

## A Minor League Stop In Akron

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The Tony Lastoria World Tour trudged forward Monday as Tony visited Canal Park to watch the Indians AA affiliate Akron Aeros in action. Tony arrived at the ballpark three hours early to tour the facility, take some pictures and video, and talk shop with some of the players. And he puts it all together brilliantly for us in his latest column. Next stop? Tonight in Lake County to see the Captains in action.



*This is the second in a series of articles where over the course of the next seven weeks I will visit all six of the Indians minor league affiliates in Winter Haven, Mahoning Valley, Lake County, Kinston, Akron and Buffalo. I'll recap each stop with a short writeup consisting of mostly video and pictures, and also write several separate articles on players I talk to during my visit.*

For a recap of my visit at the Indians short-season Single-A affiliate in Mahoning Valley, [click here](#)

On Monday night, I traveled down to Akron to get a glimpse of the team and tour the facility before they broke for the All-Star break. Akron is the Indians Double-A affiliate, and the stadium is located in the heart of the city. The franchise moved from Burlington, Vermont to Canton, Ohio in 1989 and became the Cleveland Indians Double-A franchise, and have been so ever since.

In 1997, they moved to Akron and into the new beautiful state-of-the-art stadium called Canal Park.

Canal Park was designed by the same company (Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum) that designed Jacobs Field in Cleveland and Camden Yards in Baltimore. When walking into the park, you certainly get the Jacobs Field and Camden Yards feel, especially Camden Yards.

Here is a 360 degree shot of the inside of the stadium from the third base dugout steps:

Video 1: [360 degree view of Canal Park](#)

Here are a few shots inside and outside of the stadium (from the web):

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to complete this page, you might want to consider adding a photo to help illustrate some of the staff, and also a

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From the back center field photo, the tunnel under the first base side stands and into the Aeros



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Left field, the center field, right field, took a few shots from behind homeplate, first base, the

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[Brian Butler at the plate](#) [Baseball in Akron](#)

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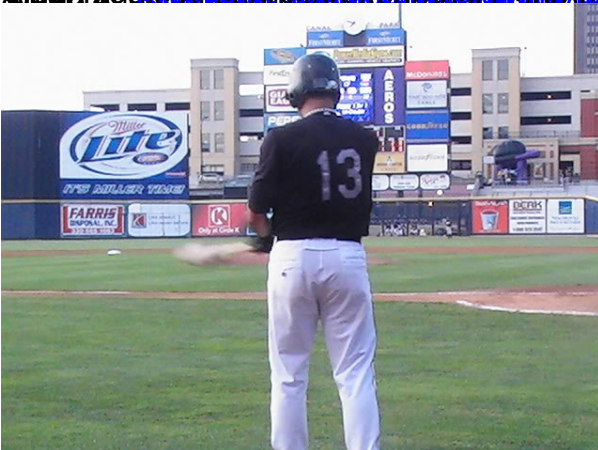
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Here are some photos of several of the top hitting prospects for Akron. They are listed below:



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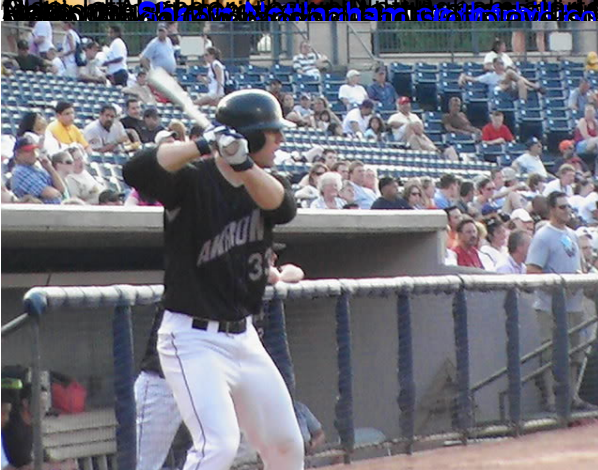
Some shots of first baseman Jordan Brown:



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At the end of the day, the player's impact on the field. Here are some shots of unity

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Some shots of Trevor Crowe and Shawn Nottingham:



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Some shots of the Akron dugout:



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Some random pictures of action on the field:



