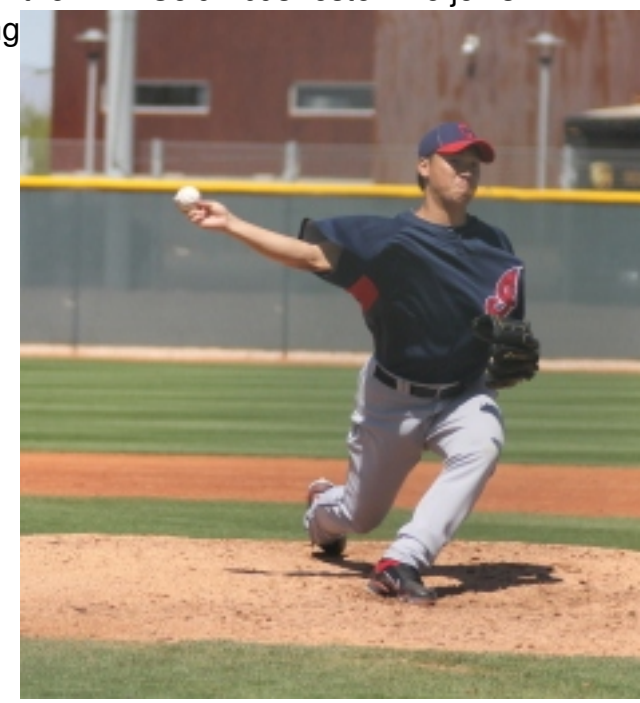
Jensen Lewis was finally sent packing today, released off of the AAA Columbus roster. He joins Jess Todd as relief pitchers who were passed in the pecking



order after more or less failing when given major league opportunities in the past. Lewis was 3-2 with a 5.14 ERA for the Clippers, striking out 22 and walking 15 in 28 innings on the season. Josh Judy and Zach Putnam passed him in the RP pecking order in Columbus, and despite the early AAA struggles of lefty Nick Hagadone, it's pretty clear that he's a better arm than Lewis.

Called up from Akron to replace the departed Lewis is the deceptive and powerful righty Chen Chang Lee, or CC Lee if you want to recall the Indians two most recent (and departed) Cy Young award winners. Lee has been lights-out for Akron this season, sporting a 2-1 record with a 2.50 ERA for the Aeros. He has a remarkable 56 K against just 11 BB in his 39 2/3 innings pitched. Lee throws from a low 3/4 delivery, often dropping all the way down to sidearm. But he has power stuff, with a fastball that sits comfortably in the mid-90's and touches 96. He compliments the fastball with a plus slider that often leaves righthanders looking foolish at the plate. He's one of the better relief prospects in the system, and the move to Columbus was long overdue.

By all accounts, Lewis was a good guy and teammate during his time in Columbus, but baseball is a business and his number was up. Having been passed by so many RP in the system, it was time to let Lewis move on and find an opportunity elsewhere.