

Matt Meyer

The Indians selected Meyer in the 15th round of the 2006 Draft out of Boston College. Meyer quickly impressed in his professional debut that same year in Mahoning Valley when he made 19 appearances out of the bullpen and went 2-2 with 2 saves and a 1.98 ERA, and also held opposing hitters to a .230 average and struck out 31 batters in 27.1 innings pitched. The results in 2007 were mixed, as he carried the dominance over to Lake County where in 11 appearances he put up a 0.50 ERA, held opposing hitters to a .182 batting average, and struck out 20 batters in 18 innings pitched. Upon moving to Kinston, Meyer struggled some going 3-4 with 3 saves and a 4.32 ERA, and held opposing hitters to a .258 batting average while striking out 58 in 50 innings pitched. Meyer throws from a three-quarters arm slot, throws a low 90s fastball that gets up to 93 MPH, and compliments it with a deceptive slider. Meyer has trouble with right-handers but is very tough on lefties, which is why scouts project him as a lefty specialist down the road. In his short minor league career, Meyer has shown the ability to pile up strikeouts (10.29 K/9 career), but he also piles up the walks (4.91 BB/9 career). He needs to continue working on his fastball command, and tighten up his slider. The Indians are excited about his potential, and he made a great showing in the Fall Development Program. He will likely open the year in the Akron bullpen, although a return trip to Kinston to start the year is not out of the question.