Jerrud Sabourin, 1B-LCC: 2-4, 2 R, BB, K

Sabourin did not appear on my offseason top-51 prospect countdown. He probably won't make the cut next year, either. He's a 22-year old 1B in low-A, so he's a little older than most of his competition in the Midwest League. Still, he's a guy you cannot help but pull for, and I love seeing him do well. Sabourin walked on to Indiana's baseball team, then was an undrafted free agent that the Indians signed last year. He's a guy who is going to have to prove himself at every level, a guy who's not going to be handed a job at any stage of his career. The first time I ever saw a Sabouring AB, he crushed a grand slam off of former Indian Josh Judy in a AAA spring training game against the Reds. He's hitting a solid .298/.365/.351 in 16 games for the Captains so far, and the lefty is doing his best to hold down 1B despite his undrafted status. Again, he's not an elite prospect by any stretch of the imagination, but he's one of those guys you just can't help but pull for.

- **Chris Ray, RP-COL: IP, K.** Ray has now worked in 8 games for the Clippers, throwing 9 1/3 innings, allowing 3 ER while striking out 7 and walking 2. He's a depth option should injuries bite the big league club, but doesn't have the upside of Hagadone or C.C. Lee, and should be behind both of them in the bullpen pecking order.
- **Cord Phelps, 2B-COL: 0-3, 2 BB.** The Clippers recorded just 3 hits yesterday, but Phelps managed to reach base via the walk and has been on base at least once in the last 10 consecutive games for Columbus.
- **Eric Berger, SP-AKR: L (0-3), 4 IP, 2 ER, 3 H, 6 K, 3 BB.** Another solid start, but another loss for Berger who got precisely zero runs of support from his Aeros teammates. After a rough 1st start, Berger has now thrown 9 innings in his last two outings, allowing 4 ER while walking 3 and striking out 10.
- **Bryan Price, RP-AKR: 2 IP, 4 K, BB.** Dominant outing for Price, who has now thrown 10 1/3 innings this year, allowing 2 ER while striking out an impressive 14 and walking just 3.

- **Cody Allen, RP-AKR: 2 IP, 2 K.** Allen is now up to 11 innings between Carolina and Akron, allowing just one earned run, one walk and sixteen strikeouts.

- **Nick Weglarz, LF-AKR: 2-3, 2B, BB, K.** Wegz is starting to pick up after a slow start. He's only hitting .211 overall, but is 8 for his last 24 with a HR and 2 2B. Akron only had 4 hits yesterday, and Weglarz came up with two of them.

- **Chun Chen, 1B-AKR: 1-4, 2B, K.** Another guy who had a bit of a slow start, Chen is hitting a robust .366/.409/.439 in his last 10 games. His bat was borderline elite for a catcher, but as a 1B it's going to have to improve to play at the position.

- **Mike Rayl, SP-CAR: W (2-2), 5 IP, ER, 4 H, 5 K, 3 BB.** Rayl's last three starts have been impressive, as he's gone 2-1 with 14 K, 4 BB and allowed just 2 ER in 18 2/3 IP.

- **Jose Flores, RP-CAR: S (3), IP, H, 3 K.** Flores has been lights-out for the Mudcats so far in 2012, throwing 8 2/3 innings, allowing just 1 earned run and striking out 10.

- **Tony Wolters, SS-CAR: 2-4, R.** Wolters recorded his first multi-hit game of the season, and is batting just .127/.179/.159 in 15 games for the Mudcats. The Carolina League was expected to be a significant challenge for the 19-year old middle infielder, but I'd hoped that he would be hitting over the Mendoza line going into May.
- **Jake Lowery, C-CAR: 2-3, 2 RBI, BB.** Lowery is hitting an impressive .345/.419/.491, and the challenge for the young backstop will be to keep up this pace throughout the season, as he started out hot for Mahoning Valley last year but tailed off towards the end of the season.

- **Francisco Lindor, SS-LCC: 1-5, HR (1), RBI, BB, 2 R, SB.** Lindor smoked his first professional home run, and according to Baseball Prospectus prospect guru Kevin Goldstein (who was in attendance), it was a no-doubter off the bat. Lindor has cooled off a bit after a hot start, hitting just .209/.292/.302 in his last 10 games.

- **Luigi Rodriguez, CF-LCC: 3-5, HR (1), 3B, 3 RBI, BB, 2 R, SB.** Luigi and Lindor each hit their 1st full-season HR's back-to-back yesterday, which could be a nice preveiw of things to come at the corner of Carnegie and Ontario down the road. Goldstein did tweet though that Rodriguez had some trouble in CF, taking bad routes to balls and misplaying a couple of singles hit in front of him. The converted 2B is still learning to play the OF, so there's bound to be growing pains and I'm not overly concerned just yet.

- **Bryson Myles, RF-LCC: 3-5, 2B, RBI, 2 R, 2 SB.** Myles was struggling to start the season, but has been absolutely on fire of late, hitting .378/.400/.622 with a HR, 9 RBI and 5 SB in his last 10 games.
- **Leonardo Castillo, 3B-LCC: 2-5, 2B, 2 R, K.** Finally starting to show signs of life after a putrid start to the season, the 18-year old Castillo has hits in 5 of his last 7 games to raise his season line to .141/.188/.156 in 17 games for the Captains.