

Have no fear, Indians fans. The first major contract signing of the offseason is upon us. Jensen Lewis gets a \$228,000 raise from last year, agreeing to terms on a one-year deal worth \$650,000.

The other five players, Asdrubal Cabrera, Shin-Soo Choo, Joe Smith, Rafael Perez and Chris Perez were all tendered contracts, but none of them agreed to the contract. Largely, the deadline is circumvented via paper transactions and token contract offers.

Keep an ear out for the Indians to start negotiating with Scott Boras, the agent for Shin-Soo Choo. The Indians will likely try what they can to buy out Choo's arbitration years and lock him up through the 2013 season.

For now, however, the Indians will comb through the 30 National Leaguers and 22 American Leaguers who were non-tendered, including Russell Martin, George Sherrill, Willy Aybar, Manny Delcarmen, and a handful of other adequate major leaguers.

One name that may have garnered the Wahoo's interest, Jose Lopez, was acquired by the Colorado Rockies via trade prior to the midnight ET deadline.