

Minor Happenings: McBride To Catch In AFL

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The last month of the minor league season is one of the busiest months of the year for Tony Lastoria. He begins to work on his Top 100 Prospects rankings/book for the following season. He makes his final stops of the year in Lake County, Akron, Mahoning Valley, and Columbus ... to talk with the players and coaches and load up on material and info for his off-season exploits. Getting set to embark on his final leg of visits to the affiliates, Tony checks in with this week's Minor Happenings.



"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.

First off, for those wondering, Paul Cousineau and I had a last minute change of plans this week so our weekly on-line radio show *Smoke Signals* was cancelled this past Thursday. We'll be back on the air this coming week and carry the show weekly until the end of the season where we will host a wrapup show on October 8

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From there, we'll be taking a little bit of a breather until after the Holidays, though expect to air a handful of shows intermittently over the course of November and December.

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Also, I am [having a closeout sale](#) on the *2009 Cleveland Indians Top 100 Prospects & More* book.

I have some inventory leftover of the book I published at the beginning of the year and have reduced the price by 50%.

This is ONLY through me and not Amazon or anywhere else. If anyone is interested in picking up a copy for

\$9.99

total out the door (including shipping/handling) and signed by me as well, you can send a payment via check or credit card via PayPal to my e-mail address of

tlastoria@gmail.com

Just be sure to include your full address and any special instructions when ordering. If you would like to email me with any questions or to verify anything before ordering, please feel free to do so.

I'll be make last minute visits this week to Lake County (Sun), Akron (Mon), Mahoning Valley (Fri) and Columbus (next Sun), so there should be lots of material and information to share well into the offseason.

Onto the *Happenings*...

Indians Minor League Player Of The Week

(for games from August 20 through August 26)

Mark Thompson (Shortstop - Lake County)

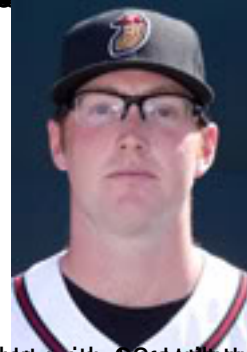
.477 AVG (10-for-21), 10 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 2 HR, 11 RBI, 5 BB, 5 K

Low-A Lake County middle infielder Mark Thompson may come in a small package at 5'9" and 165-pounds, but this past week he packed some thunder and is having a fine season in his second go-around with Lake County. His offensive performance has

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