

## 2009 Indians Top Prospects: #80-76

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The Indians 2009 Top 100 Prospect Countdown continues to work its way to #1 here at The Cleveland Fan, and today we march on with full profiles and scouting reports on prospects #80-76. One quarter of the Top 100 list has now been revealed, and in this installment Tony gives us the lowdown on guys by the name of Taylor, Rundles, Cawiezell, Alcombrack and Moncrief. Also, Tony's book should be available this weekend, so don't forget to reserve your copy today!



The Indians 2009 Top 100 Prospect Countdown continues to work its way to #1 here at TheClevelandFan.com, and today we continue on with #80-76. One quarter of the Top 100 has been revealed, and as we continue to work our way up to the Top 10 lots of talent in a very rich and deep farm system for the Indians will continue to be revealed. For those that missed #100 to #81, or want to see them again, they can be viewed at the links below:

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Again, all of these scouting reports will be stored individually for easy access on my blog at the [Indians Prospect Insider](#), and lots of other goodies like stat links and videos for nearly every player will be housed there.

And, another quick update on the 2009 Cleveland Indians Top 100 Prospects & More book I have coming out....it still looks like it will go to print sometime this weekend. More details soon. Anyone interested in getting a copy, e-mail me at [tlastoria@indiansprospectinsider.com](mailto:tlastoria@indiansprospectinsider.com).

And back to the countdown....

### **80. Heath Taylor - Left-handed Pitcher**

**Born: 05/6/1986 - Height: 6'0" - Weight: 215 - Bats: Left - Throws: Left**

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Year	Age	Team	Lvl	W
2007	21	Mahoning Vy	A-	3
2008	22	GCL Indians	R	0
	22	Mahoning Vy	A-	0
	22	Kinston	A+	2
		Career		5



**History:** Taylor was a 10th round pick in the 2007 Draft out of the University of Oklahoma.

**Strengths & Opportunities:** Taylor features a traditional three-pitch mix of a fastball, curveball, and changeup, with his fastball sitting around 88-91 MPH. He had a great year his first season in his professional debut at short-season Single-A Mahoning Valley in 2007 going 3-3 with a 2.35 ERA in 12 starts. When spring training broke this past season, Taylor was one of the big surprises as far as roster makeup was concerned as he started the year in the advanced Single-A Kinston bullpen and ended up skipping Single-A Lake County where he was projected to begin the season in the starting rotation. After an impressive first few outings in Kinston, Taylor's performance declined rapidly and was the result of a partial tear to the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching elbow. He went on the disabled list in early May and did not have to undergo surgery, but he was shutdown and had no baseball activity for six to seven weeks and did not start throwing again until July. Now that he is 100% recovered from the injury, his focus is on his health, improving his command in the zone, and making up for lost time.

**Outlook:** Taylor participated in the Fall Instructional League in Arizona, and also went to the Hawaii Winter League to get in some work (4 games, 12.1 IP, 2.19 ERA, 14 H, 4 BB, 9 K). He likely will get another shot to pitch in Kinston at the outset of 2009, likely in the bullpen.

### **79. Rich Rundles - Left-handed Pitcher**

**Born:** 06/03/1981 - **Height:** 6'5" - **Weight:** 210 - **Bats:** Left - **Throws:** Left

*(due to a formatting issue, Rundles' stats are listed at the end of the article)*

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**78. Dallas Cawiezell - Right-handed Pitcher**  
Born: 09/04/1985 - Height: 6'6" - Weight: 255 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	W
2007	21	Mahoning Vy	A-	0
2008	22	Lake County	A	3
		Career		3

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### **77. Robbie Alcombrack - Catcher**

**Born: 06/10/1988 - Height: 6'0" - Weight: 205 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right**

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	G
2006	18	GCL Indians	R	32
	18	Burlington	R	3
2007	19	GCL Indians	R	38
	19	Lake County	A	2
2008	20	Mahoning Vy	A-	49
		Career		124

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### 76. Carlos Moncrief - Right-handed Pitcher

Born: 11/03/1988 - Height: 6'1 - Weight: 210 - Bats: Left - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	W
2008	19	Chipola College	C	2
2008	19	GCL Indians	R	0



**History:** Moncrief was a 14th round pick in the 2008 Draft out of Chipola Junior College (FL).

**Strengths & Opportunities:** With Moncrief it is all about power as he routinely hits 96 MPH

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with his fastball and has the arm strength where he is expected to add even more velocity to his fastball down the road. He also throws a slider and changeup, with the slider a more advanced pitch with the potential to be a second plus pitch for him and a dominating strikeout pitch at the major league level. He also has a good feel for his changeup.

Moncrief is very raw on the mound and lacks experience as a pitcher since he did not pitch much in high school. Even still, he has potential impact ability at the backend of the bullpen. He will be a project for the Indians the next few years as they work on fine-tuning his delivery and mechanics to make him more consistent with his command, get him in pitching shape, and improve his secondary offerings. If the pitching route does not work for him, there is always the possibility he could be moved back to a full-time outfielder where he first gained national attention from scouts with his impact power potential to go along with his average speed and excellent throwing arm.

**Outlook:** Moncrief could open the year in the Single-A Lake County bullpen, but may also hang around in extended spring training to continue refining his delivery and mechanics in order to improve his command before being moved to Lake County later in the season.

*All photos courtesy of Ken Carr except for Moncrief photo courtesy of Chipola College*

**Up Next:** #75-71

**Rich Rundles stats:**

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	W
1999	18	GCL Red Sox	R	1
2000	19	GCL Red Sox	R	3
2001	20	Clinton	A	1
	20	Augusta	A	7
2002	21	Brevard County	A+	2
2003	22	Brevard County	A+	5
2004	23	Brevard County	A+	0
	23	Harrisburg	AA	3
2005	24	Harrisburg	AA	6
2006	25	St. Lucie	A+	1
	25	Springfield	AA	5
	25	Binghamton	AA	1
2007	26	Akron	AA	3
	26	Buffalo	AAA	2
2008	26	Buffalo	AAA	5
	26	Cleveland	MLB	0
		Career (Minors)		45