

## Minor Happenings: One Man

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As always, Tony is on the go. He will be at Grainger Stadium tonight (Friday) in Kinston to see the K-Tribe in action, and then catch them the following weekend in Myrtle Beach. He'll be weighing in on new Indian Connor Graham (acquired for Raffy Betancourt) in the next couple days on our front page. And today, he checks in with Minor Happenings, which is loaded with all kinds of good nuggets of information about the Indians farm system and the team's top prospects.



*"Minor Happenings" 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.*

Short update today due to me being in transit to Kinston yesterday and today. I will be at Grainger Stadium tonight (Friday) in Kinston to see the K-Tribe in action, and then catch them the following weekend in Myrtle Beach.

As a reminder, Paul and I hosted our weekly radio show [on Wednesday this week](#) because of my travel situation.

Also, I had a few player feature pieces this past week on the likes of [Nick Weglarz](#) and

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[Chris Jones](#)

In case anyone missed it, the Indians on Thursday traded right-handed reliever Rafael Betancourt to the Colorado Rockies for minor league right-handed pitching prospect Connor Graham. I'll have more soon on Graham once I have some time over the weekend to get some comments on him and do some research. Initial take: decent upside power-armed pitcher who has backend bullpen potential.

I am not bowled over by the guy, but am satisfied with the trade considering I did not expect much for Betancourt.

He's certainly an intriguing prospect, and I will have more on him soon.

Last, in my hurry to post this piece while I am holed up in a hotel room and trying to get some sleep before a long day of travel and a game tomorrow, please excuse any typos in this posting.

Onto the *Happenings*...

### **Indians Minor League Player Of The Week**

*(for games from July 16th through July 22)*

#### **Nate Recknagel (First Baseman - Lake County)**

*.550 AVG (11-for-20), 5 R, 3 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K*

Wow, talk about a hot week for Single-A Lake County infielder Nate Recknagel. The former University of Michigan product taken in the 19th round of the 2008 Draft completely tore up South Atlantic League pitching for the week, and now on the

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