



Oshawa Dodgers September Newsletter

Oshawa Dodgers Hand Out 2008 Season Awards

Bernie McGuire Season MVP

The Oshawa Dodgers are proud to announce Adam Garner as the 2008 Bernie McGuire Season MVP. Adam, who has been a member of the Dodgers since the 2003 season, led the Dodgers pitching staff with six victories in the regular season despite leaving in July for a professional opportunity with the Kansas City T-Bones of the Northern Independent League. Adam had a 2.84 ERA over 44.1 regular season innings pitched, 3rd best in the IBL, with three complete games in six starts and was named to the mid-season all-star team. In nine appearances in 2008 (61.0 total innings) Adam allowed only 18 earned runs. In only two appearances did he allow more than 2 runs in a game. Fortunately for the Dodgers, Adam returned from Kansas City in time to start game five of the playoff series versus Barrie. He was brilliant allowing only one run over 11 innings for the first Oshawa Dodgers playoff series victory in team history.



Andy Stewart Rookie of the Year

The Oshawa Dodgers Andy Stewart Rookie of the Year for the 2008 season is RHP Cam Gray. The nineteen year old pitcher was second in the IBL with a 2.41 ERA in the regular season, allowing only 15 earned runs over 56.0 innings pitched. He led the Dodgers staff in games started, innings pitched, strikeouts and complete games. Perhaps his most impressive outing of the regular season came June 11th, on his 19th birthday, when he pitched a complete game shutout versus the 2007 IBL Champion Toronto Maple Leafs to give the Dodgers just their second franchise victory at Christie Pitts. This performance was surpassed in the 2008 playoffs. In game one versus Barrie Cam went head-to-head with Paul Spoljaric pitching 10 innings for the 3-1 extra inning complete game victory. In game three versus London Cam pitched a 1-0, 4-hit shutout to give the Dodgers their only victory of the semi-final series. Gray now holds Dodger records in most pitching playoff categories including Games, Games Started, Complete Games, Wins, Innings Pitched and Strikeouts.



Gary Carroll Playoff MVP

The Oshawa Dodgers 2008 Gary Carroll Playoff MVP is infielder Stephen Wickens. Wickens led the Dodgers in most offensive categories over the Dodgers two playoff series including a .405 batting average (2nd in the IBL), 8 runs scored, 17 hits, 5 RBI, 5 stolen bases and a .444 on base percentage. In ten playoff games he was held hitless only once with 5 multiple hit games including three, 3-hit games. Wickens scored the winning run in the Dodgers 1-0 victory over London, the only Dodgers win of the series after recording his third hit of the game. He was also stellar defensively with a .932 fielding percentage over 74 attempts highlighted by 9 double plays and a game saving catch in the series finale versus Barrie.



Paul Quantrill Pitcher of the Year

The Oshawa Dodgers would like to congratulate Adam Garner who has been named Paul Quantrill Pitcher of the Year. Adam set a franchise record for regular season wins with six in 2008 and also surpassed Jamaal Joseph for most career wins as an Oshawa Dodger with 10 as well as complete games with 9. Adam was clutch in many key situations this season – securing important victories for the Dodgers versus some of the league's best teams including two victories each against IBL finalists London and IBL Champion Brantford Red Sox. Adam also came up huge in game 5 of the Dodgers playoff series versus Barrie, pitching 11 innings of one run baseball for the victory.





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Oshawa Dodgers Season Awards (cont...)

Vi Christopher On-Base Percentage Award

The Vi Christopher On-Base Percentage award is presented to the Oshawa Dodger with the highest on-base percentage in the regular season. This year's recipient, Brendan Emmett, led the Dodgers with a .469 average, despite suffering a season ending injury in mid July. In 21 games Brendan had 25 hits, including 4 doubles, 12 RBI, 12 walks and 6 stolen bases.



Durham College Volunteer of the Year

The Oshawa Dodgers would like to thank volunteer Al Smith for his hard work and continued dedication to the Oshawa Dodgers with the 2008 Durham College Volunteer of the Year Award. Al has been a loyal member of the Dodgers staff since the team's inception in 2002 and is a tremendous asset to the organization. His willingness to complete any task at hand is invaluable. Al is often one of the first people at the park on a game day and one of the last to leave and goes above and beyond the call of duty for the team.

Ted McComb Batting Average Award

The Ted McComb Batting Average Award is awarded to the Dodger Player who has the highest batting average in the regular season. This year's winner, outfielder Ryan Fleming, led the Dodgers with a .377 average. In 22 games Ryan had 23 hits including a double, triple and team leading 3 home runs with 7 walks and 16 RBI.



Max Reid Award

The Oshawa Dodgers recipient of the Max Reid Award for Perseverance and Dedication is infielder Sean Mattson. Sean joined the Dodgers mid-season after being involved in a lawn tractor accident in May while away at college in the United States, resulting in the loss of three toes. Sean didn't miss a beat – finishing third on the Dodgers in batting average (.358) and on base percentage (.407). His best stretch of the season came the 1st week in July when in six games he hit a combined .556 going 10-for-18 with 2 walks, 2 doubles, 3 runs scored, 1 sac and 4 RBI and reached base in 9 consecutive at-bats with 8 straight hits. The Oshawa Dodgers are proud to present Sean with the Max Reid award in recognition of his strength and determination in overcoming what could have been a very significant setback in his baseball career.



Troy May "Mr. Everything" Award

The Oshawa Dodgers are very proud to name Ken Calway as the second ever recipient of the Troy May "Mr. Everything" Award. This award was only added last season and is considered to be the most prestigious award the Dodgers bestow. It is only awarded if an individual comes along who is so deserving. This award is named after former Dodgers Manager and Founder Troy May. For those who didn't know



Troy, he was involved in absolutely every aspect of running the Oshawa Dodgers. He found sponsors, coached, managed, recruited, in between being President of two organizations, coaching his son's teams and holding down a full-time job. Troy was everything to the Dodgers and his loss left us with a void that was impossible to fill.

This season long-time Oshawa Dodger Ken Calway stepped up in support of the team. He dedicated his time to the Dodgers, becoming a member of the board of directors and recruiting two of his friends to get involved as well and was instrumental in the Oshawa Dodgers Red Party Fundraiser.

On the field, Ken continued to be the positive influence he has been since joining the team back in 2002. He remains a fan favourite and the most respected player on the Dodgers roster. His leadership, attitude and work ethic make him an invaluable member of the team. As always, Ken demonstrated his reputation as a clutch player during the 2008 playoffs with a .462 batting average, contributing 6 hits and 3 RBI in only 13 at-bats.

The Oshawa Dodgers would like to thank Ken for his loyalty and commitment to the Dodgers the past seven seasons as the only player who has played since the Dodgers inception in the Intercounty Baseball League back in 2002. We know Troy would have been thrilled to see Ken receive this award named in his honour.

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