



# Oshawa Dodgers

## April Newsletter

### 2008 Season Set to Begin

The Oshawa Dodgers are set to begin their seventh season in the Intercounty Baseball league. To kick off the season the Dodgers take on the Stratford Nationals who finished last in the IBL standings in 2007 however won the season series versus the Dodgers three games to two.



The Dodgers have many special game day events planned over the course of the summer.

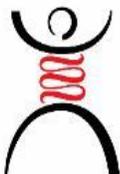
Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> is Community Living Day. Members of Community Living will be on hand to distribute literature with prizes and giveaways throughout the games.

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> the Dodgers host the Eastern Ontario Baseball Association. Each player registered in minor baseball in Durham Region will receive two free tickets to the game courtesy of the Oshawa Dodgers.

Saturday June 28<sup>th</sup> the Dodgers welcome the Raptors mascot to Kinsmen Stadium as we host the defending IBL champion Toronto Maple Leafs. The Raptor will be on hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch and meet and greet our great fans!



Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> is the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Crohn's and Colitis Day founded in honour of Matt Tosoni who suffers from ulcerative colitis. The Crohn's and Colitis foundation will provide lucky fans with prize opportunities throughout the game. NASC softball registrants will also be our honoured guests.



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### Dodgers Sign C Worby and RHP Santana

The Oshawa Dodgers have added catcher Justin Worby and RHP Gilbert Santana to the roster for 2008. Worby, from Acton, Ontario, was drafted by the San Diego Padres in the 43<sup>rd</sup> round of the 2005 June amateur draft. Justin currently attends Connor State College where he is batting .356 in 23 games with 26 hits, including 4 double, 2 homeruns and 24 RBI.



Justin Worby

Santana, a twenty-five year old hard-throwing RHP from the Dominican Republic, signed with the Chicago White Sox in 2002 playing in the Dominican Summer League from 2002-2005.

### OSHAWA DODGERS RED PARTY

The Oshawa Dodgers proudly present the 2008 Oshawa Dodgers Red Party to be held at E.P. Taylor's on the Durham College/UOIT Campus, Saturday May 24, 2008 - 8:00pm.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and can be purchased at the three prior Dodger home games or by contacting us at [tickets@oshawadodgers.net](mailto:tickets@oshawadodgers.net). Tickets at the door are \$15.00.

A cash bar will be available along with D.J. and silent auction including an opportunity to be an Oshawa Dodger for a day attending a Dodgers away game on the team bus and sitting on the bench in uniform.

Get your tickets early as only 400 are available for what promises to be a fantastic night!





[www.oshawadodgers.net](http://www.oshawadodgers.net)

## Papalia Returns to Lineup

Chris Papalia, a 2006 finalist for Baseball Ontario Senior Player of the Year and graduate of the Oshawa Junior Legionaires, has inked with the Dodgers for the 2008 season. Chris is a graduate of Macalester College in Minnesota. Papalia began the 2007 campaign with the Dodgers before leaving for an employment opportunity with his alma mater. In five games Chris batted .294 recording five hits including a double, two walks and three RBI.



## Byron Back For Fourth Dodger Season

The Oshawa Dodgers are pleased to announce the re-signing of RHP Greg Byron. Last season with the Dodgers Greg posted a 1-2-2 record with a 7.76 ERA in 29.0 innings pitched while battling a finger injury for a third of the season. Greg was also credited with the win in the Dodgers lone playoff victory. Greg is a senior at Bethany College in Kansas



## Osei-Aning Adds Depth to Oshawa Outfield

As the Dodgers near closer to the start of the 2008 season, we are happy to announce the addition of Kofi Osei-Aning. Kofi, a switch hitter with speed and above average defensive ability, will join an already potent Dodgers outfield. Kofi is a sophomore at Panola College in Carthage, Texas currently batting .270 with 12 runs, 20 hits, including 2 doubles, 2 triples and 15 RBI.



## Brendan Emmett Added to Already Strong Infield

The Oshawa Dodgers are excited to announce the addition of Brendan Emmett to the team in 2008. Emmett, a 6'0" middle infielder out of the Ontario Blue Jays organization previously attended Lorne Park Secondary School where he was named Athlete of the Year as a senior and competed in baseball, basketball, volleyball and badminton. The left-handed hitting Emmett is currently a freshman at Central Michigan University where he is batting .287 with 35 hits, 15 walks and 22 RBI in 122 at-bats.



## Season Tickets On Sale

Oshawa Dodgers 2008 season tickets are now on sale for the low cost of \$50.00 for eighteen home games - only \$2.78 per game!!!!

Please be advised that all tickets will now be customized for use on a specific game date. Only 300 season ticket packages are being made available for purchase this season - place your order early so you don't miss out on the exciting changes the Dodgers have made in our quest for an IBL Championship.

To order tickets please download the order form at [www.oshawadodgers.net/Ticket\\_Information.html](http://www.oshawadodgers.net/Ticket_Information.html) and mail to the address provided. For further information contact [tickets@oshawadodgers.net](mailto:tickets@oshawadodgers.net).

We look forward to seeing you on May 3rd!

## Ontario Blue Jays Alumni Join Dodgers Fold

Stephen Bako and Cam Alkins, freshmen at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri and Rend Lake College in Ina, Illinois respectively, will join the Dodgers roster in 2008. Bako a 6'0" RHP out of Lorne Park Secondary School and Alkins, a 6'4" RHP from Bradford, are both graduates of the Ontario Blue Jays program.

*2008 Oshawa Dodgers . . . A Whole New Attitude*