

2009 Indians Top Prospects: #55-51

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As we get set to move into Tony's Top 50 Indians prospects, a couple of familiar names show up in today's quintet of player profiles. Michael Aubrey, the Indians 1st round pick in the 2003 draft, and a guy who got some time playing with the big league club last season. And T.J. McFarland, the team's 4th round pick in the 2007 draft out of high school, and a kid that made great progress last season. We're halfway home Tribe fans.



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We continue today with #55-51 in the Indians Top 100 Prospect Countdown. Here are the earlier rankings:

100. Brian Juhl (C)
99. Brad Hinkle (RHP)
98. Mark Thompson (SS)
97. Adam Davis (C/INF)
96. Adam White (OF)
95. Jerad Head (INF/OF)
94. Brock Simpson (1B/OF)
93. Ryan Blair (OF)
92. Dustin Realini (INF/OF)
91. Shawn Nottingham (LHP)
90. Cirilo Cumberbatch (OF)
89. Michael McGuire (RHP)
88. Sung-Wei Tseng (RHP)
87. David Roberts (RHP)
86. Jason Smit (INF)

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85. Marty Popham (RHP)
84. Jose Constanza (OF)
83. Adam Abraham (INF)
82. Isaias Velasquez (2INF)
81. Gary Campfield (RHP)
80. Heath Taylor (LHP)
79. Rich Rundles (LHP)
78. Dallas Cawiezell (RHP)
77. Robbie Alcombrack (C)
76. Carlos Moncrief (RHP)
75. Nate Recknagel (C/1B)
74. Karexon Sanchez (INF)
73. Roman Pena (OF)
72. Kyle Landis (RHP)
71. John Drennen (OF)
70. Todd Martin (1B)
69. Santo Frias (RHP)
68. Michael Finocchi (RHP)
67. Kevin Rucker (OF)
66. Matt Meyer (LHP)
65. Bo Greenwell (OF)
64. Paolo Espino (RHP)
63. Jonathan Holt (RHP)
62. Vinnie Pestano (RHP)
61. Kevin Dixon (RHP)
60. Randy Newsom (RHP)
59. Chris Nash (1B)
58. Carlton Smith (RHP)
57. Lucas Montero (OF)
56. Steven Wright (RHP)

55. Michael Aubrey - First Baseman

Born: 04/15/1982 - Height: 6'0" - Weight: 195 - Bats: Left - Throws: Left

(Due to a formatting issue, Aubrey's stats are listed at the bottom of the page)

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54. Delvi Cid - Outfielder

Born: 07/19/1989 - Height: 6'2" - Weight: 170 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	G
2007	17	DSL Indians	R	65
2008	18	GCL Indians	R	35
		Career		100



History: The Indians signed Cid as an undrafted free agent in December 2006 out of the Dominican Republic.

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Strengths & Opportunities: Cid has little power at this stage of his development, but he has shown the ability to hit for average. He has a good approach at the plate for his age, and will need to use that as the foundation to build and develop his plate discipline to be a little more patient and draw more walks. He is strictly a slap-hitter right now, but he has the frame at 6'2" 170 pounds to put on more weight and get stronger as he matures. He should start to fill out in the next year or two and begin pounding the gaps much more consistently and hitting the ball with authority where his blazing speed will be put on display with many more extra base hits.

Cid is considered the fastest baserunner in the Indians system grading out as an 80 on the 20-80 scouting scale, and he is also an extremely gifted defensive center fielder where he displays good instincts, route-running and uses his plus-plus speed to track down just about everything in the gaps. He is a gold glove caliber defender. While he has awesome raw speed, he needs to learn how to be a smarter baserunner by reading the ball of the bat better, getting better secondary leads, and reading a pitchers move to get better jumps on steals. He also needs a lot of work at the plate, but is to be expected with such a young, talented player with the raw abilities he has.

Outlook: Cid is a players to watch this year and to keep on your radar as he has tremendous potential as a fielder and runner. He has a good chance of opening the 2009 season as the starting center fielder at Single-A Lake County.

53. Clayton Cook - Right-handed Pitcher

Born: 07/23/1990 - Height: 6'3" - Weight: 175 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	W
2008	17	GCL Indians	R	1
		Career		1



History: Cook was a 9th round pick in the 2008 Draft out of Amarillo High School (TX). Cook dominated as a senior in high school last year striking out 170 in just 98 innings going 12-3 with

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a 1.98 ERA. He had committed to playing at Oklahoma, but he signed with the Indians quickly by agreeing to a signing bonus just over \$100,000.

Strengths & Opportunities: Upon signing with the Indians, Cook got to work right away with the Indians rookie level Gulf Coast League (GCL) club and impressed in his professional debut. He pitched well beyond his years and impressed the Indians with his composure and maturity on the mound at such a young age considering he was 17 years old for most of his time on the GCL club. Cook showcases a fastball that touches the low 90s, and also primarily throws a curveball as his main secondary pitch. His long frame combined with good arm action should allow him to add more velocity as he matures. He handles himself professionally and comes to the field everyday ready to work. He had a good delivery when he reported to the Indians, so they spent more time educating him on taking care of himself, learning how to attack hitters, and just kind of acclimating him to professional baseball.

Outlook: Even with the impressive showing in his debut, Cook still has a lot to learn about getting into a routine and needs more development before he is ready for a full season assignment. He will open the 2009 season in extended spring training and will report to one of the short season league teams in the summer.

52. TJ McFarland - Left-handed Pitcher

Born: 06/08/1989 - **Height:** 6'3" - **Weight:** 190 - **Bats:** Left - **Throws:** Left

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	W
2008	19	GCL Indians	R	3
		Career		3



History: McFarland was a 4th round pick in the 2007 Draft out of Amos Alonso Stagg High School (IL).

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Strengths & Opportunities: His fastball sits around 91-92 MPH and has topped out as high as 94 MPH in high school. His fastball is a two-seamer, so he gets good sink on the pitch. He also throws a slider and changeup, with the slider having the makings of a good breaking ball and the changeup still a work in progress. He throws all three pitches for strikes and really trusts his fastball. He is not scared of contact, and as he matures as a pitcher will likely be more of a groundball type pitcher because of the sinking action he gets with his fastball. The main focus for McFarland is adjusting him to the professional game where as a starter he follows a normal five day routine. He also needs to continue refining his mechanics with his secondary pitches, commanding the zone with his fastball in and out to hitters, and repeating his delivery.

McFarland hurt his elbow as a high school junior but avoided Tommy John surgery. He did not pitch with the Indians in 2007 because he complained of some elbow soreness shortly after signing so the Indians felt it best to be extremely cautious with their new prized top draft pick. The elbow problem turned out to just be tendonitis, which was the result of throwing too many innings earlier in the year in high school. He was a 100% in the spring and all throughout extended spring training and through the Gulf Coast league he was the most consistent pitcher down in Winter Haven in the summer. He really impressed with his showing in the Gulf Coast League, and if not for one bad outing the numbers would be even better than what they were.

Outlook: McFarland showed good progress last year, and given his draft standing should open the 2009 season in the Single-A Lake County rotation.

51. Wyatt Toregas - Catcher

Born: 12/02/1982 - Height: 5'11" - Weight: 200 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl	G
2004	21	Mahoning Vy	A-	59
2005	22	Lake County	A	104
2006	23	Kinston	A+	44
		Akron	AA	48
2007	24	Akron	AA	86
2008	25	Akron	AA	47
	25	Buffalo	AAA	50
		Career		438

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Year	Age	Team	Lvl	G
2003	21	Lake County	A	38
2004	22	Kinston	A+	60
	22	Akron	AA	38
2005	23	Akron	AA	28
2006	24	Kinston	A+	8
	24	Akron	AA	6
2007	25	Kinston	A+	13
	25	Akron	AA	52
2008	26	Akron	AA	25
	26	Buffalo	AAA	72
	26	Cleveland	MLB	15
		Career (Minors)		340