Back when I was growing up, my family would take an annual summer trip east on Route 422 to the now-defunct Geauga Lake to take in the roller coasters and the water rides. While it always represented a bit of a let-down with Cedar Point also so close, my sisters and I would often find our way over to a concealed corner of the park that housed one of our favorite rides, the Rotor.
You remember **the Rotor** , right?

Everyone takes their spot along the wall, spreads out their arms and their legs and starts spinning. At a certain point while the cylinder spins (and as people gasped), the bottom would "drop out" and fear would give way to amazement that you were somehow sticking to the wall, despite the fact that the floor was what seemed like miles away from your Nikes. As the spinning wore on, you'd watch the kid across the cylinder from you as he contorted his body to somehow become horizontal, trying not to freak out while you felt like you were slipping ever so slowly down the wall.

As many times as I've read that this Indians' season is a roller-coaster ride, maybe a "ride" on the Rotor is a more apt comparison as we find ourselves somehow stuck to the side, despite the fact that the bottom has dropped out (a couple of times), wondering how others could make this look so easy as we attempt to grab onto the carpeted red walls that we remain "stuck" to. With the Red Sox winning the last two games in walk-off fashion, followed by Thursday's victory in Fenway (in which anything seemed possible), it's a hard feeling to shake, that somehow this Indians team is still sticking around, against the laws of physics and run differential.

The Indians are once again 3 games back in the AL Central and with nearly 75% of their remaining games against AL Central foes, it certainly feels like they might be sticking around in all of this, despite the feeling (a couple of times…particularly in the past few weeks) that the bottom has dropped out. Maybe we've been spinning long enough that the team is somehow

going to stick in this thing despite the lack of a floor…or maybe we're just disoriented and dizzy on the verge of getting sick.

Regardless, let's get some Tomahawks in the air…

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While the obituaries have been written and most of the fans and local media stand at the ready with shovels full of dirt to throw on the Indians' grave based on the Indians' recent performance, does everyone realize what one of the main obstacles is facing the current Indians' team?

The Indians are 10-16 over the last 30 days, with most of those victories coming about thanks to their pitching carrying the burden and, while the Tribe's offense has gone under the microscope more often than a high school slide of chlorophyll, perhaps taking a look at the pieces that make up that offense would be instructive in terms of making sense of why this Indians' offense is so inconsistent.

By that I mean, here's what is interesting as here are the 10 players currently on the Tribe with the most PA in the last 30 days:
Cabrera – 101 PA in last 30 days
Brantley – 101 PA in last 30 days
Hafner – 101 PA in last 30 days
Santana – 99 PA in last 30 days
LaPorta – 72 PA in last 30 days
Chisenhall – 65 PA in last 30 days
Carrera – 55 PA in last 30 days
Kearns – 48 PA in last 30 days
Kipnis – 37 PA in last 30 days
Marson – 37 PA in last 30 days
It should be noted that 2 of the players on that list (Kipnis, Asdrubal) have OPS over .750 in the last 30 days with Hafner, Brantley, LaPorta, Marson, and Kearns all under .700 in that timeframe.

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