As I go winging down to Arizona for my annual spring training pilgramage, we move ever-closer to the top prospect on our top-51 countdown here on The Cleveland Fan. We're really getting into some guys that I like a lot and have a very good chance to make significant contributions at the big league level down the road. We're going to take a look at a 1B with some serious power, an offense-oriented catcher, a couple of young pitchers with sky-high potential, and a 19-year old Dominican infielder who could be an all-star down the road.

15. Jesus Aguilar, 1B

DOB: 6/30/1990

Height/Weight: 6-3/240

Bats/Throws: Right/Right

Acquired: International Free Agent in 2007

2011 Stats: .284/.359/.506 with 23 HR and 82 RBI in 126 games between low-A and high-A

Scouting Report: Aguilar is a massive kid who looks much bigger than his listed 6'3", 240lbs. He has light-tower raw power, and when he really gets into a pitch it can go a looong ways. He has as much raw power as anyone in the Indians minor league system, and last year it really started showing up in games. The Midwest League isn't the most hitter-friendly environment, but the 21-year old Aguilar managed to put up some pretty impressive offensive numbers in his 95 games for the Captains, hitting .292/.370/.544 with 19 HR. Moved up to high-A Kinston and the equally pitcher-friendly Carolina League for the stretch run, Aguilar struggled a little. In 31 games for the K-Tribe, he hit .257/.323/.389 with just 4 HR. Losing .203 off of his OPS in the jump to high-A is concerning, but not a deal breaker in terms of his prospect standing due to the small sample size. His approach could use some work, as he walked 46 times against 126 strikeouts last year.

Aguilar does struggle with his pitch recognition, and has been susceptible to breaking balls down and out of the strike zone. He pounds fastballs up in the zone and excels when he can get his arms extended, but can sometimes get tied up on hard stuff up and in. He's not unlike most young hitters in this respect, and it's nothing that he can't fix with a little effort. His hit tool projects to be no more than average at best, but his power should make up for it. Last year in spring training, he hit a couple of home runs against the Reds that probably still haven't landed. The Reds coaches were actually talking about a home run he had hit the day before as Aguilar was launching another ball into the stratosphere.

That's the good news. The bad news is that if Aguilar's bat falters, he doesn't have anything to fall back on. His defense is already below average, and he's only going to get less mobile as he gets older and bigger. As I said, he already looks bigger than his listed weight of 240, and he's not going to get any smaller. But if his bat continues to mature, his subpar defense at 1st will be easy to overlook, and worst case scenario he ends up as a DH down the road.

Glass Half-Full: A middle of the order, TTO guy who plays a passable 1B

Glass Half-Empty: A TTO DH with an emphasis on the K outcome

14. Elvis Araujo, LHP

DOB: 7/15/1991

Height/Weight: 6-6/215

Bats/Throws: Left/Left

Acquired: International Free Agent in 2007

2011 Stats: 9-1 with a 3.36 ERA, with 63 K and 25 BB in 69 2/3 IP between Rookie AZL and short-season Mahoning Valley

Scouting Report: Araujo has struggled with injuries over the past few years, but was finally

healthy enough in 2011 to throw a pitch in a competitive game, something he hadn't done since 2008. Araujo threw 57 tantalizing innings as a 16-year old with the Indians Dominican Summer league in 2008, then missed the 2009-2011 seasons with arm injuries. There was no reason to rush the big lefty back to action, as he won't be old enough to legally order a beer in the states until this summer. He's already had Tommy John surgery, which I suppose could be a positive if you consider the fact that he won't ever need it again.

Araujo reminds a lot of people of C.C. Sabathia at age 20, both in appearance and stuff. He's a big, strong lefty who sits consistently in the low-90's with his fastball and can reach back for more. As you can imagine from his 6'6" frame, he has great action on the pitch from a nice downward plane. In addition to the plus fastball, he has a slider that flashes plus and could be a dominant pitch once he develops and refines it. His third pitch is a changeup that, put kindly, needs a lot of work. Araujo is nowhere near as refined as Sabathia was when he was pitching for the playoff-bound Indians as a 20-year old, but he's still drawing those comparisons from some scouts. Araujo should have a shot to pitch most of the season at low-A Lake County, where he'll join one of the more entertaining rotations in the entire system.

Glass Half-Full: Let's get him healthy first

Glass Half-Empty: Seriously, a full season on the mound would be awesome at this point

13. Chun Chen, C

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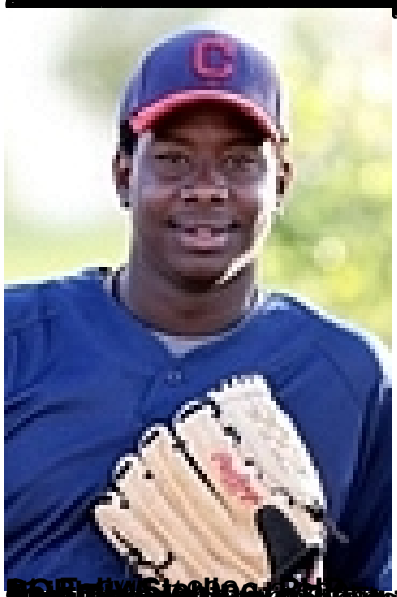

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