

Sweeney, Schebler sent to Midwest League

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Kellen Sweeney and Scott Schebler, friends and former teammates from Cedar Rapids, have been assigned to minor league teams in the Midwest League.

Sweeney will begin the 2012 season with the Lansing Lugnuts, a Class A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays that's located in Lansing, Mich. Schebler has been assigned to the Great Lakes Loons, a Class A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers that's located in Midland, Mich.

They'll face each other this Friday and Saturday when Great Lakes visits Lansing for the opening series of the season.

Sweeney, 20, graduated from Cedar Rapids Jefferson and was picked in the second round of the 2010 draft by Toronto. He hit .114 in nine games for Bluefield in the Appalachian League last year and missed most of the season with a wrist injury.

Schebler, 21, graduated from Cedar Rapids Prairie and spent one year at Des Moines Area Community College in Boone. He was selected in the 26th round by the Dodgers in 2010 and hit .285 with 13 homers and 58 RBIs for Ogden in the Pioneer League last season.

Lansing and Great Lakes are in the same league with the Cedar Rapids Kernels, but the Lugnuts and Loons are not scheduled to play in Cedar Rapids this season. Lansing and Great Lakes are in the Eastern Division, while Cedar Rapids is in the Western Division.