

Minor Happenings: Goedert Breaks Out

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Nowhere will you find more comprehensive coverage of the Indians farm system than right here. And that is thanks to Tony Lastoria, and his *Minor Happenings* column. This week, Tony tells us about Jared Goedert, who is the surprise of the Tribe farm system right now. Tony also hits on the solid start for Adam Miller, the shaky start for Chuck Lofgren ... and brings us up to speed on how all of the Indians minor league affiliates are doing early on.



“Minor Happenings” covers the important developments and news in the Indians farm system. Information in this report is collected from the various news outlets that cover each team, some national news, and in some cases from private sources connected to the Indians organization.

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(for the month of April)

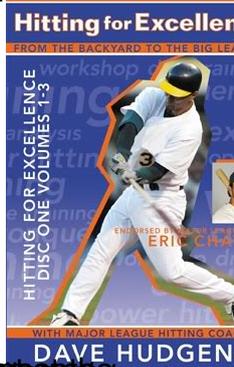
Jared Goedert (Third baseman - Lake County)

.357 average(25 for 70), 4 2B, 0 3B, 8 HR, 17 RBI, 21 BB, 14 Ks, 1.263 OPS

Talk about a player breaking onto the prospect scene. I don't think anyone saw this huge breakthrough performance in April coming, not even the Indians themselves nor scouts throughout the minors. Goedert is a shaky defender at third base, which many scouts feel will eventually get him moved to first base, but as a hitter he is sound with a low maintenance swing which creates a nice bat path to the ball. After being drafted last year in the 9th round out of Kansas State, Goedert made his professional debut at short-season Single-A Mahoning Valley and hit .269 with 3 HRs and 27 RBIs in 238 at bats.

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