

## Minor Happenings: Gomez Is Absolutely Perfect

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Wow, talk about riding the hot hand. Double-A Akron right-handed starting pitcher Jeanmar Gomez is sizzling and flat out dominating right now. In four starts with Akron, Gomez is 4-0 with a 0.31 ERA (29.0 IP, 9 H, 1 BB, 26 K). The scary part is he has gotten progressively better each time out, and just hurled A PERFECT GAME for the Aeros. Remember the name Tribe fans. In this week's Minor Happenings, Tony talks about Gomez, and updates us on all the latest transgressions with the Indians farm system.



*&quot;Minor Happenings&quot; covers the important developments and news in the Indians farm system. While most of the information in this report is from my own research and through interviews I have conducted with organizational personnel, some information in this report is collected and summarized from the various news outlets that cover each team.*

After a one week hiatus because of a trip to Miami last week, the *Happenings* are back this week and just in time before a fun-filled holiday weekend.

While there was no regular *Happenings* last week, there have been several player and info pieces in the past week.

an article on

[training](#)

on several players:

[T.J. House](#)

If you missed them, I posted

[extended spring](#)

as well

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[Alexander Perez](#)

, [Chris Gimenez](#)

, and

[Josh Tomlin](#)

I have articles planned on Paolo Espino, Abner Abreu, Chuck Lofgren, Zach Putnam and Matt McBride over the next week to ten days.

Also, in case you missed it, Paul Cousineau and I did our weekly on-line radio show Smoke Signals, and [our guest this week was right-handed pitcher Frank Herrmann](#) . We talked with him about his move to the bullpen, how that change has gone, what he is working on, and how it feels to be one call away now from the big leagues.

Frank had a lot of good insight, and as usual was a high quality interview.

### Indians Minor League Player Of The Week

Since there was no regular edition of *Minor Happenings* last week, we have two player of the week awards to hand out this week.

*May 7 to 13*

**Lonnie Chisenhall (Third Baseman - Kinston)**

*.423 AVG (11-26), 8 R, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 6 RBI, 2 BB, 3 K*



High-A Kinston third baseman Lonnie Chisenhall is having one heck of a sophomore season in

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the Indians organization. Still only 20-years old, he has adapted well to the very challenging Carolina League and has established his standing as one of the Indians top hitting prospects in the system.

He is making hard, consistent contact and to the surprise of many so far he has shown a little more pop and an ability to drive the ball out of the ballpark than originally anticipated. To date, in 38 games he is hitting .316 with 7 HR, 34 RBI, and a .911 OPS.

He also has 14 walks and 33 strikeouts in 152 at bats.

While it would be nice to see him draw a few more walks, the at bat to strikeout ratio is a solid 5:1 which is quite good for a player his age in the Carolina League.

He was also awarded last week for his hot bat of late with his second Carolina League Player of the Week Award. For the week, he hit .533 (16-for-30) with 2 HR, 12 RBI, 12 runs scored and a slugging percentage of .900. It was the second time this year he was named the Carolina League Player of the Week as he first took home the honor for the week of April 20th - 26th.

### Honorable Mentions:

Abner Abreu (OF - Lake County): .385 AVG (10-26), 6 R, 3 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 0 BB, 6 K

Jose Constanza (OF - Akron): .414 AVG (12-29), 7 R, 1 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 3 RBI, 5 BB, 7 K, 3 SB

Nick Weglarz (OF - Akron): .400 AVG (8-20), 2 R, 2 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 9 RBI, 6 BB, 2 K

Andy Marte (3B - Columbus): .400 AVG (8-20), 1 R, 2 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 1 K

Josh Tomlin (RHP - Akron): 2-0, 2.13 ERA, 2 games, 12.2 IP, 9 H, 3 R, 1 BB, 13 K

*May 14 to 20*

**Paolo Espino (Right-handed Pitcher - Kinston)**

0-1, 0.00 ERA, 2 games, 11.0 IP, 5 H, 0 R, 4 BB, 11 K

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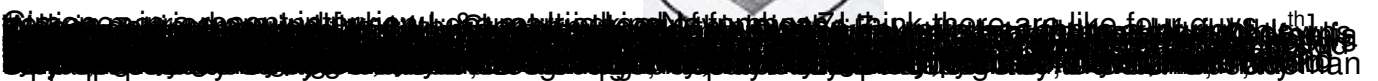
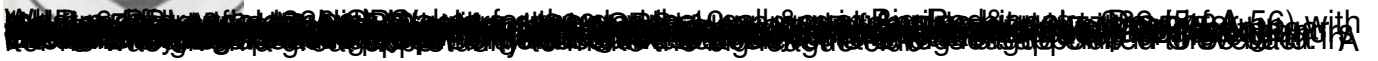


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