

Minor Happenings: Aguilar Powers Rookie-Level Arizona

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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.

Okay, as mentioned over the weekend, I have a lot of catching up to do with *Minor Happenings* this week since I was out on vacation for almost two weeks. With that in mind, today's edition is simply just to catch up on things from while this piece was absent, namely to hand out two Player of the Week awards, recap the All Star games, and give an update on some injuries.

Over the course of the next four days another two to three editions of *Minor Happenings* will post to get caught up on everything else, so be on the lookout for them! Also, I was in Kinston last weekend and took lots of video and conducted a lot of interviews with players and coaches, so all of that should be posted in the coming days/weeks as well.

Tonight I am heading out to Akron, so hope to see some of you there.

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Also, once again, congrats to Josh Tomlin on the outstanding debut last night! Let's hope it is the start of something special.

Onto the *Happenings*...

Indians Minor League Player of the Week

(for games from July 8th to July 14th)

Jesus Aguilar (First Baseman – Arizona)

.360 AVG (9-for-25), 6 R, 0 2B, 0 3B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 0 BB, 8 K, 1.113 OPS

Rookie-level Arizona doesn't receive a lot of attention due to its location and a lack of any media presence, but it was hard to not notice the sensational performance for the week of first baseman Jesus Aguilar. After a very slow start to his season where



after 12 games he was hitting .156 with a .449 OPS, he has gotten hot of late where in his last ten games he is hitting .351 with a 1.042 OPS. His recent surge has him now hitting .271 with 7 HR, 22 RBI and an .810 OPS in 28 games on the season.

Aguilar, 20, is an interesting Latin prospect who had a very good season in 2009 for the Dominican Summer League (DSL) team hitting .305 with 5 HR, 46 RBI and an .872 OPS in 55 games. He was one of my Top 10 Latin players coming into this season [in my book](#), mostly because of his raw power and enormous size for his age (6'3" 241 pounds). He appeared to show an advanced approach at the plate last year in the DSL with 31 walks to only 24 strikeouts, but he has struggled this year in this department as he has just 5 walks but 32 strikeouts in Arizona.

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Aguilar is big and powerful and hits the ball a long way when he squares up the bat with the ball. He is only an average defender at first base, but he does have some versatility where he can play some outfield. He is still very young which could mean even more size and power is still coming. If his plate discipline improves, he has a lot of upside as a power hitting first baseman and is someone to keep an eye on going forward.

Honorable Mentions:

Tim Fedroff (OF – AKR): .450 (9-20), 2 R, 2 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 2 RBI, 1 BB, 3 K, 1.026 OPS

Beau Mills (1B – AKR): .353 (6-17), 4 R, 0 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 2 K, .918 OPS

Matt McBride (OF – AKR): .333 (6-18), 4 R, 1 2B, 0 3B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 4 BB, 3 K, 1.177 OPS

Bo Greenwell (OF – KIN): .478 (11-23), 2 R, 1 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 5 K, 1.042 OPS

Chris Kersten (1B – LC): .400 (8-20), 1 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K, 1.050 OPS

Chase Burnette (1B – MV): .385 (10-26), 6 R, 1 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 7 K, 1.025 OPS

Giovanny Urshela (3B – MV): .385 (10-26), 2 R, 1 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 0 BB, 3 K, .780 OPS

Nick Bartolone (SS – AZL): .393 (11-28), 7 R, 2 2B, 0 HR, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 2 K, 5 SB, .933 OPS

Indians Minor League Player of the Week

(for games from July 15th to July 21st)

Jason Kipnis (Second baseman – Akron)

.571 AVG (16-for-28), 8 R, 4 2B, 0 3B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 5 BB, 5 K, 3 SB, 1.565 OPS

There was no shortage of great performances for this week as a half dozen players could have easily laid claim to Player of the Week honors, especially in previous weeks. But, one player clearly had the best week of anyone in a super human

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