



It's hard to believe, but there's only one more Sunday between now and the MLB trade deadline. Indians fans, who by their very nature never agree on anything, unanimously agree that the team has to make a move in order to remain a serious contender for either the Central Division or one of the (new and improved) two AL wildcard spots. [If you haven't read Paulie's midweek Tomahawks piece, stop what you're doing right now, click here, read it and come back.](#)

Really, we'll wait.

Ready? Ok, now that you've indulged yourself with that outstanding trade deadline primer, let's take a midseason look at the bullets that Chris Antonetti is going to have in his gun when trying to execute a deadline deal in the next 11 days or so. This won't be a strict prospect ranking per se, as no 2012 draftees will be here, but more of a rough "pref list" as I would construct it if I were a rival GM dealing with the Indians in trade talks. Basically, I will be slightly more upset if the Indians trade the #24 player on this list that the #25 player, and so on. Whether or not the Indians end up making a deal is still up for debate, but if they do it will likely involve one or more players from this list.

25. Jared Goedert, 3B-Columbus Clippers

Goedert has never quite had a chance to hit major league pitching. He broke out with a huge power year in 2010, hitting 20 HR in 81 games for AAA Columbus. Going into the 2011 season, the Indians had holes at both 3B and 1B, Goedert's primary defensive positions. He suffered an untimely oblique injury in spring training though, and only ended up playing in 87 minor league games in 2011. He hit 18 HR and posted an .858 OPS between Akron and Columbus, but he was doing it as a 26-year old against mostly younger competition. He began 2012 the same place he began 2010, right back in AA Akron. He's worked his way up to AAA Columbus, and is hitting .340/.403/.543 with 14 HR and 54 RBI in 86 games between the two levels. He's not going to headline any deals, but the 27-year old could be an intriguing throw-in for a team with an opening in 1B/3B/LF/DH. He's a below-average defender, but if a team wants to give him a shot there's a chance he can at least be a versatile power bat off the bench.

24. Tyler Sturdevant, RP-Columbus Clippers

A 27th round draft pick in 2009, Sturdevant has struck out an impressive 10.7 batters per 9 IP in his career. He threw 74 2/3 innings in 2011, mostly between Kinston and Akron, posting a 2.65 ERA and recording 82 K. He was slated to start 2012 in the Columbus bullpen, but the 26-year old suffered an arm injury in spring training and didn't make his 2012 debut until June with high-A Carolina. He's moved quickly to Columbus, but hasn't had the same success in 2012 as he has in the past. He's thrown 18 2/3 innings overall, striking out 15 and posting a 3.86 ERA. Sturdevant's best pitch is his cutter, and he's especially tough on righthanded hitters. He could be a useful part of a major league bullpen, but his trade value is diminished by his injury issues this year.

23. Juan Diaz, SS-Akron Aeros

Diaz spent some time in the majors with the Indians this year, going 4-15 with a walk and 5 K in 5 games with the Indians. He's a just 23, a solid but unspectacular defender at short, but will probably never hit enough to be an everyday shortstop in the major leagues. He came over to the Indians in the Russell Branyan trade in 2010, and has a career OPS of .673 in 686 minor league games. He's a big guy at 6'4", 200lbs, and his size, youth and defensive ability make him an intriguing prospect.







67. [Batter in Cleveland Indians uniform at home plate during a game.](#)



68. [A Cleveland Indians batter swinging a bat during a game.](#)



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