"Minor Happenings" is a weekly column which 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.

The minor league regular season has come to a close, and with that this year's *Minor Happenings* updates will soon as well. That said, with three teams in the playoffs there is still lots to talk about through the end of this month, so the *Happenings* should continue to be strong through the end of the month when we wrap it all up with the year end Tony Awards.

The postseason excitement kicks up tonight for three Indians' affiliates as Triple-A Columbus, High-A Kinston, and Low-A Lake County open up first round play. On the hill tonight will be left-hander David Huff (Columbus), left-hander T.J. McFarland (Kinston), and right-hander Brett Brach (Lake County). The full schedule and probables for the first round can be seen here .

Also, just a quick reader note to mention that I have tons of interviews in the queue that will start to get out over the course of the next several weeks. New players like Alex Lavisky, Cole Cook, Tony Dischler, Chase Burnette, and Michael Goodnight, along with others like Zach Putnam, Josh Judy, Trey Haley, Roberto Perez, Marty Popham and others will all be posting between now and really the end of the year. So be on the lookout for these 20-25 player features coming throughout the fall.

Speaking of fall, Instructional League kicks up in a week, so I should be posting the roster and schedule soon. Also, I will be going out there to Arizona the final week in mid-October to see how the players are doing as well as catching a game or two of the Arizona Fall League to see how our young, top prospects are doing there.

Good luck to the Tribe farmhands tonight and throughout the playoffs....and with that onto the *H appenings*
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Indians Minor League Player of the Week
(for games from August 26th to September 6th)

Marty Popham (Right-handed pitcher – Kinston
1-0, 2 G, 0.00 ERA, 13.0 IP, 2 H, 3 BB, 10 K, .050 BAA

Talk about ending the season on a good note. High-A Kinston right-handed pitcher Marty Popham did that and then some when

he along with two other pitchers left-hander Chris Jones and right-hander Cory Burns combined on a 10-inning no-hitter on Sunday.

Popham, who just turned 23-years old last month, was on his A-game as he was perfect through six innings. He lost his bid for a perfect game when he walked the leadoff hitter in the seventh inning, and his shutout bid was put in danger when a wild pitch pushed the walked batter into scoring position with no outs, but he was able to settle down and although he walked another batter he was able to retire the side with no one scoring or getting a hit.

Popham was outstanding all night, throwing all of his pitches for strikes, and he was removed after the seventh inning as he had reached his pitch count since he was at 95 pitches. With the game at a scoreless 0-0 tie, the no hitter was passed onto Jones who threw two shutout-hitless innings in the eighth and ninth inning, and then after gaining the lead in the 10th thanks to a Doug Pickens RBI, Burns was summoned to close out another K-Tribe win and he responded with a scoreless-hitless inning.

The no-hitter was the seventh in Kinston history, and the first one since lefty Keith Ramsey threw a perfect game on almost the same date six years ago in September 2004. Going back to 1945 it was just the third extra innings no-hitter in league history, and the first since Durham's Chris Czarnik pitched an amazing 14 no-hit innings back on May 24, 1990.

Honorable Mentions:

Josh Rodriguez (SS – COL): .375 (15-40), 4 R, 5 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 6 RBI, 2 BB, 7 K, 1.030 OPS
Jose Constanza (OF – COL): .356 (16-45), 8 R, 2 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 2 RBI, 5 BB, 4 K, .909 OPS
Eze. Carrera (OF – COL): .341 (15-44), 5 R, 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 6 RBI, 5 BB, 7 K, 6 SB, .908 OPS
Miguel Perez (C – AKR): .367 (11-30), 7 R, 2 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 6 K, .875 OPS
Chun Chen (C – KIN): .368 (14-38), 7 R, 5 2B, 0 3B, 2 HR, 9 RBI, 9 BB, 5 K, 1.158 OPS
Donnie Webb (OF – COL): .368 (14-38), 13 R, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 7 RBI, 4 BB, 10 K, .993 OPS
Jeremie Tice (1B – KIN): .326 (14-43), 9 R, 3 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, 4 BB, 8 K, 1.039 OPS
Tyler Holt (OF – LC): .344 (11-32), 5 R, 4 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 4 RBI, 10 BB, 5 K, 3 SB, 1.020 OPS
Jesus Aguilar (1B – MV): .400 (16-40), 4 R, 4 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 3 BB, 8 K, 1.017 OPS
Alex Kaminsky (RHP – MV): 1-1, 2 G, 11.0 IP, 7 H, 1 ER, 1 BB, 11 K, .184 BAA
Francisco Jimenez (LHP – LC): 0-0, 3 G, 0.00 ERA, 10.1 IP, 6 H, 0 ER, 1 BB, 12 K, .167 BAA
Joe Gardner (RHP – KIN): 1-1, 2 G, 0.87 ERA, 10.1 IP, 6 H, 1 ER, 9 BB, 6 K, .176 BAA
Austin Adams (RHP – KIN): 2-0, 2 G, 0.90 ERA, 10.0 IP, 8 H, 1 ER, 3 BB, 13 K, .216 BAA
Matt Packer (LHP – AKR): 1-0, 2 G, 0.69 ERA, 13.0 IP, 11 H, 1 ER, 3 BB, 16 K, .239 BAA
Steven Wright (RHP – AKR): 1-1, 3 G, 0.90 ERA, 10.0 IP, 10 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 8 K, .250 BAA

Previous Winners:

08/20 to 08/26: Jason Knapp (RHP – Lake County)
08/13 to 08/19: Carlos Carrasco (RHP – Columbus)
08/06 to 08/12: Alex Kaminsky (RHP – Mahoning Valley)
07/28 to 08/05 T.J. House (LHP – Kinston)
07/22 to 07/28: Adam Abraham (3B – Lake County)
07/15 to 07/21: Jason Kipnis (2B – Akron)
07/08 to 07/14: Jesus Aguilar (1B – Arizona)
07/01 to 07/07: Matt McBride (OF – Akron)
06/24 to 06/30: Michael Brantley (OF - Columbus)
06/17 to 06/23: Jason Kipnis (2B – Akron)
06/10 to 06/16: Jared Goedert (3B – Columbus)
06/03 to 06/09: Josh Rodriguez (INF – Columbus)
05/27 to 06/02: Paolo Espino (RHP – Akron)
05/20 to 05/26: Kyle Bellows (3B – Kinston)
05/13 to 05/19: Carlos Santana (C – Columbus)
05/06 to 05/12: T.J. McFarland (LHP – Kinston)
04/29 to 05/05: Trey Haley (RHP – Lake County)
04/22 to 04/28: Jason Donald (INF – Columbus)
04/15 to 04/21: Bo Greenwell (OF – Lake County
04/08 to 04/14: Carlos Santana (C – Columbus)

Director's Cuts

Indians Farm Director Ross Atkins recently shared some thoughts on how players deal with the end of the minor league season as well as some thoughts on several players throughout the system:

On Carlos Carrasco: "The [adjustments he has made] and that are easier to see that are more tangible are his ability to

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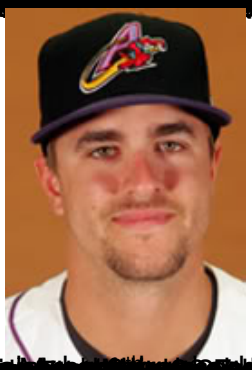

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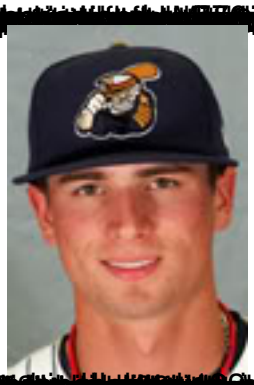
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