



Minor league report: Indians. Aeros renew agreement

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The Akron Aeros and Indians have reached an agreement to extend their player-development contract for the maximum of four years, ensuring that Akron will continue as the Tribe's Class AA affiliate through 2012.

"The Indians player development staff is filled with quality personnel, and they are a pleasure to work with on every issue we are faced with on a daily basis," Aeros General Manager Jeff Auman said. "We are extremely proud to have been an Indians affiliate for 20 years, and we look forward to continuing our relationship for many more seasons."

The Aeros franchise joined forces with Cleveland in 1989, when the club was located in Canton. Since that inaugural season, more than 75 of its players eventually reached the majors, including catcher Victor Martinez, outfielder Grady Sizemore, pitcher C.C. Sabathia and outfielder Manny Ramirez.

The club debuted in Akron's Canal Park in 1997.

"We could not be more excited about continuing our relationship with the Akron Aeros," said Indians farm director Ross Atkins, who spent parts of two seasons with the Aeros (1998-99). "The chance for us to have first-class resources in Double A just 40 miles south of Cleveland is a separator for us. With the upgrade of the playing surface and the professionalism of Jeff Auman's staff, we know our Double A staff and players are in very good hands."

Aeros 11, Baysox 10

Brandon Pinckney's sacrifice fly scored pinch runner Brandon Chaves from third in the 10th inning and lifted the Akron Aeros to a come-from-behind Eastern League win over the Bowie Baysox on Monday at Canal Park.

Chaves ran for Matt Whitney after Whitney drew a one-out walk. He stole second and third, setting up Pinckney's game-winning RBI.

The Aeros rallied from a 9-3 fourth-inning deficit. Trevor Crowe's RBI double in the bottom of the ninth tied the game at 10-10.

Herr traded

Infielder Aaron Herr has been traded to the Cincinnati Reds for cash considerations. Herr batted .245 at Class AAA Buffalo after going to camp as a non-roster invitee.

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