



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2016 Game Notes

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FRIDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (0-0)
at Bloomington Bobcats (0-0)

May 27 - 7:30 p.m. (CT) - Bloomington, Ill.
Radio: NWIOilmen.com (UStream)
Location: O'Neil Park

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2016 Schedule

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| 5/26 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | ppd |
| 5/27 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | 7:30 p.m. |
| 5/28 | @ DuPage County Hounds | 1 p.m. |
| 5/29 | @ Joliet Admirals (DH) | 1 p.m. |
| 6/1 | @ Michigan City Lakers | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/2 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | 7:30 p.m. |
| 6/3 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | 7:30 p.m. |
| 6/4 | @ Southland Vikings | 1 p.m. |
| 6/5 | @ Joliet Admirals | 1 p.m. |
| 6/7 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/8 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/9 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/10 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/11 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/12 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 4 p.m. |
| 6/15 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/16 | BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/17 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/18 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/19 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 4 p.m. |
| 6/22 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/23 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/24 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/25 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/26 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 4 p.m. |
| 6/28 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 1:20 p.m. |
| 6/29 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 6/30 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/1 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/2 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/4 | U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS* | 2:30 p.m. |
| 7/6 | @ Michigan City Lakers | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/7 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7/8 | @ DuPage County Hounds | 5 p.m. |
| 7/9 | @ Southland Vikings | 1 p.m. |
| 7/12 | MCL ALL-STAR GAME* | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7/13 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/14 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/15 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/16 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/17 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 4 p.m. |
| 7/20 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/21 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/22 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/23 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/24 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 4 p.m. |
| 7/26 | @ Joliet Admirals | 5 p.m. |
| 7/27 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/28 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:20 p.m. |
| 7/29 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | 7:30 p.m. |
| 7/30 | @ Southland Vikings | 1 p.m. |
| 7/31 | @ Joliet Admirals | 1 p.m. |
| 8/2-8/4 | MCL Semifinal Series | TBD |
| 8/5-18/7 | MCL Championship Series | TBD |

*- denotes exhibition game
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen begin their fifth season on Friday in Bloomington. The opener was scheduled to take place on Thursday, but the Oilmen were postponed by rain on opening night for the third straight year. The Oilmen have reached the postseason four consecutive years, but haven't played won a Midwest Collegiate League title since 2012. They return six players from last year's team, the most in franchise history. The Oilmen are 2-2 on Opening Day over their first four seasons. They dropped the season openers in 2012 and 2013, then beat the Snipes 2-1 in 2014 and the Admirals 5-2 to begin the 2015 campaign. This marks the fourth time in five years the Oilmen have begun the season away from Northwest Indiana.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen send 6-foot-4 right-hander Max Siedlecki (New Mexico Highlands / Chicago, Ill.) to the mound to start the first game of the season on Thursday. He joins a list of Oilmen Opening Day starters that also includes Keith Mahler (2015), Jimmy McNamara (2014), Michael Steensen (2013) and Tait Rauhen (2012). Siedlecki went 0-6 with a 7.42 ERA during the spring. Thursday will be his first game action since a scoreless inning on April 24.

Inside the Bobcats

Friday marks the return of collegiate summer baseball to Bloomington, resuming the team's rich history that has been on hiatus since 2002. The Bobcats were originally run by legendary Illinois Wesleyan University baseball coach Jack Horenberger. Friday's starter Mitch Weis had an 8.15 ERA in four starts this year at Division-I Illinois State.

Spring Fling

Due to the success of Oilmen players during their spring seasons, the Oilmen will play shorthanded on Friday. Chase Dawson (Valparaiso / Chesterton, Ind.) is the starting second baseman for Division-I Valparaiso, which won 10-7 over Northern Kentucky on Wednesday in the Horizon League Tournament. Dawson, named to the league's all-freshman team, went 3-for-3 in Wednesday's game. In the same game, NKU had an Oilman in its starting lineup, as Brad Bohlen notched a base hit. Valpo split two games on Thursday to stay alive in the tournament. UIC's Chris Baker saw his team's season end on Thursday. Stefano Belmonte is competing in the Atlantic Sun Tournament for Florida Gulf Coast, defeated Kennesaw State 6-0 on Thursday. Tyler Sroczynski is at Trinity Christian, which is competing in the NCCAA National Championships this week in Mason, Ohio. Oilmen manager Adam Enright is an assistant coach at Trinity Christian, so he too will miss Friday's game. Former Lexington Snipes manager Billy DuBois will fill in as Oilmen manager. Four players are finishing prep seasons. Sam Geraci and Richard Yelnick are playing in the NJCAA Division-II World Series for Parkland on Saturday. Blake Cleveland is playing in the MAC Tournament with Central Michigan, which defeated Ball State 4-0 on Thursday.

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owner.....Don Popravak (2012-present)
 Address.....1500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394
 Phone.....219-659-1000
 Website.....nwioilmen.com
 Colors.....Black and Gold
 Home Field (Capacity).....Oil City Stadium (1,300)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager.....Adam Enright (28-19)
 All-Time Team Record.....118-68, 102-65 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....76-34
 Road Record.....42-34
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 Playoff Record.....7-6
 Playoff Home Record.....3-4
 Playoff Road Record.....4-2
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Midwest Collegiate League Titles.....2012

NWI Oilmen Radio Network

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the action this season over the airwaves on 1230 AM WJOB and online via Ustream on NWIOilmen.com. Brandon Vickrey is back to handle play-by-play duties again this season. This year, he'll be joined in the booth by Nathan Dickinson. David Bork, Payon Ball and Drew Guth will also make contributions to the Oilmen radio broadcasts. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

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| THURSDAY: DuPage County 9, Southland 7 Lakers 6, Admirals 4 Oilmen at Bobcats, ppd. | FRIDAY: Admirals at Hounds, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Bobcats, 7:30 p.m. Vikings at Lakers, 7:20 p.m. |
| SATURDAY: Oilmen at Hounds, 1 p.m. Admirals at Vikings, 1 p.m. | SUNDAY: Oilmen at Admirals DH, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Vikings, 1 p.m. |

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM | W | L | % | GB | STR |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| DC Hounds | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | --- | W1 |
| MC Lakers | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | --- | W1 |
| Bloomington Bobcats | 0 | 0 | --- | 0.5 | --- |
| NWI Oilmen | 0 | 0 | --- | 0.5 | --- |
| Joliet Admirals | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 | L1 |
| Southland Vikings | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 | L1 |

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|------------------|-----|------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Christian Howell | R/R | 6-1 | 165 | Minnesota State | Aurora, Ill. |
| | Braden Niksich | R/R | 6-3 | 190 | Illinois State | Hobart, Ind. |
| | Luke Jaksich | L/L | 6-1 | 160 | Saint Joseph's College | St. John, Ind. |
| | Josh Mutter | L/L | 6-3 | 150 | Northern Illinois | Frankfort, Ill. |
| | Clay Keltner | R/R | 6-1 | 205 | Cornerstone | Highland, Ind. |
| | Jordan Petty | R/R | 6-2 | 175 | Purdue Calumet | Highland, Ind. |
| | Max Siedlecki | R/R | 6-4 | 210 | New Mexico Highlands | Chicago, Ill. |
| | Eric Frontzak | R/R | 6-0 | 190 | Alma College | Naperville, Ill. |
| | Jamary McKinney | R/R | 6-1 | 200 | Chicago State | Chicago, Ill. |
| | Jay Gutierrez | R/R | 6-1 | 200 | Olney Central College | Oak Lawn, Ill. |
| | Sam Geraci | R/R | 5-10 | 180 | Parkland / Illinois Springfield | Steger, Ill. |
| | Hunter Clark | L/L | 6-1 | 190 | Eastern Illinois | Granger, Ill. |
| | Richard Yelnick | L/L | 6-2 | 190 | Parkland / Trinity Christian | New Lenox, Ill. |
| | James Whiteman | R/R | 6-2 | 194 | Triton College | Lakeville, Ind. |
| | Reggie Johnson | R/R | 6-2 | 175 | Alcorn State | South Holland, Ill. |

CATCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|-----------------|-----|------|-----|----------------------------|------------------|
| | Blake Cleveland | R/R | 5-11 | 197 | Central Michigan | Nappanee, Ind. |
| | Zack Forney | R/R | 5-10 | 170 | Eastern Illinois | Cary, Ill. |
| | Jake Perreira | R/R | 5-9 | 200 | University of Indianapolis | Grant Park, Ill. |

OUTFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| | Jordan Flint | R/R | 6-4 | 190 | Eastern Illinois | Bartlett, Ill. |
| | Tyler Sroczyński | R/R | 6-2 | 205 | Trinity Christian | Dyer, Ind. |
| | Chris Baker | L/R | 6-0 | 185 | University Illinois-Chicago | South Holland, Ill. |
| | Cory Krolkowski | L/R | 5-8 | 190 | Minnesota Duluth | Bartlett, Ill. |
| | Chase Fieldhouse | R/R | 5-10 | 190 | St. Joseph's College | St. John, Ind. |

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Bo Fletcher | R/R | 6-0 | 180 | Alcorn State | Chicago, Ill. |
| | Jimmy Govern | R/R | 5-11 | 175 | Eastern Illinois | Libertyville, Ill. |
| | Stefano Belmonte | R/R | 6-2 | 205 | Florida Gulf Coast | Munster, Ind. |
| | Alex Nisle | R/R | 6-0 | 185 | Saint Joseph's College | Schererville, Ind. |
| | Chase Dawson | L/R | 5-10 | 170 | Valparaiso | Chesterton, Ind. |
| | Tommy Szczyński | L/R | 5-10 | 185 | Northern Illinois | Tinsley Park, Ill. |
| | Brad Bohlen | R/R | 5-10 | 190 | Northern Kentucky | Chicago Heights, Ill. |
| | Josh Fewell | L/R | 6-2 | 210 | Heartland CC | Kokomo, Ind. |

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

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| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| 26 | Sean Coonan | R/R | 5-8 | 200 | Illinois Wesleyan | Bloomington, Ill. |
| 32 | Bubba Henry | R/R | 6-6 | 250 | Illinois Wesleyan | Morris, Ill. |
| | Nick Huskisson | R/L | 5-11 | 170 | Illinois Wesleyan | St. Charles, Ill. |
| | Kody Silverthorn | R/R | 5-9 | 145 | Parkland | Eureka, Ill. |
| | Nick Alvarado | R/R | 6-7 | 230 | Illinois State | Grain Valley, Mo. |
| | Mitch Weis | R/R | 6-4 | 210 | Illinois State | Ballwin, Mo. |
| 28 | Blade Matthews | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Lincoln Land | Olympia, Ill. |
| | Travis Auer | R/R | 5-11 | 180 | Heartland | Normal, Ill. |
| 29 | Nick Brune | R/R | 6-1 | 195 | Illinois Wesleyan | Mundelein, Ill. |
| | Tim Smyk | R/R | 6-2 | 220 | Illinois Wesleyan | Morris, Ill. |

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| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|------------------|
| 21 | Pat Mollo | R/R | 6-1 | 235 | Illinois Wesleyan | Naperville, Ill. |
| | Jordyan Muffley | R/R | 6-1 | 180 | Parkland | Portage, Mich. |

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|--------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 | Jonathan Broadbear | R/R | 6-2 | 185 | Illinois Wesleyan | Bloomington, Ill. |
| 27 | Ryan Bouwman | L/R | 6-0 | 195 | Central | Bloomington, Ill. |
| 2 | Nick Mosele | R/R | 5-8 | 160 | Augustana | Bloomington, Ill. |
| 4 | Nick Brunson | R/R | 5-11 | 175 | Kaskaskia | Champaign, Ill. |
| | Troy Cantu | R/R | 5-7 | 155 | University of Illinois Springfield | Huntley, Ill. |

OUTFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|----------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| 9 | Ryan Scott | R/R | 6-1 | 185 | North Central | Normal, Ill. |
| 8 | Cody Rogers | R/R | 5-11 | 185 | Illinois Wesleyan | Bloomington, Ill. |
| 31 | Grant Anderson | R/R | 6-2 | 105 | McKendree | Mackinaw, Ill. |
| | Luke McCaw | R/R | 5-10 | 180 | North Central | Normal, Ill. |

Manager - Joe Kelch | Assistant Coach - Clint Stroud