

WHERE ARE THEY

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AN INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS UNIFORM
DURING THE FRANCHISE'S MORE
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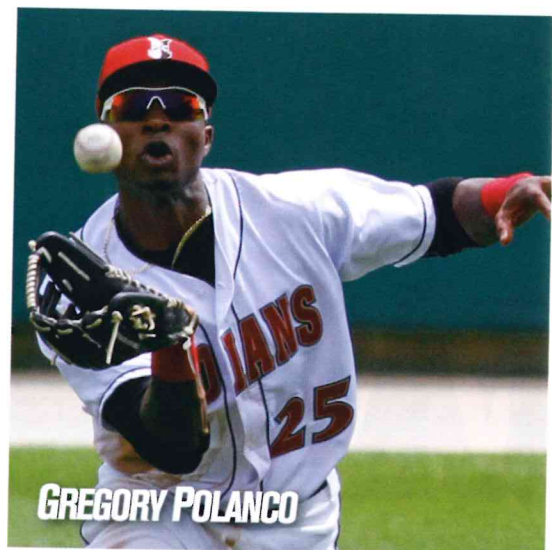
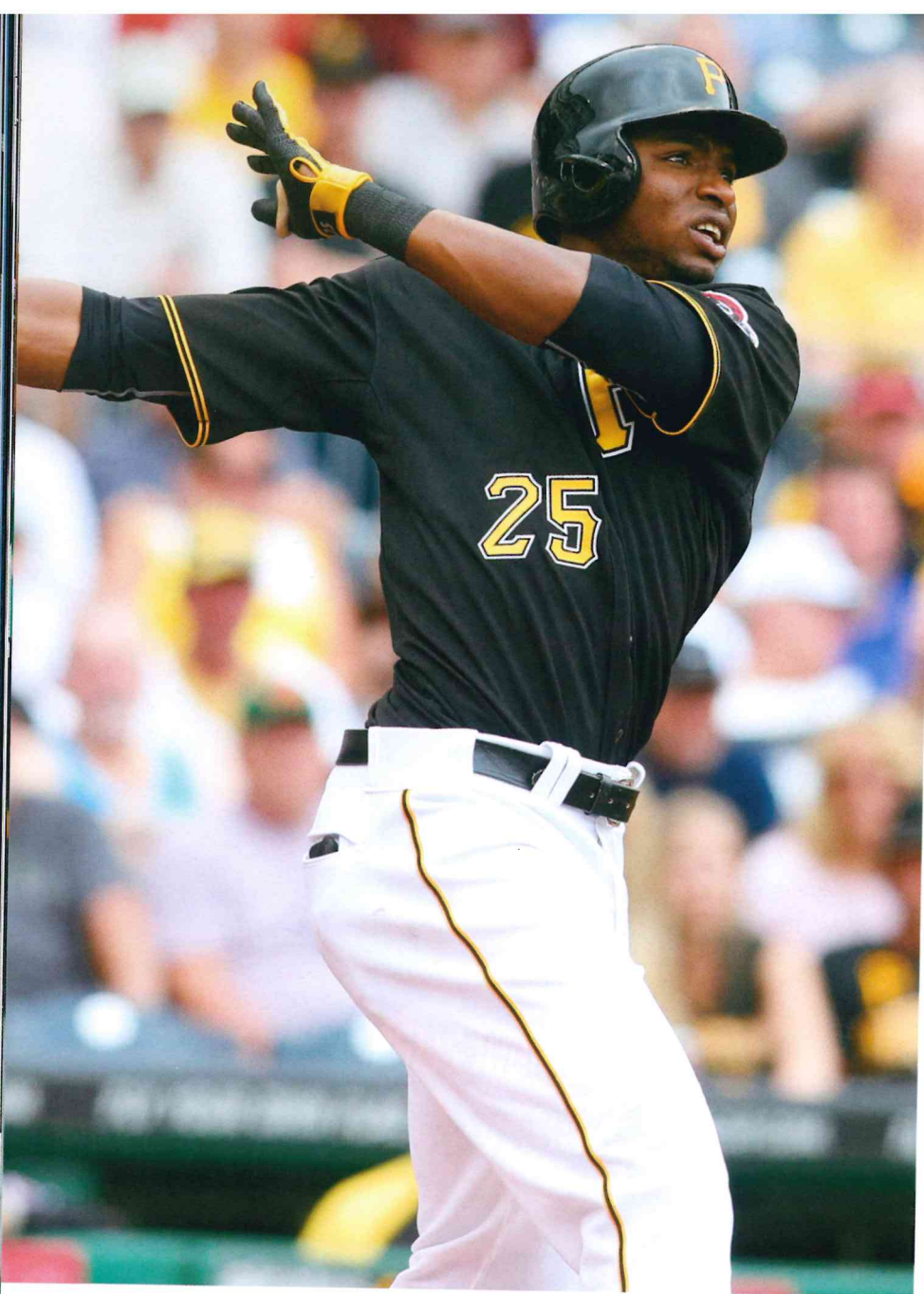
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NOW





GREGORY POLANCO

DEAN TREANOR BROKE NORMAL TRADITION

and called his team together. Typically, the Indians manager – now going on his fifth season at the helm – brings players into his office, where he tells them that they’ve been promoted to the big leagues in Pittsburgh.

This time was different. On Monday, June 9, 2014, Treanor gathered the Indians in the center of the team clubhouse. Indianapolis had just defeated the Lehigh Valley IronPigs, despite playing without its best player and prospect, OF Gregory Polanco. Polanco’s absence was suspicious. Up to that point in the season, the 6’4” lefty from the Dominican Republic had batted .347 with seven home runs and 49 RBIs. He also had five triples and 15 stolen bases in his first 62

games last season.

Polanco wasn’t playing because he was being called up to Pittsburgh. Former Indians star Neil Walker was heading to the disabled list. When Treanor announced the news, the whole team exploded in celebration. Polanco, polite and soft-spoken, smiled ear-to-ear as he and his teammates and coaches applauded him.

The next day, Polanco started in right field for the Pirates, alongside two of the best outfielders in the National League. Like Polanco, both Andrew McCutchen and Starling Marte were at onetime members of the Indians. First, there was McCutchen. The 2013 NL MVP was called up in 2009, and in his first year with the Pirates had 54 RBI and 12 home runs. McCutchen quickly grew into his own, and is now one of the best baseball players in the game right now.

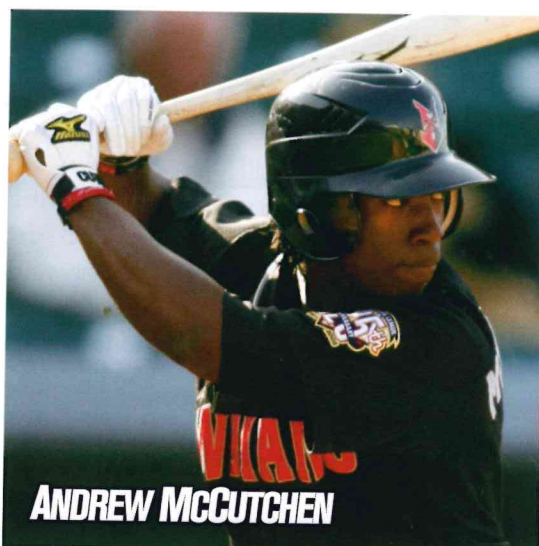
In six MLB seasons, McCutchen has made four All-Star teams and has batted above .300 in three consecutive seasons. He is as consistently good as they come. And, as center fielder does, he is the leader of the outfield. Next to McCutchen, in left field, is Starling Marte, another five-tool prospect that has blossomed in Pittsburgh.

Marte joined the Pirates in 2012 at the age of 23, and immediately made an im-

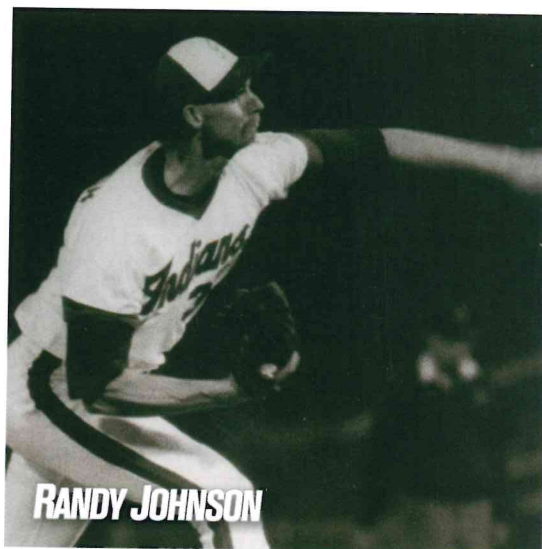
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STARLING MARTE



ANDREW MCCUTCHEEN



RANDY JOHNSON

pact in Pittsburgh. Last season he batted .291 with a .342 OBP, recording 56 RBI and 30 stolen bases. Marte played a short stint in Indianapolis last season as part of a rehab assignment.

Then there's Polanco. He burst onto the scene from the start, collecting a 10-game hitting streak in his first 10 appearances. His combination of quickness, agility, strength and ability endeared him to Pirates fans immediately. His talent, still a bit raw, was undeniable.

Polanco did, however, experience his own struggles. He was sent back to Indianapolis in August in an attempt to regain the success he had had with the Indians and Pirates earlier that season. In 89 games with the Pirates, Polanco batted .235 with 65 hits, seven home runs and 33 RBI.

Come October, all three players were in the outfield at the same time as the Pirates hosted the San Francisco Giants in the wild-card round of the NL playoff race. Pittsburgh succumbed to would-be World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner, but Pirates fans and Indians fans alike got a glimpse of what the future holds: Marte in left, McCutchen in center, and Polanco in right field, one of the



PHOTO UNIT

Randy Johnson majored in photojournalism and shot for his school newspaper while attending USC - Los Angeles in his younger days. Today, Johnson spends his time as a photographer and his images have been featured in magazines such as *Rolling Stone* and *Spin*.

most talented and promising outfields in all of baseball.

For the first time in each of their careers, all three players will start together on Opening Day. Though Marte, McCutchen and Polanco don't have a group nickname per se, one will come soon enough. As once they roamed the outfield at Victory Field, the three are now taming major league outfields today.

BEFORE THE WORLD SERIES RINGS, before the Cy Young Awards and before all the strikeouts and wins, Randy Johnson was a member of the Indianapolis Indians. In November 2014, Johnson became the 13th former Indians player to be inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Johnson is the first former Indians player to be inducted into Cooperstown since Harmon Killebrew was in 1984.

Johnson was a first-ballot Hall of Fame inductee. He finished his career with five Cy Young Awards, 10 All-Star selections, nine strikeout titles and four times he finished with the best ERA in baseball. In his 22 seasons as a pro, Johnson won 303 games and struck out 4,875 batters in his career. Before he made it to the big leagues, Johnson played for the Indians' parent affiliate in Montreal.

Playing for the Indians in an elimina-

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tion game in the Triple-A Baseball Classic, Johnson threw 9.0 innings of near-perfect baseball, striking out eight batters and letting up only two runs. Johnson would lead the way for the Indian's 1988 Triple-A title that season.

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RAZOR SHINES IS ALL OVER the Indians all-time batting leaders list. Though he isn't the leader in any one specific category, 793 games played for the Tribe ranks fifth all time in team history. Shines also ranks in the top five in team history in runs, doubles, RBIs and home runs. Shines is second in Indians history with 404 total RBI.

HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

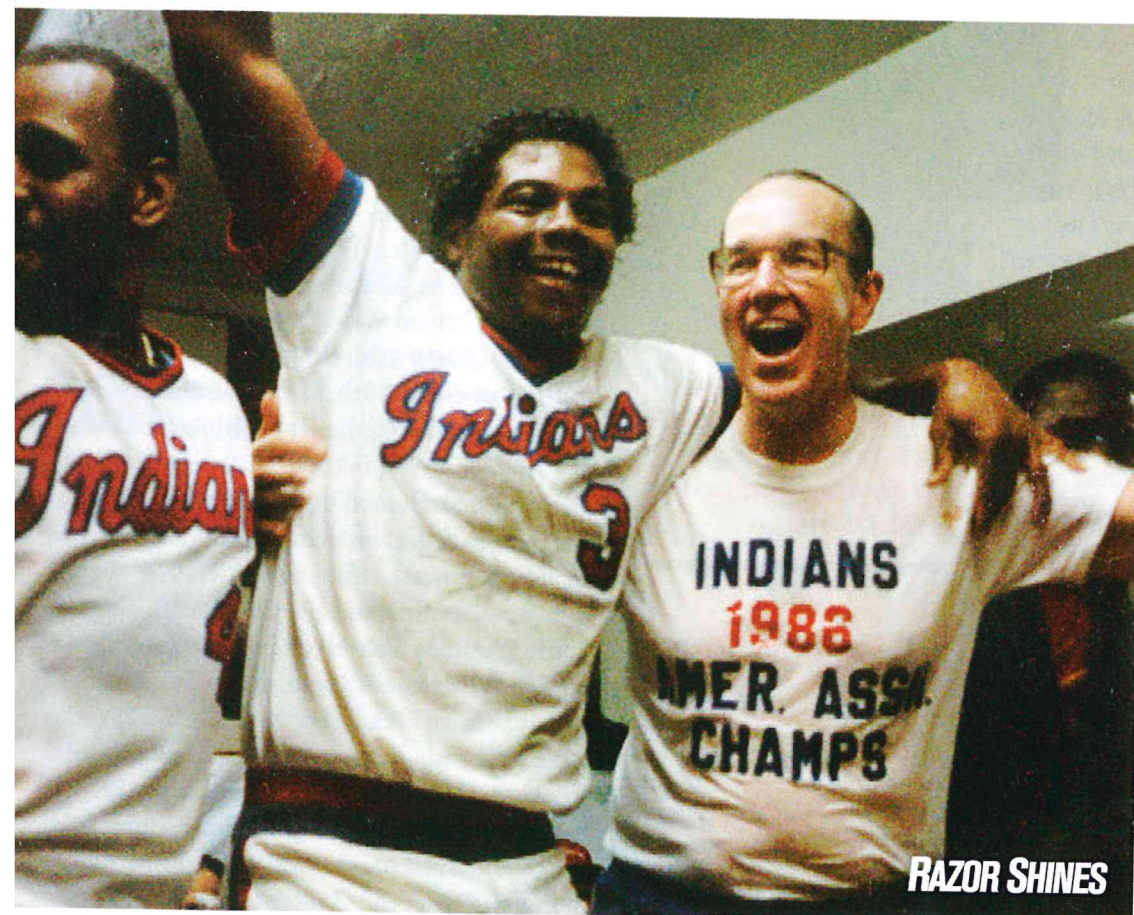
When Randy Johnson accepts honors in Cooperstown on July 26, join the Indians at Victory Field as they celebrate his induction with a free throwback jersey T-shirt giveaway. Miss the game? Get a custom-made shirt created at the Hot Corner Gift Shop.

Shines was drafted by the Montreal Expos organization in 1978. Among his minor league stops included his time with the Indians. Shines played in his first major league game in 1983 for the New York Mets, but it wasn't until later that season where he made is MLB debut with the Montreal Expos. Shines would play for the Indians in Indianapolis until 1993, and he would make occasional appearances for the Expos, who were the Indians' major league affiliate at the time. Shines' Indians teams won league titles from 1986-89 and back-to-back Triple-A titles in 1988 and 1989. Shines also won a World Series as a coach on the 2005 Chicago White Sox team. Shines has since retired from coaching.

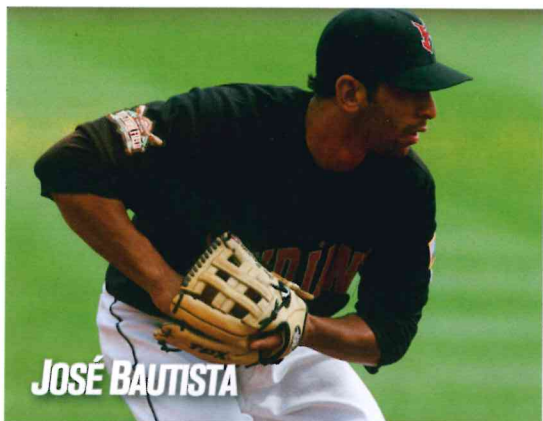
JOSÉ BAUTISTA IS ONE of the most powerful and feared hitters in all of baseball. Just last season, Bautista hit 35 home runs and batted in 103 RBI for the Toronto Blue Jays. Bautista joined the Blue Jays organization in 2008 after bouncing around with the Baltimore Orioles and Pittsburgh Pirates.

The theme of this article is where are they now, but before he became one of the best hitters in baseball, Bautista was an Indianapolis Indians player. Bautista, while a member of the Pirates organization, had three separate stints in Indianapolis, in 2005, 2006 and 2008. Bautista has played 47 total games with the Indians and hit five total home runs for them.

Once he was shipped to Toronto, Bautista discovered a power in his swing that had been dormant in him. Even at 34 years old, Bautista is still producing at an MVP-type level. Last season, Bautista played in 155 games, batting .286 with an OBP of .403. In 2010,



RAZOR SHINES



JOSÉ BAUTISTA

just two years removed from a five-game stint with the Indians, Bautista hit a major league-best 54 home runs. He backed that up a season later in 2011 with 43 home runs. Though his home run output has returned to earth somewhat, Bautista is still producing at an All-Star level.



ULTIMATE UTILITY PLAYER

Larry Broadway played one season in 2009 with the Indians but kept his talent with Pittsburgh. The following year, Broadway started working for the Pirates organization as a scout and now works as the Director of Minor League Operations.

way worked his way up from area scout in 2010 to Pittsburgh's Area Scouting Supervisor, where he scouted players in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah until 2011.

In September 2011, Broadway accepted a position to become the Pirates Director of Minor League Operations. His duties involve overseeing all of the Pirates' day-to-day minor league operations, which include Pittsburgh's seven affiliates in the United States and Dominican Republic.

Entering the 2014 MLB season, Broadway had developed the No. 1 ranked farm system in "organizational talent rankings" by Baseball America, which happened to be the Pirates' first No. 1 ranking in the Baseball America Prospect Handbook publication history.

"(The success) starts with a vision from the general manager, and then it's delivered by the scouting department and then our player development system," Broadway said. "The vision is carried through with the daily work and efforts to deliver what we want. The commitment to that process at all levels, to hold true and commit to it, our guys have done a good job of that."

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LARRY BROADWAY PLAYED PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL for eight seasons, including a 69-game stint with the Indians, before he retired and began working as a scout. He began scouting the southwest, which took him from El Paso, Texas, to Reno, Nev. The former Indians utility player, Broad-



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