Here is the next group of prospects in the 2010 Indians Top 50 Prospect Countdown here on TheClevelandFan.com and SportsTimeOhio.com. As a reminder, these scouting reports will be linked and listed for easy access on my site http://www.indiansprospectinsider.com/ .

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40. Hector Ambriz - Right-handed Pitcher
Born: 05/24/1984 - Height: 6'2" - Weight: 235 - Bats: Left - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl
2006	22	Missoula	R
2007	23	Visalia	A+

2008	24	Mobile Bay	AA
2009	25	Mobile Bay	AA
2009	25	Reno	AAA

Totals

History: Ambriz was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 5th round of the 2006 Draft out of UCLA. The Indians picked him up in the Rule 5 Draft this past December, their first Rule 5 selection in seven years.

Strengths & Opportunities: Ambriz is an interesting arm the Indians were able to scoop up out of the Arizona Diamondbacks system. He throws from a high three quarter arm slot and throws a fastball that sits at 90-94 MPH and has touched 95 MPH. The Indians believe his secondary pitches have a chance to have power to them, and he complements the fastball with a really good splitter which is considered his out pitch and has some hard, power sink to it. He also throws a slider that shows some good hard, late bite, and a curveball which is clearly his fourth best pitch in his arsenal has good depth but he lacks command of it in the strike zone. He is a polished pitcher who has a good history going all the way back to college of being a very good strike thrower.

After a lot of research and discussions with their scouts, the Indians decided that a move to the bullpen is a role that best suits Ambriz. The feeling is coming out of the bullpen he has a chance to be a little more effective and his stuff has a chance to play up in the role. His fastball-splitter combination could be very effective for one inning stints, though he is still expected to mix in his slider and curveball. He battles and competes well. The biggest question mark will be how he adapts to the sudden change of being given a big league opportunity and how he translates to the big leagues. He has the physical resemblance of Carlos Zambrano, and there are also some concerns with his conditioning and work ethic in regard to staying in shape since he is soft through his mid-section.

The pickup of Ambriz was not something that came out of nowhere. The Indians have some history and a track record with him as they got a lot of looks at him back when he was pitching for UCLA the same year they were heavily scouting left-hander David Huff who they eventually took with their supplemental first round pick in the 2006 Draft while Ambriz was selected by the Diamondbacks in the 5th round that same year. So given their history with him in the past along with their current assessment of his performance and development during his time with the Diamondbacks they believe they have a pretty fair idea of what kind of pitcher he is and what they are getting.

Outlook: With so many internal options to sift through for the starting rotation, the Indians plan on bringing Ambriz into big league camp in spring training as a candidate for their big league bullpen. While there is no risk involved with a Rule 5 selection, they are still long shot gambles. The one thing going for Ambriz is the Indians are in a non-contending year, and if they like what they see out of him in the spring they can afford to keep him on the roster and be much more patient with him than a contending team would. To stick in the organization, he has to remain in Cleveland for the entire 2010 season and cannot be sent to the minors per Rule 5 rules, unless the Indians complete a minor trade to acquire his full rights from the Diamondbacks. He will open the 2010 season in the Cleveland bullpen, be sent back to the Diamondbacks or sent to Triple-A Columbus if a trade is completed.

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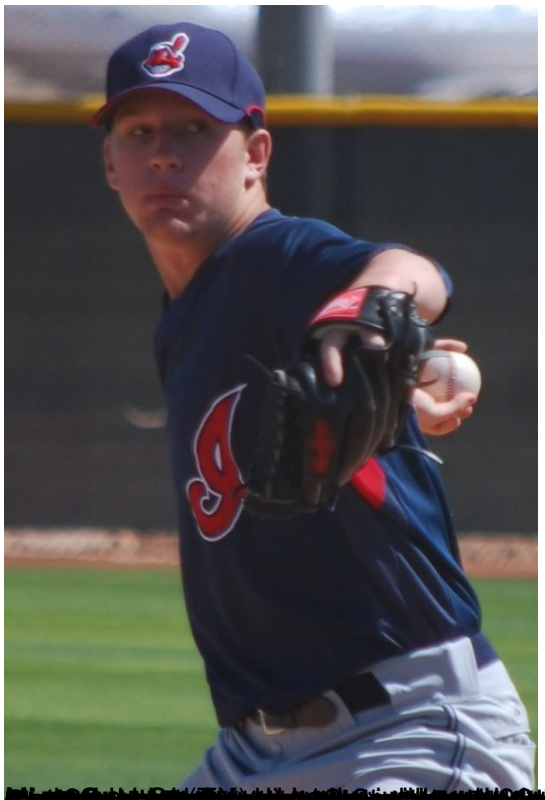
Hector Ambriz Pitching:

39. Clayton Cook - Right-handed Pitcher
Born: 07/23/1990 - Height: 6'3" - Weight: 175 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl
2008	17	GCL Indians	R
2009	18	Mahoning Vy	A-

Totals



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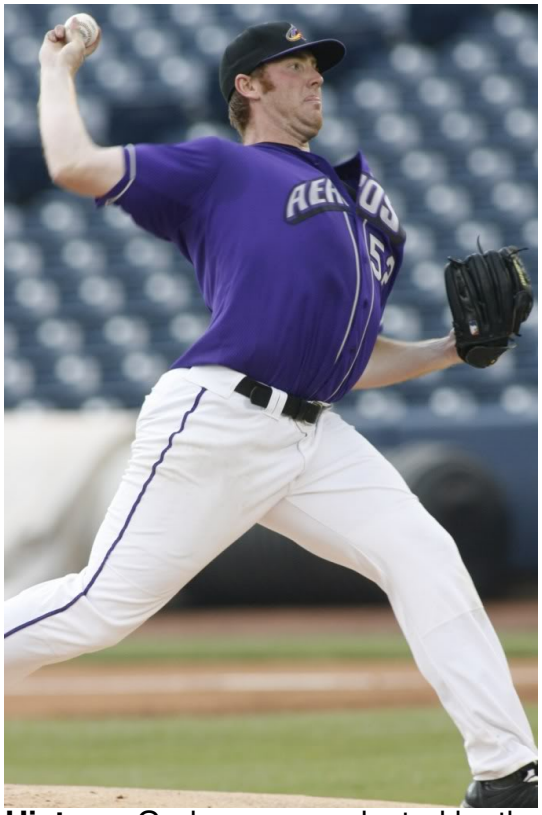
Year	Age	Team	Lvl
2007	21	Tri-City	A-

2008	22	Asheville	A
2009	23	Modesto	A+
2009	23	Akron	AA
		Totals	



History: Graham was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the 5th round of the 2007 Draft out of Miami, OH University. The Indians acquired him in a trade with the Giants on July 23, 2009 for Rafael Betancourt. Prior to acquiring him, the Indians already had a good book on Graham after scouting him at Miami, OH several times and had him in for a pre-draft workout at Akron. His trade to the Indians is sort of a homecoming for him as he grew up in Bowling Green, OH and played college baseball for Miami, OH. His wife is also from Dayton, OH. He pitched in the Arizona Fall League this past fall, and in 11 games went 1-1 with a 6.08 ERA and allowed 14 hits, 18 walks and had 16 strikeouts in 13.1 innings pitched.

Strengths & Opportunities: Graham is a big, massive, intimidating, power body, power armed pitcher with a four pitch mix. He has the stuff to dominate and overmatch hitters. His power fastball consistently jumps out of his hand at 92-94 MPH but he gets it all the way up to 97

MPH, and it is his best pitch when he is commanding it. He has the makings of a swing-and-miss plus slider that has hard, biting action and sits in the low 80s, and he does a good job of keeping it underneath the hands of lefties and away from righties. He also throws a changeup which is still a work in progress, but it has shown some promise to become an average pitch in his arsenal. He recently added a spilt-finger fastball back into his arsenal this offseason which is a pitch he has experience with but has not thrown since college. He is a very positive player with a lot of intelligence, and has a ton of work ethic.

Graham's fastball command comes and goes, but his secondary pitches are pretty consistent. His success will largely be determined by how well he can command both sides of the plate with his mid-90s fastball and throw consistent, quality strikes with it. The ability to command and control his fastball will be a big key in helping play up the effectiveness of his plus slider, changeup and splitter. He wore down near the end of last season which may have been a result of being in poor shape and condition since the Rockies banned him from lifting weights and working out in the spring. His walk totals increased while with Akron, and they exploded in the Arizona Fall League, which are all signs of a tired pitcher. The Indians believe that if he is in better shape that improvements to his delivery and command will come in due time.

Graham is listed at 6'6" 235 pounds, but it doesn't do him justice as in person he looks much bigger. He has some significant upside either way, and is very raw as a pitcher. Because he is a big, physical pitcher and is so raw, he has trouble repeating his delivery and arm action which results in erratic release points and the inconsistent command. He needs to develop his strike throwing ability, work on better establishing his fastball down in the zone, and finish off the development of his slider. The Indians believe the best place to do all this is in the starting rotation. As a starter, a pitcher throws more pitches and more innings going 75-100 pitches a night with a regular workout day in between where more pitches are thrown on the side, whereas in the bullpen a pitcher will go one to two innings and then be off for to days before making another appearance. When they initially acquired him they left him in the starting rotation, but it looks very likely that he will be converted to a reliever this coming season.

Outlook: Graham has shown flashes of brilliance combined with lots of inconsistency. If he can get a better handle on his delivery and command, the Indians may have a real diamond in the rough. When the Indians acquired him from Colorado they kept him in the rotation, but it looks like this season he will be moved to the bullpen either at the start of the year or later in the season. He is never going to be a surgeon on the mound, but could end up a solid mid-rotation starter or a backend reliever if he is able to make some strides with his command. He will open the season at Double-A Akron, and while it is not certain if he will start or relieve, he likely will pitch out of the bullpen.

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Connor Graham Pitching:

37. Kyle Bellows - Third Baseman
Born: 08/19/1988 - Height: 6'3" - Weight: 210 - Bats: Right - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl
2009	21	Mahoning Vy	A-
		Totals	

History: Bellows was selected by the Indians in the 4th round of the 2009 Draft out of San Jose State. He began his freshman season at first base with San Jose State and ended up finishing the season at shortstop where he earned freshman All-America honors after hitting .343 with 6 HR, 47 RBI, and an .897 OPS in 60 games. That summer he played in the New England Collegiate League and was rated as the second best prospect in the whole league (Steven Strasburg was first). As a sophomore at San Jose State and playing in the Cape Cod League in the summer of 2008, he split his time between first base, third base, and shortstop. The constant shuffling affected his numbers as he only hit .276 with 4 HR, 42 RBI, and an .828 OPS in 56 games. In his junior season - his draft year- he spent the entire season at shortstop and he once again was comfortable at the plate hitting .389 with 10 HR, 57 RBI, and a 1.051 OPS. His professional debut at short-season Single-A Mahoning Valley ended prematurely in the middle of August when he broke a bone in his hand and dislocated a finger sliding back into a base.

Strengths & Opportunities: Bellows has a very good bat and is just starting to come into his power. As a 20-year old at Mahoning Valley he impressed by exhibiting some good bat-to-ball ability and became much more consistent with making contact as the season wore on. He is not expected to be someone who hits for a high average as he moves up the professional ranks, but he has shown an ability to limit strikeouts and has an improving approach where he could become more patient with drawing more walks. His biggest tool though is some very nice raw power that makes him a potential middle of the lineup run producing bat. He is very strong and athletic, and with his 6'3" 210 pound frame is an impressive physical specimen that should continue to grow as he fills out the next year or two. He also has a high aptitude with a drive to

improve.

Bellows played shortstop, first base, and third base in college, though was primarily a shortstop. Upon drafting and signing him, the Indians immediately moved him from shortstop to third base. His manager at Mahoning Valley - Travis Fryman - made the same transition as a professional, so he helped immensely with the transition. Fryman really liked what he saw out of Bellows and spoke of him in the same light as his former pupil the previous year Lonnie Chisenhall. The move to third base looks like it suits him well as he not only has the frame and body to get bigger there, but he also has the athleticism and bat to be an everyday player there. He showed an ease to his game and made all the routine plays and showed an ability to make the exceptional one. He shows excellent instincts and agility, and comes in on balls well. He has great arm strength with very good accuracy, even on balls hit deep down the line. While he only has average speed, he showed some very good athleticism be it running the bases or moving around defensively at third base.

Even though the position change from playing shortstop in college to now third base in the pros looks like a great fit for Bellows, with his athleticism and versatility he has the ability to play anywhere in the field except maybe catcher. There is always the possibility depending on his development or the need of the Indians that he ends up as a right fielder. On the offensive side, one of the big concerns with him is he had a long swing coming out of college. Shortening up his swing while not taking away from his power will be a challenge for him and the Indians player development staff, but they believe it can be done. He is still adjusting to wood bats, so once he adjusts and his swing becomes more consistent the expected power surge could come.

Outlook: The Indians were excited to get Bellows in the 4th round, and believe he is a player who has the ability to continue to grow as a hitter and continue to develop power. He really impressed team officials and scouts for other teams with his glove work, arm, and power at the plate during Instructional League this past September/October. His solid professional debut, draft pedigree, and impressive play in the offseason make him someone to keep an eye on and someone who could shoot up the rankings next year. He likely will skip Low-A Lake County, and instead begin his first full season with a bigger challenge as the starting third baseman at advanced Single-A Kinston.

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Kyle Bellows Batting:

36. Tim Fedroff - Outfielder
Born: 02/04/1987 - Height: 5'11" - Weight: 220 - Bats: Left - Throws: Right

Year	Age	Team	Lvl
2008	21	Mahoning Vy	A-
2009	22	Kinston	A+

Totals

History: Fedroff was selected by the Indians in the 7th round of the 2008 Draft out of the University of North Carolina. He scared some teams away in the draft because of bonus demands, and after he slid to the Indians they gambled on him and just before the signing deadline agreed to a $725,000 bonus with him. Last year at High-A Kinston he finished 10th in the pitching dominated Carolina League in batting average (.278), 7th in walks (64), and 3rd in on-base percentage (.383). He participated in the Advanced Instructional League this past fall, and also made a brief appearance in the Arizona Fall League and in 10 games hit .111 (4-for-36) with 0 HR, 2 RBI and a .286 OPS.

Strengths & Opportunities: Fedroff is a well-rounded player who has above average speed, makes good contact and has some pop in his bat to pound the ball gap-to-gap. He has all the tools to be a good catalyst at the top of a lineup with his good speed, patient approach and

line-drive bat where a lot of scouts think he could be an old-school leadoff center fielder. He has a nice swing that generates a lot of strength from his very strong forearms and wrists. He puts up good at bats, puts the ball in play, and has shown some solid plate discipline. At 5'11" 220-pounds he has a short, compact build and is a competitor who has a motor that does not stop.

Fedroff was primarily a right-fielder in college, but the Indians are trying to develop him as a center fielder in order to make him an everyday player. He covers a lot of ground out in the outfield showing good range, and with his bat the Indians feel they may have a good offensive center fielder in the making. He is a reliable defender in center field using a lot of hustle, instincts and a hardnosed, fearless approach to play up his range. With limited pop and an average arm, the key to his success is whether or not he can stay in center field because his bat plays there whereas in left field he is not nearly as valuable. If he can stay in center field he could be an offensive-oriented everyday player who is a solid, unspectacular defender, but if he can't then he probably will have to make the big leagues as a fourth outfielder.

Fedroff plays with the pedal to the metal and pushes himself to his physical limits, but it sometimes comes with a price. Last year in early May he came down with a hamstring strain while running hard on the bases. He was sidelined off and on from mid-May until the end of July with the nagging hamstring injury, and his inability to drive the ball because of the injury had a big affect on his play and was a big reason for his sub par performance during that time period. He tried to play through it, but it kept progressively getting worse and got to the point where he could not run normal and he couldn't do anything he was usually able to do, so the Indians had him take some time off to help it heal. While he was out he was able to sit back and reflect on the game, his mental preparation, and his approach at the plate. Upon returning to the lineup on July 21st, he went on a tear for the rest of the season finishing his final 38 games hitting .314 with a .415 on-base percentage and .845 OPS.

Fedroff worked hard last season on using the entire field and impressed with his ability to pound the ball the opposite way which will help him as he moves further along in his professional career. He also was a little more patient swinging at better pitches and his swing path was much improved. One thing he worked on last year which needs more improvement is using his top hand to better pull pitches that are on the inner half of the plate. While he made some strides in center field last year, he needs to become a more consistent defensive outfielder by getting better reads on balls off the bat and his route running to balls. He is still a pretty raw runner, so he once again will have a focus placed on his technique, reading pitchers, getting better leads, and taking extra bases.

Outlook: The Indians were very encouraged with Fedroff's play last year, especially his first full season in professional baseball and the strong finish he had in a pitching oriented league. Last season was a good building block in that not only did he have some success, but he also experienced some failure, which should only help him better handle disappointment the next time it occurs. He slipped a little in the ranking this year, but this was more due to him staying right on track and the Indians influx of so much high level talent from trades and the draft last year. He more than likely will be the opening day starting center fielder for Double-A Akron to start the 2010 season.

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