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INDIANS ANNOUNCE 2014 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

CLEVELAND, OH – The Cleveland Indians today announced the organizational staff alignment within the Player Development System for the upcoming season.

Three of the Tribe's four full-season affiliates will feature different managers from the previous campaign, with the lone exception **CHRIS TREMIE** returning for his second season as skipper of the Triple-A Columbus Clippers. Former Tribe farmhands **DAVID WALLACE** and **SCOOTER TUCKER**, both of whom managed a Tribe affiliate last season, will keep their respective coaching staffs intact and advance a level within the system. Wallace will shift from Single-A Advanced Carolina to Double-A Akron, while Tucker will take over for Wallace in Zebulon after managing Lake County in 2013. Another former Tribe minor leaguer, **MARK BUDZINSKI**, will make his professional coaching debut in 2014 as manager of the Lake County Captains.

Budzinski and **RIGO BELTRAN** highlight new additions within the club's Player Development coaching ranks. Beltran pitched professionally over 15 seasons from 1991-2006, including 78 Major League games from 1997-2004. Also, **LUIS ORTIZ** has been promoted to Assistant Field Coordinator after joining the Indians organization in 2013 as Cultural Development/Lower-Level Hitting Coordinator. **MARK ALLEN** will serve as the Pitching Coach for the Rookie Arizona club over the summer while continuing his role as Area Scout in North Texas and Oklahoma prior to the draft. **EDWIN RODRIGUEZ** shifts to Special Assistant to Baseball Operations. In his new role, Rodriguez will use his experiences as a manager, coach and scout to impact all areas of the Player Development system, with an emphasis on infield play and Latin American player plans and transitions.

Tremie, 44, returns for his second consecutive season at the helm of the Columbus Clippers after leading the Tribe's Triple-A affiliate to a 71-73 (.493) record in 2013. The native of Houston, Texas has managed at every level in the Indians farm system and is set to begin his 9th season in the organization. In 2012, he led the Akron Aeros to the 2012 Eastern League title after guiding the club to a regular season record of 82-59 (.582). **TONY ARNOLD** will return as the Clippers Pitching Coach as he begins his 22nd season as a coach in the Indians Player Development System, while Hitting Coach **JIM RICKON** will join Tremie's staff after spending 2013 with the Double-A Akron Aeros.

Wallace, 34, will serve as manager in the inaugural season for the Akron RubberDucks after leading the Single-A Advanced Carolina Mudcats in 2013. Wallace was a staff assistant for the Major League club in 2009-10 and managed the Mahoning Valley Scrappers and the Lake County Captains (2011-12) before joining the Mudcats last season. A native of Nashville, TN, Wallace spent 6 years as a catcher in the Indians organization from 2002-07. The RubberDucks coaching staff will be rounded out by Pitching Coach **JEFF HARRIS** and Hitting Coach **ROUGLAS ODOR**.

Tucker, 47, will take the reins in Zebulon, NC and lead the Tribe's Single-A Advanced Carolina Mudcats in his 3rd year in the professional coaching ranks. The former Major League catcher made his coaching debut as a Hitting Coach for the Mudcats in 2012 and served as the Manager of the Lake County Captains last season. Tucker will be joined by his 2012 Lake County coaching staff as **TONY MANSOLINO** will serve as Hitting Coach, and former Indians reliever **STEVE KARSAY** will act as Pitching Coach.

Budzinski, 40, is set to make his professional coaching debut at the helm of the Lake County Captains in 2014. Budzinski was drafted by the Indians in the 21st round of the 1995 draft and played 7 years in the Indians ranks (1995-2001) before spending time in the Cubs, Brewers, Reds and Phillies organizations before retiring in 2005. The former outfielder was a member of the United States team in the 2001 Baseball World Cup, and made his Major League debut with the Cincinnati Reds in 2003. **RIGO BELTRAN** will serve as the Pitching Coach for the Captains after spending 7 seasons as a coach in the Reds organization and **SHAUN LARKIN** will shift from Mahoning Valley to serve as Hitting Coach.

2014 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM STAFF ALIGNMENT COORDINATORS

Field Coordinator	Tom Wiedenbauer
Asst Field Coordinator	Luis Ortiz #
Pitching Coordinator	Ruben Niebla
Lower-Level Pitching Coordinator/	
Mental Skills	Julio Rangel
Hitting Coordinator	Alan Zinter
Rehab Coordinator	Thomas Albert
Strength & Conditioning	Todd Kubacki
Latin American	
Strength & Conditioning	Nelson Perez
Special Assistant	Travis Fryman
Special Assistant	Jason Bere
Special Assistant	Tim Belcher
Special Assistant	Edwin Rodriguez #
Advisor	Johnny Goryl
Advisor	Minnie Mendoza
Advisor	Tim Tolman

CLASS-AAA COLUMBUS

Manager	Chris Tremie
Hitting Coach	Jim Rickon #
Pitching Coach	Tony Arnold
Athletic Trainer	Chad Wolfe #
Strength & Conditioning	Ed Subel

CLASS-AA AKRON

Manager	David Wallace #
Hitting Coach	Rouglas Odor #
Pitching Coach	Jeff Harris #
Athletic Trainer	Jeremy Heller #
Strength & Conditioning	Jake Sankel

CLASS-A CAROLINA

Manager	Scouter Tucker #
Hitting Coach	Tony Mansolino #
Pitching Coach	Steve Karsay #
Athletic Trainer	Bobby Ruiz
Strength & Conditioning	Scott Nealon

CLASS-A LAKE COUNTY

Manager	Mark Budzinski #
Hitting Coach	Shaun Larkin #
Pitching Coach	Rigo Beltran #
Athletic Trainer	Matt Beauregard
Strength & Conditioning	Paul Synenkyj

Short Season-A MAHONING VALLEY

Manager	Ted Kubiak
Hitting Coach	Phil Clark #
Pitching Coach	Greg Hibbard #
Athletic Trainer	TBD
Strength & Conditioning	Juan Acevado

Rookie ARIZONA INDIANS

Manager	Anthony Medrano
Pitching Coach	Mark Allen #
Hitting Coach	Junior Betances
Coach	Dennis Malave
Athletic Trainer	Ted Blackwell
Strength & Conditioning	Cesar Yopez

Rookie DSL INDIANS

Field Coordinator	Jose Mejia
Pitching Coach	Jesus Sanchez #
Hitting Coach	Francisco Cabrera
Infield Coach	Carlos Fermin
Strength & Conditioning	Hasani Torres

#New Position in 2014