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After seemingly blowing the game on one pitch in the 78th inning, the Indians in fact totally DID blow the game in the 7 th inning.□ In one of the more painful 9 -inning non-rallies in recent memory, would-be hero Matt LaPorta followed his 7 -inning homer with a tremendifying 4-2-3 double play with the bases loaded and nobody out, and everyone went like this: *whoomp*. And then previous night's hero Jason Kipnis struck out, but really, that was more coda than anti-climax. *whoomp*. FINAL []1

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Starts with F, rhymes with "truck.".



1) Texas Boy

Faced with the unenviable task of going up against Cy Young candidate and All-Star starter Jered Weaver, Josh Tomlin took the approach that, "By gum, I can do that." And for the most part, Tomlin did.

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Really, Tomlin threw fewer pitches to complete more innings while allowing fewer hits and fewer walks with a higher strike percentage than Weaver did. Tomlin allowed a baserunner in 3 of his 8 innings, Weaver allowed a baserunner in 5 of his 7.

The Angels had 5 baserunners, the Indians 7 off Weaver alone.

Weaver struck out 5 hitters to Tomlin's 3, but Weaver got to pitch to the Cleveland Indians, and the conversion factor for this makes these roughly equal.

It could be argued, in fact, that each pitcher made one mistake, and Weaver's actually went over the wall, meaning even his mistake was worse than Tomlin's. Sadly, Tomlin's mistake came with two runners on base (one of whom was walked intentionally) while Weaver's came with the bases empty, and thus Tomlin lost 2-1.

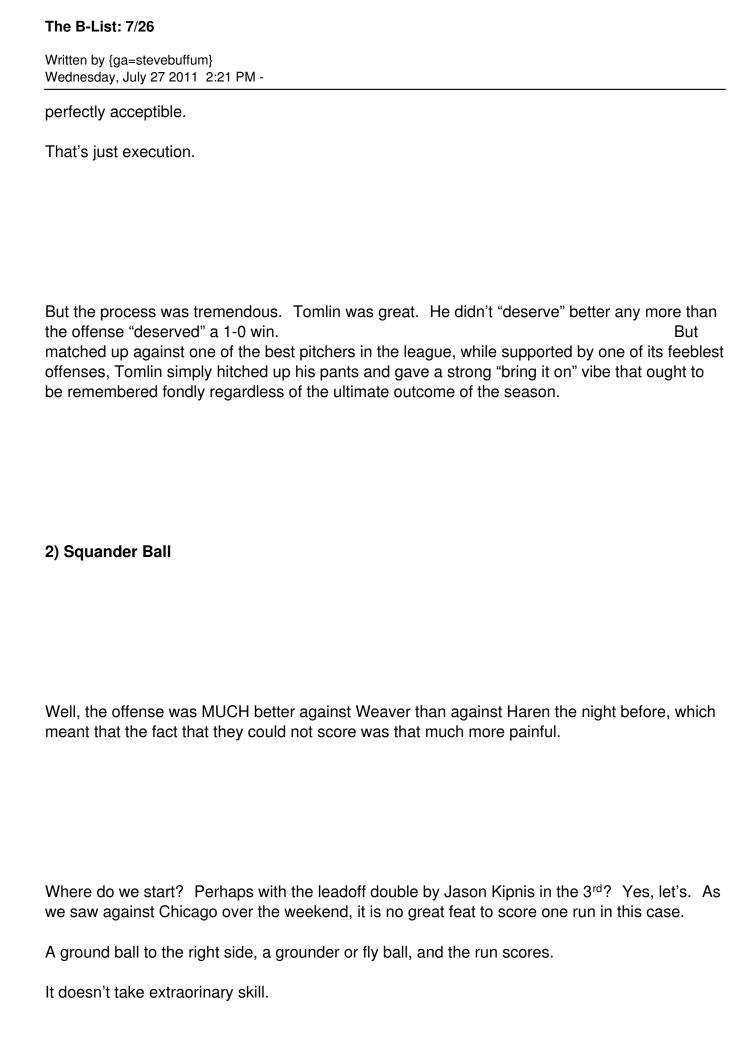
Of the 28 hitters Tomlin did not intentionally walk, he threw a first-pitch strike to an astonishing 26 of them. He needed only 97 pitches to complete his 8th inning of work, and 70 of these were strikes.

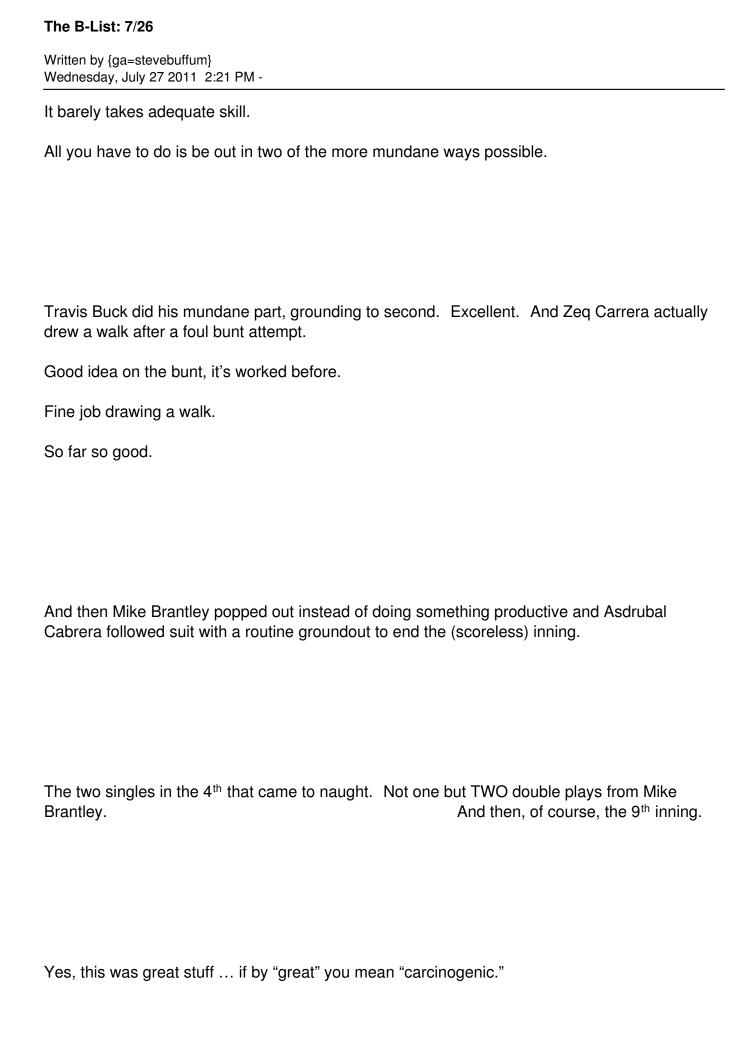
ball outs than those in the air, a brisk 12:9 ratio.

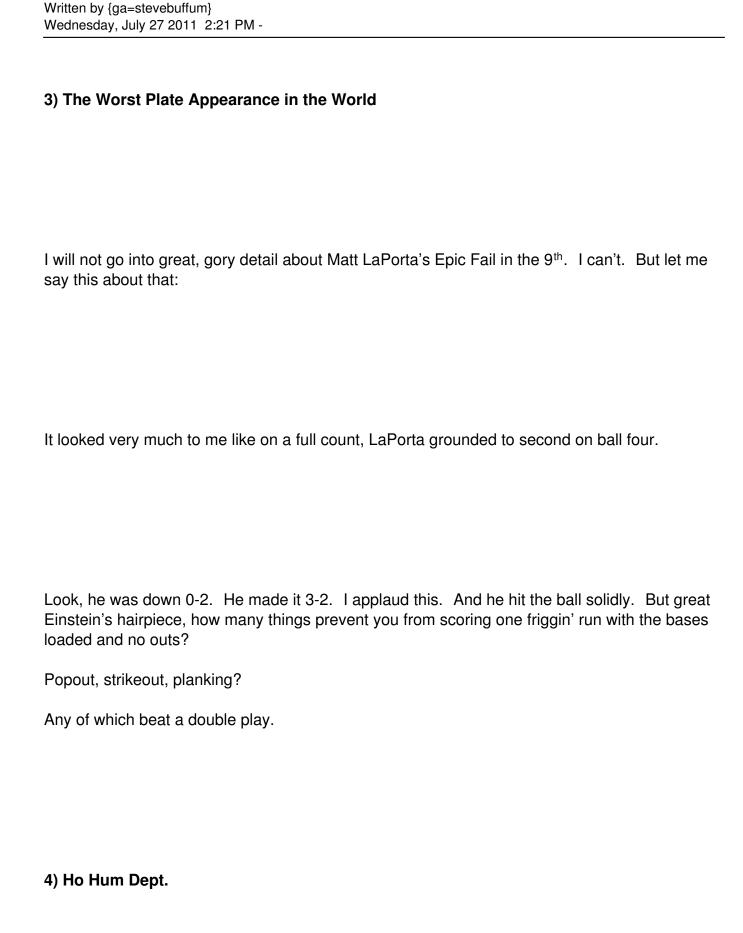
And as intimated earlier, 5 of his 8 innings were 1-2-3 affairs.

In short, Tomlin was brilliant except for one pitch to Mark Trumbo, a bad hanging curve that Trumbo did a good job of hitting the other way. With two strikes, I thought a curveball would be a good choice, but the execution was simply not good.

And while I was confused by the decision to walk Howie Kendrick to get to Trumbo, the justification for it (Kendrick is hot, a better hitter, and had two solid shots off Tomlin, while Trumbo is a lesser hitter, was in a 1-for-15 slide, and had two weak grounders to that point) was







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| Raffy Perez, not being dead after all, pitched a perfect 9 th . |
| 5) Ducks on the Pond! |
| The Indians left 7 men on base, and this doesn't count the THREE that were erased on double plays. They hit 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position, including 0-for-2s from LaPorta and Jason Kipnis, and including 0-for-3 (albeit with a walk) in the aforementioned 3 rd inning. |
| The Angels left 3 men on base. |
| 6) I'd rather pitch to Mike Brantley than be good |
| Scott Downs pitched a scoreless 8 th inning while thowing 33% more pitches OUT of the strike zone than IN it. |

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| One of the pitches in the strike zone was rapped for a double play by Brantley. |
| 7) Tyner Zone update |
| Is anyone really surprised that Zeq Carrera is in the Tyner Zone with an OBP of .357 and a SLG of .270? His ISO is .000. This is not entirely unexpected. |
| But joining him in the Tyner Zone is Austin Kearns (.322, .318). Um you should not have two OF in the Tyner Zone. mean on your ROSTER, not on the field at the same time (which we have). |
| Outfielder slugging percentages: |

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| Carrera: .270 |
| Kearns: .318 |
| Buck: .345 |
| Brantley: .389 |
| Jason Kipnis is listed as an OF, although he has not played OF. His SLG is .300. |
| For yucks, Shin-Soo Choo: .353. |
| It is hard to believe this team has difficulty scoring runs. |

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8) Stats Corner

Orly Cabrera has the same SLG as Austin Kearns.