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INDIANS PROMOTE RHP JESS TODD FROM AAA COLUMBUS

RHP Jose Veras Designated for Assignment

CLEVELAND, OH—The Cleveland Indians today announced the club has recalled **RHP JESS TODD** from the Columbus Clippers. To allow room on the 25-man roster the Indians designated **RHP JOSE VERAS** for assignment.

Todd, 23, was acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals on July 26 as the player to be named in the June 27th trade that sent INF Mark DeRosa to the Cardinals for RHP Chris Perez. He made three relief appearances after being assigned to the Clippers following the trade and did not allow a run on just 1 hit in 4.0 innings (1SV, 4.0IP, 1H, 0BB, 7K, .077AVG). Jess spent the majority of the 2009 season at AAA Memphis of the PCL, going 4-2 with 24 saves and a 2.20 ERA (49.0IP, 39H, 13R/12ER, 13BB, 59K, .214AVG) in 41 appearances. His 25 combined saves currently rank 5th in all of Minor League Baseball. Todd made one appearance this year/career for St. Louis on June 5 vs. Colorado (1.2IP, 3H, 2R/ER, 2BB, 2K).

In 2008, the 5-11, 210-pound right-hander, in just his 2nd season of professional baseball out of Arkansas, went 8-6 with a save and a 2.88 ERA (153.0IP, 116H, 54R/49ER, 42BB, 136K) in 28 games/24 starts between three different levels (A-Palm Beach, AA Springfield, AAA Memphis) and was named the Cardinals Minor League Pitcher of the Year.

Veras was 1-1 w/a 7.62 ERA in 12 relief appearances for the Indians since being acquired from the NY Yankees on June 24. The Indians have 10 days to trade, release or outright him to the minor leagues.

The 40-man roster now stands at 35 players. Todd will wear #40.

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