



And then there were 20. We're in to the upper echelon of the Indians organization here on TCF, one of whom already has some major league experience. We're also going to take a look at a southpaw groundball artist, a power righty who's had some injury issues, a high-ceiling and high dollar infielder out of the Dominican Republic, and a power hitting catcher from the left side.

20. T.J. McFarland, LHP

DOB: 6/8/1989

Height/Weight: 6-3/210

Bats/Throws: Left/Left

Acquired: 4th round draft pick in 2007

2011 Stats: 9-10, 3.74 ERA with 115 K and 51 BB in 149 1/3 innings pitched between high-A and AA

Scouting Report: Drafted out of a California high school in June of 2007, McFarland is a ground ball connoisseur. He doesn't have overpowering strikeout stuff, but does a tremendous job pitching to contact and excels at letting hitters get themselves out. He probably has the best sinker in the system outside of the major league club, a two-seam, sinking fastball that consistently sits in the low-90's. The pitch helped him post an outstanding 2.49 GO/AO average last year in his 149 1/3 innings of work between Kinston and Akron. In addition to the sinking fastball, McFarland throws a slider and a changeup. The slider is further along than the changeup at this point, but both pitches project to be at least average. McFarland commands his fastball well within the strikezone, keeping it down and consequently keeping the ball in the ballpark. He faced 638 hitters last year, and allowed just 11 home runs.

Coming up through the system, McFarland has been remarkably consistent thus far in his career. In his three full years in the system, he's posted ERAs of 3.58, 3.38 and 3.74, K/9 rates of 6.3, 6.7 and 6.9 and BB/9 rates of 3.1, 2.9 and 3.1. Clearly, moving up the rungs of the organizational ladder has yet to phase McFarland. After his solid 2011 campaign, McFarland was selected as the Indians starting pitcher in the elite Arizona Fall League. The AFL has always been known as more of a hitters league, and I thought there was a chance that McFarland could struggle in the thin desert air against some of the top hitters in minor league baseball. Those fears proved to be completely unfounded, as McFarland went 3-0 with a 3.18 ERA in his 8 appearances for the Phoenix Desert Dogs. He threw 28 1/3 innings, striking out 22 and walking 13. He put up a predictably solid 2.11 GO/AO rate, and gave up more than 2 ER in just one of his starts. It was an impressive performance for the 22-year old, similar to the solid AFL campaign that propelled Scott Barnes to his breakout 2011 season with the Columbus Clippers.

McFarland is an easy guy to like. He's a smart pitcher who does a nice job keeping hitters off balance, and gets consistently solid results despite not having overwhelming stuff. He's a tremendous competitor who really bears down and is able to come up with big pitches in tough situations. He won't turn 23 until midway through the 2012 season, and should pitch most if not all of the year at AAA Columbus. He's ahead of schedule in his rise through the organization, so there's really no reason to push him too aggressively this season. He's not going to be a

dominant strikeout guy at the front of a rotation, but can definitely be a Jake Westbrook type of guy who goes out and gives you 200 solid innings, keeping the ball in the ballpark and giving the club a chance to win every time out. You won't find him on any of the national writer's top-100 prospects lists, but that doesn't mean he's not going to be a useful piece of a big league team down the road.

Glass Half-Full: A workhorse middle of the rotation starter

Glass Half-Empty: A workhorse back of the rotation starter

19. Trey Haley, RHP



DOB: 7/21/1990

Height/Weight: 6-3/180

Bats/Throws: Right/Right

Acquired: 2nd round pick in 2008

2011 Stats: 1-1 with a 3.27 ERA, 44 K and 25 BB in 41 1/3 IP between low-A Lake County and high-A Kinston

Scouting Report: Haley has one of the best arms in the system, as he has one of the rare arms that can touch triple-digits. The two-seamer sits comfortably in the mid-90s, and in addition to the plus-plus velocity it has good movement as well, with nice arm-side run. It's a major league quality pitch right now, and the 21-year old Haley can get plenty of outs at the minor league level pitching off nothing but the fastball. It's easy velocity from a clean, easily repeatable delivery. Haley is a tall kid but still has some filling out to do, and there's a possibility that he could pick up even more velocity as he adds strength. He also throws a four-seam fastball that gives him a different look, but it doesn't have as much movement as the two-seamer.

In addition to the plus heater, Haley has an above-average curveball that flashes plus and is developing a changeup. The curve is almost 20 MPH slower than his fastball, and has good break and depth. The change is behind the curve in terms of development, and he's still trying to get a feel for the pitch. It's something he just needs to throw more of, which is tough because he can get hitters out with just his fastball/curveball combo. Developing that changeup though will be key in his development, and without it he's not going to be able to remain in the rotation.

Haley had some injury issues early last year, pulling his groin muscle in spring training and dealing with the injury off and on for most of the season. Because of the slow start to his season, Haley worked almost exclusively out of the bullpen in 2011. His already-outstanding stuff played up even more in the shorter stints, and he really could be an impact reliever. However, you don't put stuff like that into the bullpen until you have to, so Haley will be given every opportunity to start. He's had some control issues in the past, issuing 183 walks in 240 1/3 career innings pitched. If he can harness his stuff and command his fastball more effectively, he's a starter for sure. If not, he'll be an impact reliever down the road. He'll likely

start off back in the Carolina League with the Mudcats, but look for him to move quickly to Akron if he's healthy.

Glass Half-Full: A #2 starter in the show

Glass Half-Empty: A power closer with no changeup



18. Dorssys Paulino, SS

DOB: 11/21/1994

Height/Weight: 6-0/175

Bats/Throws: Right/Right

Acquired: International Free Agent in 2011

2011 Stats: DNP

Scouting Report: Paulino was the Indians' big money signing out of the Dominican Republic in the last year that big money signings in the international market will be an option. He was seen as one of the top players in the Dominican, and the Indians shelled out \$1.1 million to bring him stateside. His bat is considered his main tool, and he projects to have average to above-average power and a plus hit tool.

Paulino's defense is solid, but there are questions as to whether he'll be able to stick at SS in the long term. Even if he can't, his bat will play at 2B or 3B, so a position change won't degrade his prospect standing too much. He has good speed, a strong arm, and good baseball instincts. He's also extremely young and extremely raw, and probably won't play anywhere but the complex leagues in 2012. Paulino is obviously one of the players I've never seen in person, and I'm really looking forward to getting a look at him this spring in Goodyear.

Glass Half-Full: He could be an all-star infielder

Glass Half-Empty: He could never play above AA

17. Jake Lowery, C



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