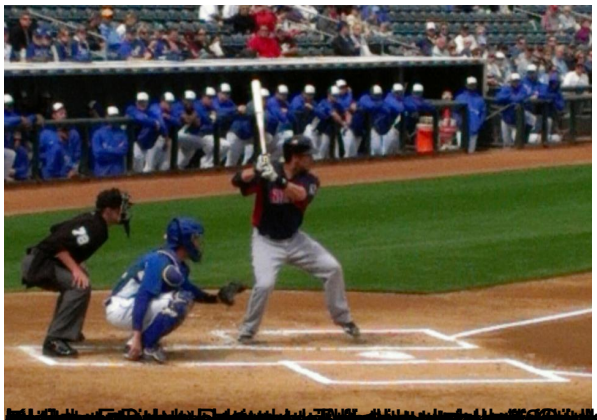
What's that, you say? Rain in Arizona; you cannot be serious.

Well, it was imminent all day, but it didn't come to Phoenix's Northwest Valley in time to save the Indians long journey up Bullard Avenue to Surprise. In terms of "B" teams, this was as literal as it gets, with no regular players on Friday's travel roster, other than Joe Smith and Drew Stubbs.

Stubbs was worth the price of admission, leading off the game with a home run, then doubling and scoring on a Ben Francisco sacrifice fly in the third inning, right before the game was called. Stubbs notched his first stolen base of the spring with a great jump on Ned Yost's southpaw starter Noel Arguelles. Yan Gomes was at the plate with a 1-0 count, and Ryan Raburn, who was walked by Ryan Verdugo, on second base when the tarp came out. Raburn took second base on the throw, and he'll be back there if they resume and Francona hasn't already put him on a bus back to Goodyear.

"If anything good today happened," Terry Francona stated about Stubbs, "it was coming over to see him take those two swings, because those were beautiful."

Corey Kluber got the start for Francona. Alex Gordon got Kluber off on the wrong foot, by hitting a double to right center field to start the home half of the first inning, with the Royals already trailing 1-0. Gordon stole third base and scored the Royals first run of the day on David Lough's sacrifice fly; Gordon easily beat Tim Fedroff's throw from the left field.



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