Two teams are left playing in the Indians minor league system, and with that another year of Minor Happenings is quickly coming to a close. That said, there is still lots to talk about these next few weeks with the playoffs and lots of other news as all the offseason leagues get underway. Tony hits on the playoff exploits of the Scrappers and Aeros, Carlos Santana's monster season in Akron, and much more in this week's column.

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Paul Cousineau and I returned to the cyber waves this week with another edition of Smoke Signals . We talked extensively about the recent roster decisions by the Indians, and of course talked at length about the decision to not roster and call up Triple-A Columbus outfielder Jordan Brown.

I also

wrote a piece about his non callup
earlier this week.

If you want some interesting nuggets on Brown and his situation not provided in that writeup, I suggest you listen to the radio show and find out.

I was in Mahoning Valley on Wednesday and took in their series clinching Game 2 win and then went to Akron on Thursday night for their decisive Game 2 win. I plan to catch one of Mahoning Valley's games next week and one more in Akron if they make it to the Eastern League Finals.

I've also received several questions on if I will be going to the Instructional League or the Arizona Fall League this year. No, I will not be going to either, but I am certainly planning on going to one or both of them next year. Once the playoffs wrap up here next week, that's it as far as seeing these guys really until next spring.

By the way, for those wondering, the Indians are still putting the finishing touches on their signings in Latin America. The International Signing Period has ended, but the Indians are holding the list close to their vests for now as they do all the background checks on players so another Wally Bryan (Jose Ozoria) situation doesn't arise. I should have something on the players signed and some brief scouting reports on them later this month or in early October.

Onto the *Happenings*...

Indians Minor League Player Of The Week
(for games from September 1 through September 7)

Jordan Brown (Outfielder - Columbus)
.421 AVG (8-19), 4 R, 1 2B, 0 3B, 3 HR, 7 RBI, 3 BB, 5 K, 1.447 OPS

A little bit of a twist this week for the final player of the week/month this season. With this past week being a short week and

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