The Lastoria World Tour continues as Tony is on the final leg of a two week trip along the East and Gulf Coast that has taken him to Winter Haven, FL to Clearwater, FL and now to Myrtle Beach, SC. The trip is part "family vacation" and part business to see the non-local Indians minor league affiliates the GCL Indians and Kinston Indians. This edition of Minor Happenings gets us caught up on some of the events of the last ten days. Another fuller version will post later this week.

"Minor Happenings" covers the important developments and news in the Indians farm system. While most of the information in this report is from my own research and through interviews I have conducted with organizational personnel, some information in this report is collected and summarized from the various news outlets that cover each team.

Hello from Myrtle Beach. I'm on the final leg of a two week trip along the East and Gulf Coast that has taken me to Winter Haven, FL to Clearwater, FL and now to Myrtle Beach, SC.

The trip is part business to see the non-local Indians minor league affiliates the GCL Indians and Kinston Indians, but mostly pleasure to spend a lot of time with my family and recharge the batteries for the final two months of the minor league season.

I plan to attend a game here in Myrtle Beach either tonight (Monday) or on Tuesday night to see Kinston in action and get some updates on players.

Also, please note, this will be an abbreviated *Minor Happenings* to cover some of the highlights from the last week. A more "full version" will post this Friday or Saturday to get everything back up to speed.

Two-week family vacations "in-season" can certainly throw a monkey wrench into things, so I appreciate the patience from everyone.

After the full version of
Happenings

posts this weekend, it should post as usual on Thursday or Friday every week without any delays until the end of September when the piece wraps up with the third installment of the Tony Awards.

As I mentioned last week, I was in Winter Haven and was able to see the GCL Indians play a few games and talk to several of the players and coaches. I had a chance to talk to manager Rouglas Odor, pitching coach Steve Lyons, outfielder Kevin Rucker, outfielder Bo Greenwell, left-hander T.J. McFarland, and left-hander Chris Jones at length during my visit.

I'll have more on the GCL trip later this week in the "full version" of *Happenings*
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Also, for those wondering, I will NOT be attending tonight's USA/Canada exhibition game in Durham, NC. I really pushed for it, but in the end it was too much to drag my family to yet another destination and three hours out of our way.

Finally, just another reminder, there is a *Minor Happenings* radio show coming. Once I get home on Wednesday night this should start to be ironed out and I can dive into it a lot more and firm up the details.

Be on the lookout for an update on when it will be aired in coming editions of *Happenings*
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Indians Minor League Player Of The Week
(for games from July 24th through July 30th)

Matt Brown (Outfielder - Lake County)
.526 AVG (10-for-19), 4 R, 3 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 4 BB, 3 K

Single-A Lake County Captains outfielder Matt Brown had a great week to help carry the Captains to a few victories and get the

offense out of a month-long funk. In Last Sunday's win, Brown had the decisive blow when he cranked a grand slam home run that proved to be the difference in the game.

After hitting .326 with an .835 OPS in April, Brown struggled in May (.219/.541) mostly because he was had a wrist injury which affected him, but once he was 100% again he was back to his

old self hitting .319/.807 in June and .292/.845 in July.

Brown was the Indians 13th round pick in 2007 out of Wichita State. Coming out of college his biggest challenge was developing better plate discipline, and this season he has made big strides in that department by posting 30 walks but only 52 strikeouts in 364 at bats.

Brown is an intriguing outfielder who offers a great package of overall tools headlined by good bat speed, raw power, and an incredible arm in the outfield.

Also, Brown was recently named the South Atlantic League Player of the Week for the week of July 20th through the 27th. In winning the award, Brown hit .400 (8-for-20) with 4 2B, 1 HR and 10 RBI. On the season, Brown is hitting .292 with 7 HR, 64 RBI, and a .769 OPS in 97 games.

Honorable Mentions:

Scott Lewis (LHP - Akron): 1-0, 0.69 ERA, 13 IP, 10 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 13 K
Brad Snyder (OF - Buffalo): .478 AVG, 2 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 8 RBI
Brock Simpson (1B - Mahoning Valley): .345 AVG, 5 R, 2 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 8 RBI
Jeremie Tice (3B - Mahoning Valley): .370 AVG, 7 R, 3 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI
Abner Abreu (3B - GCL Indians): .258 AVG, 5 R, 3 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 9 RBI

Previous Winners:

7/17 to 7/23: Michael Aubrey (1B - Buffalo)
7/10 to 7/16: Niuman Romero (3B - Kinston)
7/3 to 7/9: Nick Weglarz (OF - Kinston)
6/26 to 7/2: Stephen Head (1B/OF - Akron)
6/19 to 6/25: Trevor Crowe (OF - Akron)
6/12 to 6/18: Chris Gimenez (C - Akron)
6/5 to 6/11: Jim Deters (RHP - Kinston)
5/29 to 6/4: Steven Wright (RHP - Kinston)
5/22 to 5/28: Chris Archer (RHP - Lake County)
5/15 to 5/21: David Huff (LHP - Akron)
5/8 to 5/14: Steven Wright (RHP - Kinston)
5/1 to 5/7: Jeremy Sowers (LHP - Buffalo)
4/24 to 4/30: Jose Constanza (OF - Akron)
4/17 to 4/23: Hector Rondon (RHP - Kinston)
4/10 to 4/16: Wes Hodges (3B - Akron)
4/3 to 4/9: Kelvin De La Cruz (LHP - Lake County)

New Catching Duo At Kinston

Talk about a major infusion of talent in less than a week at the catching position for advanced Single-A Kinston. Their catching situation went from a position of weakness to one of extreme strength after catcher Matt McBride was activated from his rehab

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