

The Official News of the 2009 Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp

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# **GOODYEAR ERA DAWNS!**

Players at the 2009 Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp will be the first-ever to see game action at the Tribe's new stateof-the-art training complex. Happy to shake the cold and snow of winter, these boys of summer are ready to bask in the sun and blue sky glory of Goodyear, Arizona, site of the Indians new spring training home and training facility.

Nestled in the shadows of the Estrella Mountains with its scenic views, desert vistas, lakes, and golf courses, Goodyear is one of the fastest growing cities in the Valley. Just twenty minutes west of downtown Phoenix, Goodyear offers all the advantages of a small community, with all the cultural and entertainment resources the metro Phoenix area offers.

The Goodyear site is about much more than spring training baseball. For a number of years, the Cleveland Indians organization actively sought a location for a 12-month baseball training facility. They explored a variety of cities in Florida as well as here in the desert. The quest was to provide the Indians players, coaches, and baseball staff the best possible facilities to train and rehab yearround. This new complex will provide that opportunity.

The complex consists of a state-ofthe-art 38,000 square-foot clubhouse, six full practice fields, two half practice fields, batting cages and pitching tunnels complete with video cameras, and an agility field. It sits on 55 acres at a cost of \$75 million.

"The Cleveland Indians Training Complex will impact our team's culture, atmosphere and rehabilitation process," said Indians Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark Shapiro.

To every Indians fan, spring training is a time of renewal. A time when the spirit of the heart overtakes the mind and body to make us young and wide-eyed, with visions of bringing the World Series trophy back to the best location in the nation.

Now it's your turn to swing the bat, flash the leather, strike 'em out with your wicked curveball, and create your own piece of Cleveland Indians history. You will know you are in *The Show* as you play alongside Bob Feller, Rick Manning, Pat Tabler, Cory Snyder, Max Alvis, Mike Hargrove, Scott Bailes, Dave Nelson, Charles Nagy, Carlos Baerga, Kevin Rhomberg, Dave Burba, Joe Charboneau, and more. Want to know how to throw a curveball? Just ask pitching coach Rick Waits. Need help learning to hit a Len Barker fastball? Hitting instructor Brook Jacoby is here just for you.

Baseball is a game for all time and for all people. It is a game that teaches us that besides the muscle that is needed to hit home runs, it is the mind that is the true key to every great ballplayer. That is why you can live this special week dreaming of going north with the big club. Is it possible? Just ask Ben Francisco what he was thinking during spring training last year. So stretch that gapper into a triple. Make that bare-handed pickup and throw 'em out by a step. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. So now it's time to wake up that kid in you and......Play Ball!



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7:00 - 8:30	Breakfast at the ballpark
7:00 - 8:00	Bat selection
8:30 - 8:55	Stretching on Field # 1
9:00 -10:15	Clinics on Fields
10:15 -11:30	Batting practice on all fields
11:45 -12:55	Lunch
12:45 -1:00	Stretching on game field
1:00 - 3:00	Intra-squad games
3:15 - 5:00	Draft (Coaches only)
6:00 - 7:45	Team Dinner (see postings of team assignments and dinner locations at hotel)
8:00 - ???	Kangaroo Kourt (Mandatory attendance)
	Bull session following
	(Subject to change)

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**Smoke Signals** will be published daily to keep you informed of all of the news and happenings of the 2009 Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp. Each morning you will receive a fresh edition filled with game stories, stats, standings, schedules, and feature articles. The hard-working Smoke Signals staff is headed by life-long Clevelander Denny Linden, a veteran of the 1992 Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp, which was the final camp held in Tucson, AZ. Denny will be the one writing the game scoops, digging up the dirt, doing the interviews, crunching the numbers, and reporting the personal thrills and inside stories of your magical week as a player on the Cleveland Indians. A week that promises to be the greatest baseball experience of your life! Each edition of Smoke Signals will also be available daily to share with your family and friends via the Internet at the Tribe's official website, www.indians.com.



### The View from the Commissioner's Box .....

Baseball is a thread that runs through life linking families and generations through its many rich traditions.

Cleveland Indians fans have a special rich tradition that is now entering its seventy-third year. That tradition is marveling at Bob Feller, who is considered the greatest Cleveland Indians player of all time and arguably the greatest right-handed pitcher of all time.

Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962 in his first year of eligibility, Bob's No. 19 was the first uniform number ever retired by the Indians.

Among Bob's many marks of distinction was that he was a big contributor on the 1948 Cleveland Indians, the last Indians team to win a World Series championship.

Évery person who attends a Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp looks forward to meeting and spending time with this very special man.

During Fantasy Camp, Bob is respectfully known as the camp commissioner. He does not coach an individual team.

"Being the commissioner of the best baseball fantasy camp in the world is a very high honor," said Bob, who has been to all of the camps held by the Indians. 2009 is his twenty-second.

"It's a commissioner's job to try to oversee that everybody is abiding by the rules of the game. If they don't, there will be consequences.

"If I am suspicious of any of those campers using steroids, I'll show them where the Sky Harbor Airport is," added Bob with a smile.

"Being commissioner for this group of businessmen and people from the Cleveland area, or Cleveland fans, and baseball fans from all over the United States; it's fun to be with them.

"I'll get to know them, take a picture, shake hands, play catch, tell a few rainy day stories, answer a few dumb questions, and a few smart ones.

"The commissioner's job in major league baseball is completely different than what I have to do here. Mine is just an honorary position.

"I look forward to a very good camp. Good competition. I don't want anybody to work too hard to try to win anything."

Speaking with pride over the game he so fiercely loves, Bob talked firsthand about the history of baseball commissioners.

"I've known every baseball commissioner since commissioner number one, Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

"The reason that Judge Landis be-

came the commissioner was because of the Black Sox scandal.

"Landis was a federal judge in Chicago, a baseball fan, and a friend of Comiskey," said Bob of the judge and the 1919 Chicago White Sox owner.

"Comiskey politicked and he got Landis a job as the baseball commissioner.

"He thought by doing that he wouldn't throw all these players out of the game. He double-crossed him.

"He threw them all out. All eight of them. He did the right thing," said Bob of Commissioner Landis.

"I knew him. He had to rule on me when I came here," explained Bob in adding his own personal experience.

"Tve known all the commissioners. There have been good ones and bad ones.

"The best baseball commissioner, as far as I'm concerned, was number one, Bart Giamatti. Number two was Happy Chandler. Number three was Fay Vincent.

"Happy Chandler was a great commissioner because he was the one to help start the baseball players pension plan.

"He was all for the ballplayers, which is why he lost his job. He lost his job because a friend of the St. Louis Cardinals owner wanted Ford Frick to become commissioner. He was able to work it by getting [the votes].

"In those days there were only sixteen major league teams. Happy Chandler got eleven votes for him and five against him. You had to have seventyfive percent, just like you do at the Hall of Fame. He came close.

"Happy Chandler was a great commissioner. Ford Frick was not a good commissioner. Neither was Peter Ueberroth. Why? Because they were not for the ballplayers. They were for the club owners.

"That's why we got free agency. We got arbitration. And the major league club owners cannot handle arbitration and free agency at the same date and time.

"The players have it all over them. They can't win. Not with arbitration and free agency at the same date and time. It can't be done. I don't say it's right.

"I don't believe in long-term contracts. I believe in one-year contracts with incentives," said Bob with a view towards baseball issues of today.

"I see that's what the Cleveland ballclub is doing with some of their players that have had physical problems. They have to produce. I'm not in favor of people being given money without working for it like they're doing right now with the bailout.

"Giving people money they didn't work for is not going to help anything. It's going to do more damage than has already been done," said Bob, who is as passionate about being an American as he is about baseball.

A long-time resident of Gates Mills, Ohio with his wife, Anne, Bob recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

"The Cleveland Indians did a great job," said Bob of the warm event held at Progressive Field last November.

"Bobby D [DiBiasio] and the executive offices, with the Dolans, Dennis Lehman, and everybody involved, all worked very hard to make it a very successful birthday party.

"The ninety thousand dollars they gave me for the museum was very much appreciated. It will be put to good use," said Bob in referring to the Bob Feller Museum located in his hometown of Van Meter, Iowa.

"The museum is doing very well. My wife, Anne, did the lighting. She was a lighting expert with General Electric for many years, right here at Nela Park. My son, Steve, who is an architect in Orlando, designed the museum," related Bob with pride.

"It's probably the best private baseball museum in the world. It's not subsidized by anybody."

Bob, who attends most every Indians home game, remains a keen observer of current baseball issues.

"I like the videos and instant reply," said Bob regarding the current use of technology in baseball.

"I'm all for instant replay on the calls by umpires because the umpires can't see everything. I'm all for challenges on the bases, including home plate, but not balls and strikes.

"With the videos, when you're having a good year, having a bad year, or having a good day, you might be able to pick up something.

"You can also watch the hitters. You can tell a lot about hitters by watching them in batting practice, which I used to always do.

"Pitching nowadays, there are a lot of throwers and not too many pitchers.

"There is over-coaching, overmanaging, and it's over-computerized," said Bob of the game today.

"Baseball is a simple game. You throw the ball, you hit it, and you run. You're safe or out. That's the game.

"It's that simple."

# PRO•FILES ...... THE COACHES

MAX ALVIS *										
3B - Indians '62-69, Brewers '70										
Major League	e Debi	ut 9/11	/62		Во	rn 2/2	2/38 ]	laspei	:, TX	
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
	.247	1,013	3,629	421	895	142	22	111	373	

Max Alvis became the Indians regular third baseman in 1963, and anchored that spot through the 1968 season. Max's 1963 rookie season featured career highs in batting average at .274, and home runs with 22. He became only the second rookie to be elected the Indians Man of the Year. That coveted honor was again bestowed upon him in 1967 when he tallied a career high 70 RBI and hit 21 home runs.

A Texas-tough competitor who is always upbeat and friendly, Max was stricken with spinal meningitis during the 1964 season. After being hospitalized in Boston for six weeks, Max made a remarkable recovery. After battling his way back to good health, Max went on to finish that season and tallied a .252 batting average. He then returned with a solid overall performance in 1965 and was named to the American League All-Star team, a distinction the career third baseman also earned in 1967.

#### **JOE AZCUE \***

C - Reds '60, Athletics '62-'63, Indians '63-'69, Red Sox '69, Angels '69-'72, Brewers '72 Major League Debut 8/3/60 Born 8/18/39 Cienfuegos, Cuba Career Totals: AVG G R н 2B RBI AB 3B HB .252 909 2,828 201 712 94 9 50 304

"The Immortal" Joe Azcue was so nicknamed by his teammates thanks to his clutch hitting during his very first game as an Indian on May 25, 1963. Legend has it that after being traded to the Tribe, Joe spent most of the previous night in airports and on a plane making his way to Cleveland. During the game he fell asleep in the bullpen, but was quickly awakened and rushed into action following an injury to starting catcher John Romano. A few innings later, Joe delivered the game-winning hit. He continued to earn his "immortality" by coming through in the clutch many times that season while batting .284 with 14 home runs and 46 RBI, all career bests.

Always a solid defensive performer behind the plate, Joe batted .280 in 1968 while helping the Tribe to a third place finish, and was named to the American League All-Star team.

#### **CARLOS BAERGA \***

2B/IF/DH - Indians '90-'96, '99, Mets '96-'98, Padres '99, Red Sox '02, Diamondbacks '03-'04, Nationals '05-'06 Major League Debut 4/14/90 Born 11/4/68 Santurce, P.R.

Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
	.291	1,630	5,439	731	1,583	279	17	134	774	

Signed by the Padres at the age of sixteen, Carlos Baerga was acquired by the Indians in a trade before the 1990 season and became the regular second baseman during the 1991 campaign. In 1992, Carlos batted .312, played a career-high 161 games, and was named to the American League All-Star team. He was also an AL All-Star in 1993 and again in 1995, when he was voted the AL starting second baseman.

Always a fan-favorite for his energy and enthusiasm, Carlos batted .314 to help the Tribe win the 1995 AL Pennant. He won the Silver Slugger Award for AL second baseman in 1993, batting a career-best .321, and again in 1994 (.314). Carlos, who was named Indians Man of the Year in 1991 and again in 1992, joined Rogers Hornsby in both 1992 and 1993 as the only other second baseman in history to collect 200 hits, while batting over .300 with at least 20 home runs and 100 RBI. On 4/8/93 in the bottom of the seventh inning versus the Yankees, Carlos became the only player in major league history to homer from both sides of the plate in the same inning.

Traded to the Mets in 1996, Carlos would go on to play for several teams through 2005. He then began his broadcasting career and is currently working for ESPN Deportes.

#### **SCOTT BAILES**

LHP - Indians '86-'89, Angels '90-'92, Rangers '97-'98 Major League Debut 4/9/86 Born 12/18/61 Chillicothe, OH

Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO	
	39	44	.470	343	679.2	4.95	5	256	351	

In making the jump from Class AA to the major leagues in 1986, Scott Bailes made the most of the opportunity. He went on to lead the Indians pitching staff with 62 appearances while posting a 10-10 record, appearing both as a starter and a reliever. His 8 wins in relief set a new Tribe record for rookie pitchers.

After beginning the 1987 campaign as a starter, Scott moved to the bullpen in May and responded by going 1-0, along with 5 saves, and a 0.60 ERA in his first 12 appearances. Continuing in a combined role, he achieved career highs in starts (21), complete games (5), shutouts (2), and innings pitched (145) in 1988. Scott landed on the disabled list during the 1989 season, which lead to him being traded to the Angels after the season. Hampered by injuries, Scott eventually retired in 1993.

With the market hot for southpaws in 1997, the nowhealthy 35-year old ended his retirement and pitched his way back to the majors with the Rangers. In 1998, Scott appeared in 46 games, the most since his rookie season.

# **PRO•FILES..... THE COACHES**

LEN BARKER *										
RHP - Rangers '76-78, Indians '79-83,										
Braves '83-85, Brewers '87										
Major Leagu	ie De	ebut	9/14/	76	Born 7	/27/5	5 For	t Kno	x, KY	
Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO	
	74	76	.493	248	1,323.2	4.34	35	513	975	

In 1980 Len Barker emerged as the Tribe's top pitcher in posting a 19-12 record with 187 strikeouts in 246.1 innings, all career-bests. His performance created a promise of things to come.

That promise came on May 15, 1981, when Len pitched the ninth perfect game in modern major league history. In defeating the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 at Municipal Stadium, Len threw a total of 103 pitches, with 74 of them in the strike zone. In all he threw 41 fastballs (several clocked at 96-plus mph), 60 curves, and 2 change-ups. His masterpiece featured 11 strikeouts - all swinging - and drew the praise of his manager, baseball veteran Dave Garcia, who said, "I've never seen a better pitched game". Len's strong first-half season performance earned him a spot on the 1981 American League All-Star team.

Len was a 2001 inductee into the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame, and currently assists with the Tribe's youth baseball camps and clinics.

#### **GARY BELL**\*

RHP - Indians '58-'67, Red Sox '67-'68, Pilots '69,

White Sox '69

Major League Debut 6/1/58 Born 11/17/36 San Antonio, TX

Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO
	121	117	.508	519	2,015	3.68	71	842	1,378

Gary Bell showed great promise as both a starting pitcher and in relief as a rookie during 1958, a season that saw him win 12 games. In 1959, Gary was a 16game winner and helped the Tribe to a second place American League finish. Featuring an array of pitches and maintaining his effectiveness as a starter, Gary led the AL with 9 relief victories in 1962, and had 17 saves in 1965. Of Gary's 519 career appearances, 286 were in made in relief.

Always colorful and a true fan favorite, in all-time Tribe history, Gary is eighth in strikeouts, fourteenth in innings pitched, and sixteenth in wins. He was traded to the Red Sox during the 1967 season where he pitched well in winning 12 games, to help his team gain the AL pennant and advance to the World Series. Consistent and versatile, Gary was named to the AL All-Star team both in 1960 and 1966 while playing for the Indians. He was named an AL All-Star a third time as a member of the Red Sox in 1968.

RHP - Mariners '90-'91, Giants '92-'94, '95, '04, Reds '95, '96-'97, Indians '98-'02, Rangers '02, Brewers '03-'04

Major Leagu	ie De	but	9/8/90	)	В	orn 7/	7/66	Dayto	on, OH
Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO
	115	87	.569	511	1,777.2	4.49	6	762	1,398

Versatility and durability are two characteristics of Dave Burba, who was the Mariners'1987 second round draft pick after his junior year at the Ohio State University. After spending parts of two seasons in relief, Dave was traded to the Giants, who later added him to their starting rotation. In 1993, Dave contributed to the Giants 103 win season by posting a 10-3 record.

Dave blossomed as a starter in Cincinnati, where he was traded by the Giants in July, 1995. After two and a half solid seasons, the Indians traded for him just before the Reds' 1998 season opener, which Dave was slated to start. The Tribe's bold move proved wise, as Dave had back to back 15 win seasons in 1998 and 1999, and pitched over 200 innings in each of those division winning campaigns. Those seasons also featured key playoff appearances in both starting and relief roles. Dave then posted a career-best 16-6 record for the Tribe in 2000.

In 2003, Dave signed with the Brewers and re-established himself as a reliever, where in 2004, he was 3-1 in 70.2 innings of work before being traded to the Giants in September to round out his 15 season career.

In 2007, Dave began participating in the Indians Alumni Ambassador Program, where he continues in 2009.

#### **JOE CHARBONEAU \***

OF - Indians '80-'82

Major Leag	ue De	but 4/	11/80	]	Born (	5/17/:	55 Be	elvide	re, IL	
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
	.266	201	647	97	172	26	4	29	114	

In 1980, Joe Charboneau not only won the American League Rookie of the Year Award, he also won the hearts of the hometown fans. Joe made a spectacular debut by smashing a home run in just his second major league at bat. In all, he tallied a .289 batting average with 23 home runs and 87 RBI.

His play on the field, along with his colorful style, created his larger-than-life persona known as "Super Joe". The subject of both book and song, Joe told stories of drinking beer through a straw in his nose, and pulling out one of his teeth with a pair of pliers. Unfortunately, injuries lead to two back operations which ended his major league playing career in 1982.

Joe began his coaching career in 1999 with the Canton Crocodiles, an independent professional baseball team in the Frontier League, serving as hitting instructor, first base coach, and director of baseball operations through 2001. In 2002-03, Joe coached for the Washington Wildthings (Frontier), in 2004, for the Windy City Thunderbolts (Frontier), and in 2005, for the Richmond Roosters (Frontier) serving as hitting instructor and bench coach in each of those posts. Since 2006, Joe has been working as a local area youth hitting instructor and is involved in youth baseball clinics.

## **PRO•FILES**...... THE COACHES

#### **JEFF DATZ**

C - Tigers '89

Major League Debut 9/5/89 Born 11/28/59 Camden, NJ

Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	200	7	10	0	2	0	0	0	0

Jeff Datz was drafted by the Astros in 1982 and played in their minor league system through 1988. Jeff was later acquired by the Tigers who brought him up to the major leagues in 1989.

In 1991, Jeff joined the Indians organization. First serving as an area scout, he then became a coach for the Watertown (NY) Indians in 1993. Jeff then went on to manage from 1994-1999 at Watertown, Columbus (GA), Akron, and Buffalo, where he led the Bisons to the 1998 International League Championship. The Indians made Jeff their minor league field coordinator in 1999, a post where he became deeply involved with all six minor league clubs.

Jeff was promoted to the Tribe's major league coaching staff in 2002 as bench coach, and also saw third base coaching action later that season. From 2003-2005, he was the first base coach. In 2006, Jeff coached third base before being moved to bench coach, where he will continue to serve in 2009. Jeff has also served as outfield and base running coach.

#### **BOB FELLER ^\***

RHP - Indians '36-'41, '45-'56

Major Leagu	e Del	but 7	/19/3	6	Born	11/3/	18 Va	ın Met	er, IA
Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO
	266	162	.621	570	3,827	3.25	279	1,764	2,581

There is perhaps no greater Indians legend than pitcher Bob Feller, who made his debut in the summer of 1936 at the age of 17. In 14 appearances that year, Bob completed 5 of 8 starts, had 5 victories and struck out 76 batters in 62 innings. Then he went home to Iowa to finish high school.

Bob complimented his blazing fastball with a tremendous curve and slider, making him one of the most dominating pitchers of all time. In 18 seasons, he hurled 3 no-hitters, the first being on Opening Day in 1940 - the only Opening Day no-hitter in baseball history. A 20-game winner 6 times, including a career-best 27 in 1940, Bob also threw 12 onehitters and 44 shutouts. He is the Indians all-time leader in shutouts, innings pitched, wins, and strikeouts. Nicknamed "Rapid Robert", he also led the American League in strikeouts 7 times, including 1946 when he fanned 348, a then major league record. Bob appeared in eight All-Star games, more than any other player in Indians history, and was the AL starting pitcher in 1941 and 1946.

Bob would likely have had 300 career victories had he not spent nearly 4 seasons during the prime of his career, serving as a Navy gun crew chief during WWII. In 1957, his number 19 become the first uniform number ever retired by the Indians. Bob was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1962, which was his first year of eligibility.

#### **MUDCAT GRANT \***

RHP - Indians '58-'64, Twins '64-'67, Dodgers '68, Expos '69,									
Cardinals '69, Athletics '70, '71, Pirates '70-'71									
Major League Debut 4/17/58 Born 8/13/35 Lacoochee, FL									
Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO

145 119 .549 571 2,441.2 3.63 89 849 1,26

Although Jim "Mudcat" Grant has a special place in Cleveland Indians history as both a player and a broadcaster, he achieved his greatest pitching success after being traded in June, 1964. Despite his popularity and being named to the 1963 American League All-Star team, Mudcat was traded by the Tribe in a deal designed to help the team's financial troubles.

Mudcat became the first African-American pitcher to have a 20-win season in the American League, when he led the Twins to the 1965 AL pennant with a leagueleading 21-7 record. He was 2-1 in the 1965 World Series, having helped himself to a Game 6 win by hitting a three-run home run. That year he was also a member of the AL All-Star team, and was named the AL Pitcher of the Year.

In 2003, Mudcat received the prestigious W.O. Walker Award for his many civic contributions to the city of Cleveland. He has worked closely with troubled youths and with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Mudcat has also had longtime involvements with the local Cystic Fibrosis and Multiple Sclerosis foundations.

#### MIKE HARGROVE ^\*

1B/LF - Rangers '74-'78, Padres '79, Indians '79-'85									
Major League Debut 4/7/74 Born 10/26/49 Perryton, T							n, TX		
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	.290	1,666	5,564	783	1,614	266	28	80	686

Manager - Indians '91-'99, Orioles '00-'03, Mariners '05-'07

Career Totals: W L PCT

1,188 1,173 .503 After just two seasons in the minors, Mike Hargrove batted .323 for the Rangers and was named the 1974 American League Rookie of the Year. In 1975, he batted .303 and was named to the AL All-Star team. Prior to the 1979 season, Mike was traded to the Padres, who then dealt him to the Indians on June 14th. That trade that will always be regarded as one of the Tribe's best-ever. Mike batted .325 the rest of that season, and continued his hot hitting by tallying a career-best 179 hits along with a .304 average in 1980, and a .317 average in 1981. Always well-regarded and popular, Mike was named the Indians Man of the Year in those years, and received BBWA "Good Guy" Award honors in 1985 and 1991. The summer of 1986 saw Mike begin a new career. First

The summer of 1986 saw Mike begin a new career. First as a Class A batting instructor, he became a top minor league manager and worked his way up to being named Tribe skipper on July 6, 1991. Over the next nine seasons, Mike compiled a 721-591 record (.550) that ranks second in team history. He led the Tribe to five consecutive AL Central Division titles from 1995-99, won AL Championships in '95 and '97, and was named AL Manager of the Year in 1995 after posting a 100-44 record. Mike later managed the Orioles and Mariners, and is currently managing (2008-) the Liberal (KS) Bee Jays, a collegiate summer league team, where he played in 1972.

# **PRO•FILES..... THE COACHES**

#### **BROOK JACOBY \***

3B/1B - Braves '81, '83, Indians '84-'91, '92, Athletics '91 Major League Debut 9/13/81 Born 11/23/59 Philadelphia, PA

Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	.270	1,311	4,520	53	1,220	204	24	120	545

One of the best trades in team history created the opportunity for Brook Jacoby to establish himself as both a solid major league hitter and a starting third baseman. His work habits and approach to the game were admired by his teammates, managers, and coaches.

A durable and consistent contributor from 1985 through 1990, Brook was named to the American League All-Star team in 1986 and 1990. In 1987, he had career-bests with 32 home runs and a .300 batting average, and won the Indians "Man of the Year" award.

Brook began his coaching career in 1999 with the Atlantic City Surf (Atlantic League). In 2000, Brook became the roving minor league hitting instructor for the Cincinnati Reds. In 2001-02, he served as hitting instructor for their Class AAA team, the Louisville Bats. In 2003-04, Brook was the Texas Rangers year-round hitting and fielding instructor at their Arizona training complex. In 2005-06, he served as the Rangers minor league hitting coordinator. Brook returned to the major leagues in 2007 as the hitting coach for the Reds, where he will continue to serve in 2009.

#### **RICK MANNING \***

CF - Indians '75-'83, Brewers '83-'87 Major League Debut 5/23/75 Born 9/2/54 Niagara Falls, NY Career Totals: AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI

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The Indians made Rick Manning their number one selection in the 1972 amateur draft. At the time he was a shortstop. Rick was immediately switched to center field in a move designed to capitalized on his good speed and solid defensive skills.

In 1975, Rick reached the major leagues at the age of 20, batted .285 as a rookie, and established himself as one of the best defensive center fielders in the game. The following season he won a Gold Glove while batting a career-best .292. "Archie", as he is known among teammates and friends, also won the 1980 BBWAA "Good Guy" award. In 1983, Rick led all major league outfielders with 478 chances and tied a record for center fielders by handling 12 chances in a 15-inning game while playing for the Brewers.

After retiring as a player, Rick began his broadcasting career. Since 1990, he has delighted Tribe fans with his color commentary while telecasting games on Sports Channel, Fox Sports Net, Fox network, and SportsTime Ohio, where he continues in 2009.

During 2004, Rick also served as the Indians regular season outfield and base running coach, and was a Tribe spring training coach through 2005.

#### **JEFF MANTO**

3B/1B/IF/C/LF - Indians '90-'91, '97-'98, '99, Phillies '93, Orioles '95, Mariners '96, Red Sox '96, Tigers '98, Yankees '99, Rockies '00

Major League Debut 6/7/90						Born 8/23/64 Bristol, PA				
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
	.230	289	713	97	164	35	2	31	97	

Jeff Manto was drafted by the California Angels in 1985 after finishing an outstanding career at Temple University, where he batted .412 and set records for total bases, extra base hits, and slugging percentage.

Before the 1990 season, Jeff was traded to the Indians, where he played for parts of the next two seasons. In 1995, while playing for the Orioles, Jeff had careerbests in batting (.256) and home runs (17), including 4 consecutive home runs in 4 consecutive at bats to tie a major league record. In 1997, Jeff was again traded to the Tribe, where he played parts of the next three seasons. His stellar AAA career, where 48% of his hits went for extra bases, led the Buffalo Bisons to retire his uniform number 30.

After his playing days in 2000, Jeff worked as an instructor and scout. He served as hitting coach for the Pirates in 2006-07. In 2009, Jeff will serve as a hitting coordinator in player development for the White Sox.

#### **CHARLES NAGY ^\***

RHP - Indians '90-'02, Padres '03

Major League Debut 6/29/90					Born 5	5/5/67	Brid	gepoi	rt, CT
Career Totals:	eer Totals: W L PCT G				IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO
	129	105	.551	318	1,954.7	4.51	31	586	1,242

After winning the first annual Bob Feller Award, given to the Indians' minor league pitcher of the year, Charles Nagy reached the major leagues in just his second year as a professional. Prior to turning pro as the Indians' second number one pick in the 1988 June Draft, Charlie won a Gold Medal as a member of the 1988 U.S. Olympic baseball team. He led Team USA with a 1.05 ERA, and posted a 3-1 record, with 6 saves in 19 games during a 53-game summer schedule.

In his 13-year Tribe career, Charlie won 17 games three times and was a cornerstone of the Indians championship teams of the 1990's. He was only one of two pitchers to win 15 or more games in each season from 1995-99, and went 90-41 in a stretch from 1994-99. His 50 career wins at Jacobs Field are the most of all-time. Charlie ranks 6th as the Tribe's all-time strikeout leader, 10th in wins, and 11th in innings pitched. He was named to the American League All-Star team in 1992, in a season where he would post career-bests in ERA (.296) and innings pitched (252.0). Charlie was again named an AL All-Star in 1996 and 1999.

Charlie was also a solid post-season performer. He compiled a 3-0 record against the Red Sox in AL Division Series play, and was the starting pitcher in the 1997 AL pennantclinching 1-0 victory over the host Orioles, where he hurled 7.1 masterful shutout innings in one of the most exciting wins in team history.

Following his playing days, Charlie served as pitching coach in 2006-07 for the AAA Salt Lake City Bees (Angels).

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Career

#### **DAVE NELSON**

2B - Indians '68-'69, Senators/Rangers '70-'75, Royals '76-'77

Major League Debut 4/11/68					orn 6	6/20/4	4 For	t Sill,	OK
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI

.244 813 2,578 340 630 77 19 20 211

Speed and base running ability are the words that best highlight Dave Nelson's playing career. His top base stealing campaign was in 1972 when he stole 51 bases, missing the league title by one. Over his major league career Davey stole 187 bases. He tied a record by stealing 2nd, 3rd and home in one inning. In 1973, Davey hit a career-best .286, stole 43 bases and was named to the American League All-Star team.

Davey began his coaching career in 1981 with the White Sox, serving as first base coach and base running coach. In 1986-87, he was the Athletics' Director of Instruction. From 1992-97, Davey was the Indians' first base coach, and outfield and base running instructor. In 2000, he worked as the Marlins roving minor league base running instructor. He served in that post for the Brewers in 2001-02, who then returned Davey to the major leagues in 2003-2006 as their first base coach, out fielding coach, and base running coach.

In 1998-99, Davey was a color commentator on Indians radio broadcasts, as he was for the Chicago Cubs in 1988-89. In 2007, he became the Brewers TV co-host for pre-and post-game telecasts on Fox, where Davey was part of a crew that won an Emmy Award for best pre-game sports shows in the Chicago/Midwest region. He continues in that post in 2009.

#### **KEVIN RHOMBERG**

2B/3B/OF/DH - Indians '82-'84

Major Leagu	Born 11/22/55 Dubuque, IA					ue, IA			
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	.383	41	47	5	18	0	0	1	3

Kevin Rhomberg was drafted by the Indians in 1977 and was called up to the major leagues after batting a league-record .386 in the Class AA Southern League in 1981. That year he also had 76 stolen bases.

After retiring as a player in 1985, Kevin worked as a scout for the Indians from 1988-91. He then began his college coaching career and became the head baseball coach at Cleveland State University from 1992-96. In 1997, Kevin became the head coach at Lakeland Community College, where he guided the Lakers to a 108-65 overall record during his four seasons there.

In 1999-2000, Kevin worked as the managing member partner of the independent Canton Crocodiles. In 2004, Kevin was the team president and managing partner of the independent Windy City Thunderbolts (Frontier League). Kevin began doing consulting work to minor league baseball in 2000, and is also currently involved in college recruiting and operating a batting school located in Painesville.

In 2007-2008, Kevin did radio color commentary for the Tribe's Class A affiliate, the Lake County Captains.

#### **RICH ROLLINS**

3B - Twins '61-'68, Pilots/Brewers '69-'70, Indians '70 Major League Debut 6/16/61 Born 4/16/38 Mt. Pleasant, PA

r Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	
	.269	1,002	3,303	419	887	125	20	77	399	

Rich Rollins was a key contributor to the Minnesota Twins teams of the 1960's. In 1962, his first full major league season, Rich batted .298, with 23 doubles and 16 home runs. He had 96 RBI and career-highs with 186 hits and 159 games played. That year Rich received the most All-Star votes of any American League player and started in both All-Star games. Rich followed that performance in 1963 by hitting a career-best .307 while matching his tallies of the previous campaign with 16 home runs and 23 doubles. In 1965, Rich helped the Twins win the AL pennant and saw action in three World Series games.

Always noted for his hard work and commitment to his team, Rich developed into a solid and most dependable third baseman. He wrote himself into the Twins record books in 1967 when he established a new fielding record for third basemen with a .963 fielding average. Rich played his final major league season with the Indians, contributing in a utility role and as a positive clubhouse influence.

#### **CORY SNYDER**

OF/SS/DH/IF - Indians '86-'90, White Sox '91, Blue Jays '91, Giants '92, Dodgers '93-'94

Major League Debut 6/13/86 Born 11/11/62 Inglewood, CA

Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	.247	1,068	3,656	439	902	178	13	149	488
Cory Snyder was the Indians' number one amateur									

draft choice in 1984, a year he also starred on the U.S. Olympic team after being named a first-team All-American third baseman at Brigham Young University.

After playing less than two seasons in the minor leagues, the Indians made Cory their starting right fielder in June, 1986 due to his strong throwing arm. In his rookie campaign, Cory smashed 24 home runs and had 69 RBI over 103 games. In 1987, his first full season in the major leagues, Cory tallied career-bests with 33 homers and 82 RBI. He followed that in 1988 with 26 home runs while posting a career-best .272 batting average. Tribe fans were often thrilled by Cory's throws from the outfield and when he would be moved to shortstop in the late innings of tight ballgames when an extra outfield bat was needed in the lineup.

Traded to the White Sox in December, 1990, Cory would later play for the Blue Jays, Giants, and for his hometown Dodgers, where he finished his career.

In 2007, Cory returned to the field to manage the newly formed St. George (Utah) Roadrunners of the independent Golden Baseball League, where he continues. He is also a part owner of the team. Following camp, Cory will manage a Winter League team in Yuma, AZ.

# **PRO•FILES...... THE COACHES**

PAT TABLER *									
1B/DH/OF/3B - Cubs '81-'82, Indians '83-'88,									
Royals '88-'90, Mets '90, Blue Jays '91-'92									
Major Leag	Major League Debut 8/12/81 Born 2/2/58 Hamilton, OH								
Career Totals:	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	.282	1,202	3,911	454	1,101	190	25	47	512

Pat Tabler's career was marked by his uncanny ability to hit in the clutch. A consistent line-drive hitter, Pat's specialty was bases-loaded situations. In his five-plus seasons with the Indians, Pat went 29-for-55 (.527) when batting with the sacks full. After being tried at several different positions, Pat settled in as the Tribe's regular first baseman. He was also used at designated hitter.

In 1986, Pat hit a career-best .326 and finished fourth in the race for the American League batting championship. Pat followed that performance in 1987 with career-bests in every other major offensive category. He also posted a .307 batting average and was named to the AL All-Star team.

Following his playing days, Pat began a career in television broadcasting, first working nationally on TSN (ESPN Canada) doing baseball highlights, game updates, analysis, and interviews. In 2001, Pat became the color analyst on Blue Jays telecasts and continues to be seen on Rogers Sports Net and TSN. In past seasons, Pat has also served as an Indians spring training instructor and minor league hitting instructor.

#### **RICK WAITS \***

LHP - Rangers '73, Indians '75-'83, Brewers '83-'85 Major League Debut 9/17/73 Born 5/15/52 Atlanta, GA

Career Totals:	W	L	PCT	G	IP	ERA	CG	BB	SO
	79	92	.462	317	1,427	4.25	47	568	659

Rick Waits was a curveball specialist who posted 74 victories while pitching for the Indians. That total makes Rick the fourth-winningest left-handed pitcher in franchise history, behind Sam McDowell (122), C.C. Sabathia (106), and Joe Shaute (78).

Rick enjoyed his best season in 1979, when he won nine of his first thirteen decisions, including a one-hit shutout in the home opener against the Red Sox. He also recorded a pair of two-hit shutouts that year, and won seven of his last eleven decisions to finish with a career-best 16-13 record, which was tops on the club. Rick followed that season by posting 13 victories and a career-best 109 strikeouts in 1980. Unfortunately, in the strike-shortened season of 1981, Rick suffered tendonitis in his knee that hampered him for several years, and led to him being traded to the Brewers in June, 1983.

Following his playing days, Rick began a successful career as a pitching coach. A seven year veteran at each minor league level of the New York Mets organization, Rick coached the Class AAA Norfolk Tides from 1999-2002. The Mets promoted Rick to the major leagues in 2003 as their bullpen coach, then named him pitching coordinator in 2004 where he continues to serve.

### **CLEVELAND INDIANS HALL OF FAME**

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**TOP 100 GREATEST INDIANS ROSTER** 



As part of the 2001 season-long 100th Anniversary Celebration, a panel of baseball writers, historians, and executives selected a roster of the Top 100 Greatest Indians. Included on this roster are players whose sheer presence, ability, achievements, and in some cases, simply their intrinsic popularity established them as being special.

Since 1901, more than 1,500 players have graced the diamonds of League Park, Cleveland Municipal Stadium, Jacobs Field, and now Progressive Field. It is through the men on the Top 100 Greatest Indians roster, and the 1,500-plus who were their teammates, that the rich heritage of professional baseball in Cleveland was established.

On the magical afternoon of July 21, 2001, 38 of the Top 100 Greatest Indians gathered to be honored, and to celebrate the Cleveland Indians 100th Anniversary along with a sellout crowd of fans, family, and friends.

We congratulate, salute, and offer thanks to each of these men, and are thrilled and honored to welcome 14 of them as 2009 Cleveland Indians Fantasy Camp Pros.

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