballinsider.com stretching wings in the cage some swings: [http://www.thebaseballinsider.com/2007/03/15/yankees-on-3-15-on-www-thebaseballinsider-com-stretching-wings-in-the-cage-some-swings/](#)