

DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS GAME NOTES

Dunedin Blue Jays (37-39) @ Lakeland Flying Tigers (48-28)

Saturday July 5, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

Game #77 | Road Game #35

Joker Merchant Stadium - Lakeland, FL

DUN: RHP Silvano Hechavarria (0-1, 3.38 ERA)

LAK: RHP Josh Randall (4-5, 4.35 ERA)



TORONTO BLUE JAYS CLASS-A AFFILIATE

2025 SCHEDULE

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					CLR 6:30PM	CLR 6:30PM
CLR 12:00PM		JUP	JUP	JUP	JUP	JUP
JUP		LAK 6:30PM	LAK 6:05PM	LAK 11:00AM	LAK 6:30PM	LAK 6:30PM
LAK 12:00PM		TAM	TAM	TAM	TAM	TAM
TAM		CLR 6:30PM	CLR 6:30PM			

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				CLR 6:30PM	DAY 6:30PM	DAY 6:30PM
DAY 12:00PM		FTM	FTM	FTM	FTM	FTM
FTM		BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM
BRD 12:00PM		TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM
TAM 12:00PM		CLR	CLR	CLR	CLR 7:15PM	CLR 6:30PM

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CLR 12:00PM		STL	STL	STL	STL	STL
STL		FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM
FTM 12:00PM		CLR	CLR	CLR	CLR	CLR
CLR		BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM	BRD 6:30PM
BRD 12:00PM						

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		LAK 6:30PM	LAK 6:30PM	LAK 7:00PM	LAK	LAK
LAK		PMB	PMB	PMB	PMB	PMB
PMB					TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM
TAM 12:00PM		TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM	TAM 6:30PM	BRD	BRD
BRD		LAK 6:30PM	LAK 6:30PM	LAK 5:00PM		

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					FTM	FTM
FTM		PMB 6:30PM	PMB 6:30PM	PMB 6:30PM	PMB 6:30PM	PMB 6:30PM
PMB 12:00PM		TAM	TAM	TAM	TAM	TAM
TAM		LAK	LAK	LAK	LAK	LAK
LAK 12:00PM		FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM	FTM 6:30PM

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		BRD	BRD	BRD	BRD	BRD
BRD						

COLD CUTS: The Blue Jays were shut out for the second consecutive game on Friday and have been outscored by the Flying Tigers 16-3 over the first three games in their series. Lakeland has won ten straight and put together six shutouts in their last ten after sweeping Clearwater last week. Over their ten game win streak since June 22nd, Lakeland pitching has a 1.20 ERA and 0.90 WHIP, both the best in all of Minor League Baseball over that span. Lakeland's ten game win streak is the longest in the FSL this season.

GRANDE LIGA: A throwing error on an Ernie Clement bunt in the 11th inning gave the Toronto Blue Jays a 4-3 walk-off win on Friday, their sixth straight victory to move two games up in AL East. Toronto is 36-20 at home this season, and the Jays have 50 wins through their first 88 games of the season for the first time since 1992.

TIED AND SOAKED: Sunday's series finale between Dunedin and Bradenton at TD Ballpark was suspended due to inclement weather with the score tied 3-3 entering the 11th inning. The game will be completed at a later date in Bradenton. The Blue Jays built an early 3-0 lead, plating two runs in the 2nd inning and adding another on an Alexis Hernandez solo homer in the 5th. With the wind whipping out towards centerfield and storm clouds rolling in, Bradenton answered with a solo shot in the 8th, then launched a pair of solo home runs in the 9th to tie the game and force extras. The score remained deadlocked through 10 innings before the suspension was called due to rain.

KING OF THE CASTLE: Blue Jays No. 11 prospect Johnny King went 3 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 4 BB, 6 K in his Class-A debut on Sunday. King's only hit yielded came to the first batter of the game. Ahead of his promotion, King posted a 1.13 ERA over seven appearances (five starts) with 41 strikeouts in 24 innings to seven walks for the FCL Blue Jays.

CUBAN MISSILE: Kendry Rojas picked up a suspended game in the 2nd inning on Friday and proceeded to hurl five no-hit frames and strike out nine with two walks. Rojas faced the minimum over his five innings, with the two batters he walked being picked off or doubled up. Over his four rehab appearances with Dunedin, Rojas dealt 13 shutout innings with five hits, three walks, and 18 strikeouts. He was transferred to Double-A New Hampshire Tuesday.

NEW HALF NEW JAYS: The Jays concluded the first half 33-31, fourth place in the FSL West. The Lakeland Flying Tigers clinched the FSL West first-half championship and the St. Lucie Mets took the FSL East. After Dunedin went 4-13 from May 14-June 1, they fell from two games up in first place on May 13, to as far as 5.5 games out of first place in the FSL West on June 3.

ATLANTA BOUND: It was announced Monday that Blue Jays No. 2 prospect Trey Yesavage will represent Toronto's farm system at the 2025 MLB All-Star Futures Game in Atlanta on July 12 at Truist Park. Yesavage began 2025 in Dunedin and struck out 55 batters in 33.1 innings across seven starts. He earned a promotion to High-A Vancouver on May 20 and posted a 17.13 K/9 and 1.56 ERA then was promoted to Double-A New Hampshire on June 12.

NEW GOLD: Baseball America updated their top 30 Blue Jays prospects last week. Current Dunedin players ranked include RHP Landon Maroudis (No. 10), C Edward Duran (No. 18), and INF Sam Shaw (No. 30). Shaw and Duran are both making their debut's on the list. Former D-Jay RHP Gage Stanifer jumped from unranked to No. 15, and RHP Khal Stephen jumped to No. 4.

SCOUTING LAKELAND: The Flying Tigers have been the hottest team in the FSL, going 38-16 in their last 54 games since May 31. They clinched a first-half title with a 38-36 record and are currently riding a ten-game win streak, fresh off a sweep of Clearwater that included three shutouts.

HEAD TO HEAD

LAK	BATTING	DUN
.227 (8th)	AVG	.246 (1st)
356 (8th)	R	388 (4th)
56 (3rd)	HR	57 (2nd)
127 (7th)	SB	75 (9th)
717 (5th)	SO	682 (6th)
343 (6th)	BB	334 (8th)
.333 (6th)	OBP	.346 (4th)
.678 (7th)	OPS	.726 (1st)

PITCHING

3.42 (1st)	ERA (LOW)	3.81 (4th)
41 (9th)	HR (MOST)	49 (7th)
261 (10th)	BB (MOST)	294 (9th)
641 (9th)	K (MOST)	750 (3rd)
1.24 (1st)	WHIP	1.29 (2nd)

TEAM PITCHING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
ERA	Gilberto Batista	3.52	2nd
WHIP	Gilberto Batista	1.22	3rd
IP	Gilberto Batista	64	2nd
K	Gilberto Batista	56	11th
K/9IP	Gilberto Batista	7.88	6th
K/BB	Gilberto Batista	4.31	3rd
HR	Gilberto Batista	10	3rd
SV	Colby Martin	5	T-7th

TEAM HITTING LEADERS

STAT	PLAYER	#	LEAGUE RK
AVG	Edward Duran	.283	7th
OBP	Sam Shaw	.402	4th
SLG	Bryce Arnold	.461	5th
OPS	Bryce Arnold	.842	7th
RBI	Tucker Toman	36	T-13th
R	Sam Shaw	41	9th
HR	Bryce Arnold	9	T-8th
XBH	Edward Duran	21	T-10th
TB	Edward Duran	102	9th
BB	Sam Shaw	44	T-5th

SERIES RECORD: 5-5-3

6 GAME SERIES RECORD: 4-3-3

3-GAME SERIES RECORD: 1-2-0

PROBABLE STARTERS

Date	Time	Opponent Starters	Dunedin Starters
Wed. 7/2 vs. LAK	6:30	RHP Luke Stofel	RHP Austin Cates
Thu. 7/3 vs. LAK	7:00	RHP RJ Sales	RHP Daniel Guerra
Fri. 7/4 @LAK	5:00	RHP RJ Sales	RHP Colby Holcombe
Sat. 7/5 @LAK	6:00	RHP Josh Randall	RHP Silvano Hechavarria
Sun. 7/6 @LAK	12	TBD	LHP Johnny King

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Overall 37-39
 East Division 9-6
 West Division 28-32
 Home 18-24
 Road 19-15
 Day 7-10
 Night 30-29
 1-run games 9-10
 2-run games 14-10
 3-runs 8-11
 4+ run games 16-13
 Extra innings 1-3
 Shutouts 5-6
 Double Headers 4-4
 Walk-Offs 2-5
 Scored in the first 16-7
 Opp. scored in first 7-14
 Scores first 25-11
 Opp. scores first 13-28
 After 6 leading 30-5
 trailing 2-30
 tied 4-3
 After 7 leading 24-3
 trailing 4-30
 tied 5-4
 After 8 leading 28-0
 trailing 2-32
 tied 3-5
 Hit 0 home runs 14-25
 Hit 1 home run 13-11
 Hit 2 home runs 7-1
 Hit 3 home runs 4-0
 Hit 4 home runs 0-1
 Hit 5 home runs 0-0
 Opp. 0 home runs 29-15
 Opp. 1 home run 7-15
 Opp. 2+ home runs 1-9
 Made 0 errors 11-13
 1 error 16-11
 2+ errors 9-13
 Opp. made 0 errors 10-16
 1 error 10-14
 2+ errors 16-9
 Out-hit opponent 26-13
 Out-hit by opponent 7-22
 Hits are tied 5-3
 Tuesday 5-8
 Wednesday 4-6
 Thursday 6-6
 Friday 8-7
 Saturday 10-3
 Sunday 5-7
 White Jerseys 8-12
 Blue Jerseys 6-6
 Baby Blue Jerseys 7-9
 Grey Jerseys 12-11
 Oat Milkshakes 1-0
 Alien Jerseys 0-1

FSL STANDINGS										
FSL East										
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK	RS	RA	DIFF		
St. Lucie (NYM)*	8	4	667	-	W1	51	49	+2		
Daytona (CIN)	7	5	583	1	L1	92	66	+26		
Jupiter (MIA)	5	7	417	3	L1	56	73	-17		
Palm Beach (STL)	4	8	333	4	W1	66	77	-11		
FSL West										
TEAM	W	L	PCT	GB	STRK	RS	RA	DIFF		
Lakeland (TIG)*	10	2	833	-	W10	54	24	+30		
Bradenton (PIT)	8	4	667	2	W1	54	36	18		
Tampa (NYY)	7	4	636	2	W5	58	47	+11		
Fort Myers (MIN)	5	8	385	5.5	L1	55	66	-11		
Dunedin (TOR)	3	8	273	6.5	L3	27	42	-15		
Clearwater (PHI)	2	9	182	7.5	L8	21	54	-33		

* First Half Winner | ** Second Half Winner | (E) Eliminated

DUNEDIN VS. THE FSL					
East Division					
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2025 (Series)	ALL-TIME W-L	
PMB (STL)	0-0	0-0	0-0 (0-0)	77-75	
DAY (CIN)	2-1	0-0	2-1 (1-0)	127-108	
JUP (MIA)	0-0	3-3	3-3 (0-0-1)	80-74	
STL (NYM)	0-0	4-2	4-2 (1-0)	90-81	
West Division					
TEAM	HOME	AWAY	2025 (Series)	ALL-TIME W-L	
TAM (NYY)	1-5	5-1	6-6 (1-1)	191-175	
LAK (TIG)	3-5	0-1	3-6 (0-0-1)	169-155	
BRD (PIT)	6-5	0-0	6-5 (0-0-1)	82-92	
FTM (MIN)	4-1	5-1	9-2 (2-0)	132-112	
CLR (PHI)	3-6	2-7	5-13 (1-3)	209-189	

MILB HONORS		
PLAYER	AWARD	
Javen Coleman	Pitcher of the Week (4/8-4/13) 2G @JUP: 4.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 9 K	
Trey Yesavage	Pitcher of the Week (4/29-5/4) 1 GS vs. CLR: 6 IP, 0 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 8 K, W	
Gilberto Batista	Pitcher of the Week (5/6-5/11) 1 GS @FTM: 5 IP, 0 R, 4 H, 1 BB, 9 K, W	

SHUTOUTS					
(#) GAME	SCORE	H	K	PITCHERS (# of innings pitched)	
(1) 5/10 @FTM	4-0	6	14	Batista (5), LaRue (1), Simon (2), Coleman (1)	
Notes: Batista 5 IP career-high 9 K. Coleman 3 K in perfect 9th.					
(2) 6/6 @STL	4-0	3	8	Cates (5.2), Vasquez (2.1), Flynn (1)	
Notes: Cates career-high 5.2 IP, 2 H, Vasquez 2.1 IP, 1 H, Flynn 2 K in perfect 9th					
(3) 6/13 vs. FTM	1-0	2	9	Maroudis (4), Batista (3)	
Notes: Seven inning game. Maroudis first start back with Blue Jays.					
(4) 6/15 vs. FTM	3-0	6	5	Rojas (3), Juenger (1), Flynn (1)	
Notes: Rain-shortened five inning shutout					
(5) 6/21 @CLR	7-0	4	9	Rojas (4), Juenger (1), Flynn (2), Coleman (2)	
Notes: Rojas 1 hit in 4 IP. Only one walk issued.					

VS. LAKELAND THIS SEASON		
GAME	FINAL	NOTES
Tue. 4/15 vs. LAK	4-2 L	Pennington 2-for-3 HR, 2B, 2 RBI
Wed. 4/16 vs. LAK	18-2 W	18 R, 3 HR, 12 H, 7 XBH
Thu. 4/17 vs. LAK	6-4 L	Munoz HR, Hernandez 2 RBI
Fri. 4/18 vs. LAK	11-7 W	10 unanswered to begin game
Sat. 4/19 vs. LAK	12-3 W	Down 3-1 early, scored 11 unanswered
Sun. 4/20 vs. LAK	4-1 L	Jays scoreless through 7 innings
Tue. 7/1 vs. LAK	10-3 L	6-0 lead for LAK in 2nd off Maroudis
Wed. 7/2 vs. LAK	2-0 L	Scoreless until 7th, Cates 5 shutout IP
Fri. 7/4 @LAK	4-0 L	Lakeland's 5th shutout in 9 game span
Sat. 7.5 @LAK		
Sun. 7.6 @LAK		
Tue. 7/29 vs. LAK		
Wed. 7/30 vs. LAK		
Wed. 7/30 vs. LAK		
Thu. 7/31 vs. LAK		
Tue. 8/19 @LAK		
Wed. 8/20 @LAK		
Thu. 8/21 @LAK		
Fri. 8/22 @LAK		
Sat. 8/23 @LAK		
Sun. 8/24 @LAK		

PLAYER	Hard Hit Log (MPH)				Max EV	MAX DIST.
	95+	100+	105+	110+	MPH	FT
Aponte	45	26	6		108.9	403
Arnold	47	19	3		105.8	414
Barry	12	7	3	1	110.4	
Beltre	49	21	1		105	392
Chirinos	53	38	15		109.6	403
Duran	63	24	3		109.1	
Freethy	20	12	1		106.9	
Hernandez	28	19	1		108.3	372
Joseph	43	23	3		109.3	396
Lojewski	12	1			104.9	
Munoz	21	15	9	1	110.7	407
Powell	33	4			109.9	
Rodriguez	11	2			103.6	
Rudd	3	1			101.4	
Shaw	56	24	2		106.8	408
Tibbitts	20	10	4	1	110.4	398
Toman	57	26	2		108.7	403

2025 MLB REHAB ASSIGNMENTS

PLAYER	INJURY	DATES	NOTES
Daulton Varsho (1)	Rotator Cuff	4/19-4/20	0-6 in two games vs. LAK
Ryan Burr (2)	Shoulder	5/22-5/22	1 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 0 K, 0 BB vs. TAM
Erik Swanson (3)	Elbow	5/22-5/23	1.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 K over two outings vs. TAM on 5/22 and 5/23.
Andres Gimenez (4)	Quad	5/27-6/1	4 GP: 2-12, 3 RBI in two games @CLR, two vs. CLR
Yimi Garcia (5)	Shoulder	6/27	1 IP, 1 R (on balk after broken bat 1B), 1 H, 0 BB, 3 K

2025 MINOR LEAGUE REHAB ASSIGNMENTS

PLAYER	TEAM	INJURY	DATES	NOTES
Cade Doughty (1)	NH	Shoulder	4/15-4/26	2-for-25, 6 BB, 2 RBI, 4 R, 4 SB in seven games
Phil Clarke (2)	BUF	N/A	5/1-5/13	7-for-26, HR, 5 RBI, 4 R in six games
Justin Kelly (3)	NH	N/A	5/3-5/15	4 GP: 6.1 IP, 1 R, 6 K, 2 BB
Adam Kloffenstein (4)	BUF	Shoulder	5/10-5/10	1 start: 4 IP, 3 R, 0 ER, 3 H, 1 BB, 5 K @FTM
Chris McElvain (5)	VAN	Tommy John	5/14-6/3	3 starts: 0-2, 11 IP, 11 R, 14 K
Leo Jimenez (6)	BUF	Mono	5/15-5/27	6-for-24 in six games with 2 RBI.
Josh Kasevich (7)	BUF	Back	5/25-5/27	2 GP, 1 vs. TAM, 1 @ CLR: 2-for-8, BB
Will Wagner (8)	BUF	Foot	6/10-6/10	0-for-3 in one game vs. FTM, reached on error
Kendry Rojas (9)	VAN	Oblique	6/13-	
Hayden Juenger (10)	BUF	Elbow	6/11-6/23	Three games: 4 perfect IP with 4 K
Connor Overton (11)	BUF	Shoulder	6/28-	
Amir Garrett (12)	BUF	N/A	7/1-	

CLUTCH HITS

Any hit in the 7th inning or later that ties or gives the Blue Jays a lead, bold denotes walk-off, italic denotes 7-inning game

GAME	INN.	BATTER	PLAY	FINAL
4/23 @TAM	7	Yhoangel Aponte (1)	Three-run double to give Dunedin a 6-4 lead	6-5 W
4/25 @TAM	8	Bryce Arnold (1)	RBI single to give Dunedin a 3-2 lead	4-2 W
5/6 @FTM	7	Tucker Toman (1)	Two-run double to tie it 9-9 after Dunedin trailed 6-6 to begin the ballgame	13-12 L (11)
5/6 @FTM	10	Devonte Brown (1)	RBI single to give Dunedin a 10-9 lead in the 10th	13-12 L (11)
5/6 @FTM	11	Bryce Arnold (2)	Two-run homer to give Dunedin a 12-10 lead in the 11th	13-12 L (11)
5/8 @FTM	9	Jean Joseph (1)	Solo go-ahead homer to give Dunedin a 5-4 lead in the 9th	5-4 W
5/29 @CLR	7	Jacob Lojewski (1)	Two-run single to tie it 3-3 in the 7th after Blue Jays trailed 3-0	6-4 L
6/3 @STL	9	Tucker Toman (2)	Game-tying RBI single with two on, Jays down to final out, made it 2-2 in 9th	3-2 W
6/3 @STL	9	Kendry Chirinos (1)	Beat out Go-ahead RBI infield single with two-strikes, two out in 9th to make it 3-2	3-2 W
6/7 @STL	8	Bryce Arnold (3)	Go-ahead RBI single to break tie and make it 3-2 in 8th	5-4 W
6/7 @STL	9	Jean Joseph (2)	Go-ahead RBI single to make it 5-4 in 9th	5-4 W
6/14 vs. FTM	8	Tucker Toman (3)	Game-tying solo homer to tie it 5-5	8-7 W (11)
6/14 vs. FTM	11	Alexis Hernandez (1)	Game-tying two-run homer to lead off 11th and score baserunner, make it 7-7	8-7 W (11)
6/14 vs. FTM	11	Edward Duran (1)	Walk-off RBI single	8-7 W (11)
6/18 @CLR	10	Tucker Toman (4)	Go-Ahead RBI single to make it 3-2 Jays in the 10th and score ghost runner	6-5 L (11)
6/18 @CLR	11	Yhoangel Aponte (2)	Go-Ahead RBI double to make it 4-3 Jays in the 11th and score ghost runner	6-5 L (11)
6/22 @CLR	7	Bryce Arnold (4)	Go-Ahead Two-run homer to make it 3-2 Jays in the 7th	4-3 L (10)
6/28 vs. BRD	9	Alexis Hernandez (2)	Walk-off two-run double with runners on 1st and 2nd, no outs	5-4 W

DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS GAME NOTES

MLB PIPELINE TOP 30

1. Arjun Nimmala (A+)
2. Trey Yesavage (AA)
3. Orelvis Martinez (AAA)
4. Ricky Tiedemann (IL)
5. Alan Roden (MLB)
6. Jake Bloss (IL)
7. Josh Kasevich (IL)
8. Landen Maroudis (A)
9. Kendry Rojas (A+)
10. Khal Stephen (A)
11. Fernando Perez (A+)
12. Johnny King (ROK)
13. Charles McAdoo (AA)
14. Brandon Barriera (IL)
15. Adam Macko (AAA)
16. Juaron Watts-Brown (AA)
17. Enmanuel Bonilla (ROK)
18. Mason Fluharty (MLB)
19. Sean Keys (A+)
20. RJ Schreck (AAA)
21. Ryan Jennings (AAA)
22. Adrian Pinto (A+)
23. Carson Messina (ROK)
24. Jace Bohrofen (AA)
25. Lazaro Estrada (AAA)
26. Angel Bastardo (AAA)
27. Dasan Brown (AA)
28. Peyton Williams (AA)
29. Victor Arias (A+)
30. Christopher Polanco (ROK)

AROUND THE ORG



TOR
50-38

Last Game | 4-3 W vs. LAA

- Ernie Clement walk-off bunt in 10th
- Blue Jays swept Yankees, alone atop AL East for first time since 9/5/2016
- Six straight wins



BUF (AAA)
35-48

Last Game | 9-6 W vs. ROC

- Have won 5-last-6
- Joey Loperfido: 2-for-4, 2 RBI
- Lazaro Estrada promotion. Since the start of May, he's posted a 2.89 ERA and 48 Ks in 46.2 innings with Buffalo.



NH (AA)
32-47

Last Game | 7-1 L vs. POR

- Charles McAdoo 25 game on-base streak
- Kendry Rojas retired 11 of the first 12 batters he faced in his Double-A debut



VAN (A+)
43-35

Last Game | 9-2 W vs. EVE

- Hayden Gilliland first pro HR, 3 RBI
- Weds: Gage Stanifer: 4th start, pitched into 6th inning for 1st time after first 11 G out of bullpen. 5.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 3 BB, 9 K.



FCL (ROK)
27-17

Last Game | 3-1 L @ TIG

- Now two games back from TIG FCL North
- Friday: Beat TIG, Yorman Licourt: 2-for-3, HR, Edrick Felix HR in 1st game off IL
- Brandon Barriera 2 shutout IP before suspension Thursday

DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS COACHING STAFF

Gil Kim | Manager *Year with Toronto: 10 | Year with D-Jays: 1 | Born: Pottsville, PA*

First-year Manager Gil Kim provides a wealth of experience as a player, coach, and executive to Dunedin. Hired in 2016 as the Blue Jays Director of Player Development, Kim transitioned from the front office to a coaching role with the organization in 2020 when he joined Toronto's major league field staff under the same job title, before becoming the Blue Jay's major league field coordinator in 2022, a position he held until 2024. Before joining Toronto, Kim spent seven seasons with the Texas Rangers in several scouting roles, culminating as Director, International Scouting. A native of Pottsville, PA, Kim also had a six-year international professional playing career as an infielder, which included stops in the Netherlands, China, Australia, Spain and Venezuela. He played one season of collegiate baseball at D3 Middlebury before transferring to Vanderbilt, where he played under Tim Corbin. In 2008 while playing in Venezuela, Kim slept on a mattress in the bathroom in the locker room to save money and learn Spanish.

Cory Riordan | Pitching Coach *Year with Toronto: 5 | Year with D-Jays: 3 | Born: Killingworth, CT*

Cory Riordan enters his third season as Dunedin's Pitching Coach, after he held the same role with the FCL Blue Jays in 2021-22. He joined the Blue Jays organization in 2020, where he spent the 2020 shutdown assisting with the club's pitch design framework. Riordan pitched collegiately at Fordham University and went on to play 13 professional seasons, spending time with the Colorado Rockies and Detroit Tigers organizations, reaching as high as Triple-A. He also spent time in the independent Atlantic League, and played internationally in South Korea and Taiwan, and three winter ball seasons in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.

Nash Knight | Hitting Coach *Year with Toronto: 2 | Year with D-Jays: 2 | Born: Denton, TX*

Nash Knight enters his second season with the Dunedin Blue Jays and Jays' organization. Under Knight's guidance in 2024, Dunedin ranked among the Florida State League leaders with 101 HR (3rd), 34 3B (T-1st), and a .359 SLG (3rd). Knight made the transition to coaching following a seven-year playing career where he spent six seasons in Toronto's farm system, reaching as high as Triple-A. He also spent time with the Rangers and Twins in his final season on the diamond 2022. A Dallas Baptist University product, Knight hit .245/.350/.352 while playing in 556 career minor league games. Knight suited up for Dunedin in parts of two seasons, playing 105 career games at TD Ballpark in his career, notably playing all nine positions in a game on Sept. 2, 2018 for a team managed by Casey Candaele. Was a member of 2017 FSL Co-Champion Dunedin team which was managed by current Toronto skipper John Schneider and included future big leaguers including Vladimir Guererro Jr, Bo Bichette, Lourdes Gurriel Jr, Jordan Romano, and Ryan Borucki. Majored in kinesiology at DBU. Brother, Austin, has coached at DBU, Texas A&M, and most recently coached in the Mariners organization.

Ashley Stephenson | Position Coach *Year with Toronto: 3 | Year with D-Jays: 1 | Born: Mississauga, ON.*

Stephenson is in her first season as Position Coach, after she spent the prior two seasons with the High-A Vancouver Canadians in the same role, helping to claim a 2023 Northwest League championship. Inducted to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 2024, Stephenson has enjoyed a storied multi-sport career. Initially a star hockey player at the collegiate level at Wilfrid Laurier, she claimed four conference titles and a CIS National Championship, before joining the pro ranks in the original National Women's Hockey League and the Canadian Women's Hockey League. On the diamond, Stephenson starred for Canada's women's national baseball team from 2004 to 2018. She was twice named the team's MVP, earned an All-Star nod at third base in the 2008 IBAF World Cup Tournament and won the 2011 Baseball Canada Jimmy Rattlesnake Award, which was renamed in her honor. She was tabbed as the 2022 recipient of the Baseball Canada Lionel Ruhr Elite Coach of the Year Award after she became the first woman to manage a Canadian national baseball team when she led the women's national team to two wins over Team USA in the Friendship Series then coached Ontario teams at the Women's Invitational and 16U Girls Championships ahead of joining the Blue Jays organization. Became the second female coach in the Jays system, following Jamie Lever.

Jonathan Davis | Ast. Hitting Coach *Year with Toronto: 1 | Year with D-Jays: 1 | Born: Camden, AR*

Davis enters his first season as a coach after retiring from an 11-year professional playing career this offseason. Davis spent parts of six seasons in MLB, including three with the Blue Jays, and one with the Yankees, Brewers, and Marlins. Davis was initially drafted by the Blue Jays in 2013 and made his MLB Debut in 2018 for the Jays. He spent parts of two seasons with the Dunedin Blue Jays in 2015 and 2016, where he played in a career 167 games for Dunedin with 15 HR, 72 RBI, and 38 RBI. Davis played in 2017 Arizona Fall League, where he hit .295 and helped the Peoria Javelinas win the AFL Championship on a team that included 19-year-old Ronald Acuna Jr. Hit the first cycle in Double-A New Hampshire history on June 16, 2017. Most recently played 34 games for the Marlins in 2023, and spent 2024 with the Marlins Triple-A Jacksonville. In 205 career MLB games, Davis hit .199/.295/.276 with 6 HR, 30 RBI, and 19 SB.

Rodrigo Vigil | Position Coach *Year with Toronto: 3 | Year with D-Jays: 1 | Born: David, Panama*

Vigil joins Dunedin for his first season as a Position Coach. A former catcher, Vigil enjoyed an 11-year professional playing career. He spent 10 seasons in the Miami Marlins farm system before finishing with the Blue Jays in 2021, where he hit .275 in 34 games between Double-A New Hampshire and Triple-A Buffalo. Overall, Vigil played 550 career minor league games, where he hit .251. He began his coaching career as a bench coach for the ACL Mariners in 2022 before returning to the Blue Jays system, where he spent the past two seasons as a rehab position coach.

Antonio Caceres | Ast. Pitching Coach *Year with Toronto: 25 | Year with D-Jays: 1 | Born: Cotui, DR*

Caceres spent the past three years as the Pitching Coach for the FCL Blue Jays. A lifelong member of the Blue Jays organization, Caceres was signed out of the Dominican Republic by Toronto when he was 17. He played in their minor league system from 1995-1998, before he transitioned to a pitching coach role in 2000. He's spent the past 24 years working as a pitching coach at the lower levels of the farm system, mentoring stars over the years including Aaron Sanchez, Noah Syndergaard, Joe Musgrove, Jordan Romano, Daniel Norris, and Roberto Osuna. Has served as Pitching Coach under Dennis Holmberg for 10 seasons, also working under current Blue Jays coaches Brent Lavallee, Jose Mayorga, Cesar Martin, Dallas McPherson, and current Miami Marlins Manager Clayton McCullough.

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