



# Oshawa Dodgers

## March Newsletter

### IBL All-Star Stevie Lewis Back to Anchor Dodgers New & Improved Outfield

The Oshawa Dodgers are thrilled to announce IBL All-Star Stevie Lewis' return to the Dodgers for the 2008 season. Lewis excelled in every category with the Dodgers last season. He was first in team batting with a .374

average and sixth overall in the Intercounty Baseball League. In 27 regular season games he had 34 hits including 6 doubles, eight stolen bases and 9 RBI. Lewis, known for his clutch performances, came up big last season in the Dodgers' only playoff victory against eventual IBL champion Toronto Maple Leafs when he singled to drive in the winning run in extra innings capping off a three hit, two RBI performance. Stevie was named as a



2nd team IBL all-star and captured team awards for Batting Average, On Base Percentage and Season MVP. Stevie is a Senior at Southern Nazarene University where he is currently batting .353 with 24 hits including 7 doubles, 3 home runs and 20 RBI in 22 games. "Stevie is a tremendous competitor," says Dodgers Vice President Kerri Drake. "His athletic ability and commitment to baseball will be a great asset to our team this season. Last year, he led by example with his play and attitude on and off the field. We look for Stevie to follow up his impressive 2008 campaign with another successful season." Lewis will anchor an outfield that will also include newcomers Nate Smith, Ryan Fleming and Sean Cunningham.

For the latest signings and information please visit the Oshawa Dodgers website [www.oshawadodgers.net](http://www.oshawadodgers.net).

### 2008 Dodgers Schedule

Sat. May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stratford	@	Oshawa	2:00pm
Sat. May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kitchener	@	Oshawa	2:00pm
Sat. May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Hamilton	@	Oshawa	2:00pm
Mon. May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Stratford (DH)	2:00pm
Sat. May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Brantford	@	Oshawa (DH)	2:00pm
Wed. May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Barrie	@	Oshawa	7:30pm
Sat. May 31 <sup>st</sup>	London	@	Oshawa (DH)	2:00pm
Wed. June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Toronto	7:30pm
Sat. June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kitchener	@	Oshawa	2:00pm
Sun. June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Hamilton	2:00pm
Wed. June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Toronto	7:30pm
Thurs. June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Barrie	7:30pm
Sat. June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Brantford (DH)	1:00pm
Sun. June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Kitchener	7:00pm
Wed. June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Toronto	@	Oshawa	7:30pm
Sat. June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Oshawa	@	Guelph	3:00pm
Sun. June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oshawa	@	Hamilton	2:00pm
Wed. June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Guelph	@	Oshawa	7:30pm
Sat. June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Toronto	@	Oshawa	2:00pm
Sun. June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Guelph	@	Oshawa	2:00pm
Tues. July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oshawa	@	London (DH)	5:00pm
Wed. July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kitchener	@	Oshawa	7:30pm
Sun. July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stratford	@	Oshawa (DH)	2:00pm
Wed. July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Barrie	@	Oshawa	7:30pm
Thurs. July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Barrie	7:30pm
Sat. July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Guelph	3:00pm
Sun. July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Kitchener	2:00pm
Wed. July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hamilton	@	Oshawa	7:30pm
Sat. July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Barrie	7:00pm
Sun. July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Oshawa	@	Toronto	2:00pm





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## Backman & Cunningham Make Dodger Comebacks

With the Dodgers season now only two months away, we are excited to announce the return of Brett Backman and Sean Cunningham to the Dodgers organization in 2008.

Backman was a member of the Dodgers pitching staff in 2004 and was the Staff Ace of the Senior Elimination Oshawa Royals in 2007. Backman pitched 6 innings as the Royals downed the Tecumseh Thunder to capture their first provincial championship and the right to represent Ontario at the Canadian Senior Baseball Championship in Quebec City. Brett is a senior at Florida Tech University. Last year he posted a 3-3 record as a reliever with the Panthers and is 2-1 with four saves and a 1.42 ERA early in this year's college season.



Cunningham played in fourteen games for the Dodgers in the 2005 season recording a .365 batting average with 19 hits, 6 runs and 8 RBI in 52 at-bats. Sean will see time as both an infielder and outfielder with the Dodgers this season. Sean is a former draft pick of the San Diego Padres organization, selected in the 47th round of the 2004 amateur entry draft. He is currently a Junior at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri.



## May Shines in AE Tourney

Dodgers Bat Boy Jamie May was back in fine form this past weekend as he took part in the Bradford A/E Shootout tournament as a call-up with the Oshawa Minor Bantam AE Hockey team. In five games Jamie amassed eleven points including six goals and five assists – factoring in on almost 80% of the team's fourteen goals and leading the team to their only tournament championship of the season. This is a huge personal victory for May who was sidelined the entire 2006-2007 season recovering from serious injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. As a tribute to Troy May, who spent many years volunteering with Oshawa Minor Hockey, the team has worn May 20 on their backs the last two seasons.



## Dodgers Sign Whitby OF with IBL Connection

Ryan Fleming, a 6'3" outfielder from Whitby, enters his first season with the Dodgers. Fleming brings great power potential from the left side and is a strong defensive outfielder with an above average arm. Ryan played baseball, volleyball, hockey and golf at Henry Street Secondary School. He was an All-Ontario selection and MVP in volleyball, while also winning awards in golf and hockey and hit six homeruns to go along with a .650 batting average during his Senior baseball season.

Ryan also has an Intercounty link. His uncle, Ron Stead, pitched for the very first Team Canada baseball team and has been inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame after being a 10-time All-Star and a four-time IBL MVP. Ryan is currently a Freshman at Division I, University of Evansville where he attends with another Dodger newcomer Nate Smith.

## Sewell Returns for 2008

The Oshawa Dodgers are happy to announce designated hitter The Oshawa Dodgers are pleased to welcome back RHP Brian Sewell to the pitching staff for 2008. Brian enters his fourth season with the Dodgers although was injured for the majority of the 2006 and 2007 seasons. He has worked very hard to rehabilitate from his shoulder injury and was primed to make a comeback in last year's playoffs. Unfortunately he was deemed ineligible due to lack of innings pitched and although provided medical documentation, his exception request was denied by the league's Commissioner. Despite his injury, Brian has proved to be a very valuable member of the Dodgers organization. Last season when unable to play, he continued to attend every game, often serving as first base coach or pinch runner and as such was rewarded with the Max Reid Award for Perseverance and Dedication at the Dodgers season ending awards ceremony. Going back to the 2005 season, Brian's first year with the Dodgers, he led the team in innings pitched, complete games, wins and strikeouts.



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