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How about an even *better* team. The 2007 Akron roster is loaded with many of the Indians top prospects, and in fact, four of the top five prospects from TheClevelandFan.com Top 35 Prospect Rankings will be showcased in Akron. In all, 13 of the players on that Top 35 List will be in Akron. Yep, Akron is loaded.

Some of the best bats in the system will be on display every night with guys like Trevor Crowe, Brian Barton, Ryan Goleski, and Jordan Brown. The pitching staff boasts the system's top two lefties in Chuck Lofgren and Scott Lewis. And, defensively, the Aeros will have defensive wizard Asdrubal Cabrera at shortstop and the strong-armed Wyatt Toregas behind the plate. It should be a fun time down at Canal Park this season watching the players grow, the team play well, and hopefully make it back to the Eastern League Championship Series so they can re-claim that League Championship.

Minor League Affiliates

Buffalo Bisons (AAA)
Akron Aeros (AA)
Kinston Indians (High A)
Lake County Captains (Low A)
Mahoning Valley Scrappers (Short Season A)
GCL Indians (Rookie)

Akron Aeros Coaching Staff

Manager: Tim Bogar
2nd season as Akron manager, 2nd season in Indians organization

Hitting Coach: Lee May Jr.
1st season as Akron hitting coach, 4th season in Indians organization

Pitching Coach: Greg Hibbard
2nd season as Akron pitching coach, 5th season in Indians organization

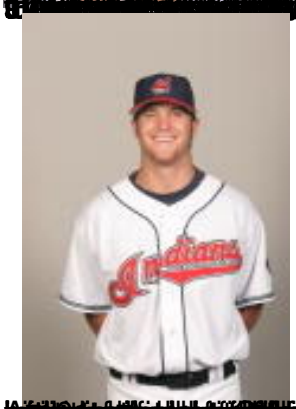
Starting Lineup & Rotation

(estimated batting order)
1. Trevor Crowe RF
2. Argenis Reyes 2B
3. Brian Barton CF
4. Ryan Goleski LF
5. Jordan Brown 1B
6. John Van Every DH
7. Pat Osborn 3B
8. Wyatt Toregas C
9. Asdrubal Cabrera SS

#1 Starter: Chuck Lofgren
#2 Starter: Scott Lewis
#3 Starter: J.D. Martin
#4 Starter: Aaron Laffey
#5 Starter: Shawn Nottingham

Players to Watch

Ryan Goleski - Outfield
Age: 25 Height: 6'3" Weight: 215 Bats: Right Throws: Right



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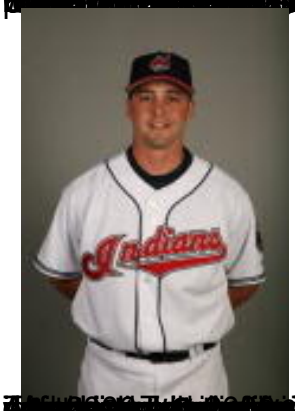

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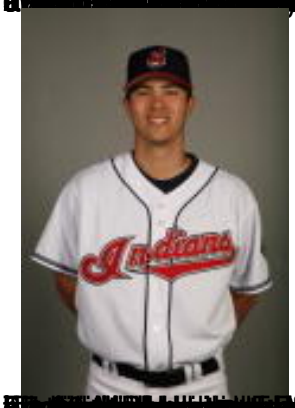

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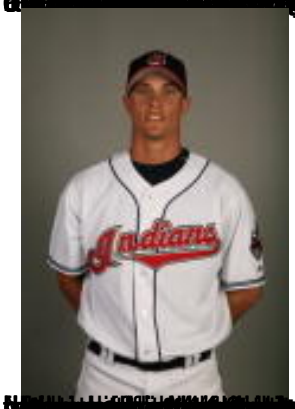

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