

Minor Happenings: Changes Coming For Indians

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"Minor Happenings" is a weekly column which 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.

Change is coming. Now that the calendar has flipped to June, we are going to start to see several changes begin to occur as the Indians 25-man roster is reshaped to where it probably will undergo a complete transformation by the end of the season. Over the course of the next month or two several Indians' minor leaguers are going to be called up and make their major league debuts.

The next first domino has fallen as right-handed reliever [Frank Herrmann has been called up](#) by the team and will join his new teammates in Chicago today. It may not be the only move as another pitcher may also be coming with him, though I cannot confirm that. Interestingly enough, Herrmann [announced the move on our radio show](#)

"Smoke Signals" last night, a weekly program Paul Cousineau and I run on-line every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 PM EST. Right-handed pitcher Josh Tomlin was also our guest.

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There is talk left-hander David Huff may need to go back to Triple-A Columbus in order to get his mechanics straightened and his confidence back up, so you may see right-hander Carlos Carrasco very soon. Left-hander Aaron Laffey makes his first start tonight for Columbus and will be limited to 65-70 pitches, so he will need at least two starts in Columbus before he is an option to replace Huff (or Masterson) in the rotation.

Anyway, the 2010 MLB Draft is around the corner as it kicks off this Monday night June 7th with the first round. Rounds 2-30 will be on Tuesday June 8

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and rounds 31-50 will be on Wednesday June 9

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[my site](#)

throughout the day all three days of the draft and for the many days after it for the post-draft coverage. You won't get any better coverage anywhere.

As an FYI, this week's *Minor Happenings* has been split in two due to the length of content this week. I will post part two tomorrow. Also, I'll be visiting Low-A Lake County tonight to see right-hander Trey Haley pitch, so I am very much looking forward to that. Haley has been one of the better surprises this year and shown a lot of improvement.

Onto the *Happenings*...

Indians Minor League Player of the Week

(for games from May 27 to June 2)

Paolo Espino (Right-handed Pitcher – Akron)

2-0, 2 games, 0.84 ERA, 10.2 IP, 4 H, 1 ER, 1 BB, 13 K, 0.47 WHIP, .103 BAA

What a week for the Indians' farmhands as there were several great performances up and down the system, performances which in other weeks would likely have earned Player of the Week honors. While it was tough to choose, this week the one

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