



Sunday was yet another beautiful day in the Arizona sunshine. I understand that yesterday's weather in Cleveland wasn't quite as nice.

Seriously...what are you waiting for? Start planning your trip to Phoenix for next year's spring training.

I highly, highly recommend it. Ironically, the nicest thing about yesterday was getting to watch minor league games over on the Reds side of the Goodyear complex. There's much more fan access to the minor league fields in Reds camp, where they actually have a small set of bleachers on each side of the minor league fields for fans to sit and watch. There is no such luxury on the Indians side of the house, unless you have a press or family pass to get past the fence line that separates the players from the fans. The Cincy setup is much more fan friendly, and I didn't see mobs of Reds fans hounding their prospects for autographs or distracting anyone from the games. I really don't see why the Indians can't have a similar setup on their side of the complex. But I digress...

Kyle Blair got the start for Lake County, and had a solid outing. He induced a lot of fly ball outs, and worked mostly in the upper-80's with his fastball, touching 91.

His changeup was inconsistent, and he left a couple of them up in the zone that got hit hard.

He did a nice job with runners on base, varying his delivery to the plate to keep the runners off balance.

He shows an advanced feel for pitching, and could move quickly through the system.

LeVon Washington started in CF and hit leadoff for the Captains, and had a nice day. He hit a

sharp single to RF in his 2nd

at-bat that was misplayed by the rightfielder, and Washington wound up on third base when it was all said and done.

He made a couple of nice plays in the OF, showcasing his speed and ability to come in on balls to the OF.

I didn't see anyone test his arm, but in warmups you could tell that his arm strength is still below-average.

Clayton Cook threw three innings for Kinston, and they were action-packed to say the least. Cook's stuff was there, as he sat consistently between 91-94 MPH with his fastball and his 79-81 MPH curveball had a lot of movement.

But his changeup was inconsistent, and his fastball was up in the zone.

He gave up four consecutive hits to start off his first inning of work, including a double and a triple.

But from there, he settled down and struck out the next hitter, then picked a baserunner off of second.

The next hitter reached on an error on 3B Gio Urshela, but was erased by Roberto Perez when he foolishly tried to steal 2B.

Cook then settled down to face just 7 hitters over his next two innings and did not give up another run.

