Tony is back with the first of two special editions of Happenings that will post today and tomorrow recapping his visit to Winter Haven and Myrtle Beach the last two weeks to see the rookie-level GCL club and also Kinston. Today, Tony has all sorts of good nuggets from his trip to see the GCL team and has lots of info on guys like Abner Abreu, Danny Salazar, Alexander Perez, Kevin Rucker, T.J. McFarland and more. Also, be sure to catch Tony and Paul Cousineau's first radio show tomorrow night....details inside!

"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.

This is the first of what will be three editions of *Minor Happenings* this week. Today's edition as well as tomorrow will recap my visit to Winter Haven and Myrtle Beach to see the rookie-level GCL club and also Kinston.

The third installment on Friday will be a regular edition of
Happenings
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Tomorrow's piece will be much larger and include lots of comments from Indians Farm Director Ross Atkins on some of the Kinston players as well as Abner Abreu who is playing with the GCL club. In addition to that, I'll have a recap of my talk with pitching coach Greg Hibbard on several pitchers he has on the Kinston staff along with small recaps of interviews I had with catcher Carlos Santana, infielder Jared Goedert, and relievers Vinnie Pestano and Michael Finocchi.

I'll even have a special little story on the visiting clubhouse manager in Myrtle Beach, Bob Leber, who just happens to be a diehard Indians fan.

Also, let me take this moment to announce that my first attempt at a radio show will commence tomorrow night (Thursday) August 14th from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM EST. The show can be

heard on BlogTalkRadio.com by clicking
here
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When you go to the link you should see
The Cleveland Fan Live
upcoming shows and you should see mine on there.

I'll be partnered up with
Paul Cousineau
, who is a widely popular writer on TheClevelandFan.com as well.

For the first few episodes we will likely split time on the major league team and the prospects.

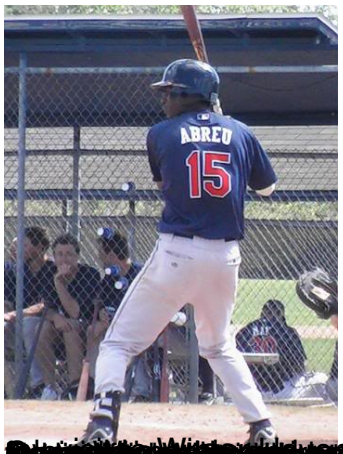
Down the road, as soon as we get more comfortable with this, I'll have a show that is 100% just on the prospects.

Do note, these are just test shows still and I have nil radio experience, so please keep that in mind when listening for the first several episodes. The hope here is this provides yet another way for people to get some prospect information, and more importantly offers people a place to talk shop on the radio about Tribe prospects. The best thing is you don't have to listen live to hear the show as you can download the podcast and listen to it anytime 15 minutes after the show and listen on your computer or download it into whatever media device you choose.

Last, two players I spoke to during my visit to Winter Haven - outfielder Bo Greenwell and left-hander Chris Jones - will not be included in this piece because I will have a feature article in each of them down the road.

Manager's Minute: Rouglas Odor

I had a chance to sit down with GCL Indians manager Rouglas Odor and talk about a few of the position players on the team during



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