

# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME: NWI Oilmen (0-1) at DuPage County Hounds (2-0)

May 28 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Lisle, Ill. Radio: Internet (NWIOilmen.com) Location: Lemont Athletic Complex



#### For Starters

The Oilmen saw a two-year Opening Day winning streak come to a close in a 3-0 loss to the Bobcats on Friday. The Oilmen managed just two hits in the defeat. It was the second-lowest hit total in team history. The Oilmen were limited to only one hit in a 10-0 loss to Joliet on July 24 last season. The defeat snapped a five-game regular season winning streak the dated back to July 26 of last year. Friday also marked the first time in Oilmen history the team was shutout in a nine-inning game. The Oilmen had been blanked on three prior occasions in the five-year history of the club, but all were seven-inning contests.

#### Inside The Oilmen

Oilmen manager Adam Enright will make his return to the dugout for Saturday's game. He missed Friday's game at Bloomington, as Enright's spring team, Trinity Christian College, was competing in the NCCAA National Championships in Mason, Ohio. The Trolls were eliminated on a walk-off single in a 4-3 loss to Southwestern Christian on Friday. Highland graduate Clay Keltner makes his Oilmen debut after completing his freshman season at Cornerstone University. He had a 5.19 ERA in 13 games (four starts) at Cornerstone, walking 22 and striking out 42 over 43 1/3 innings.

#### Inside the Hounds

The defending Midwest Collegiate League champions have already climbed to first-place in the standings, rapping off back-to-back wins to start the year. The Hounds are notorious fast starters. The Oilmen handed them their first loss last season, a 7-1 NWI victory on June 6 at Lemont that snapped a 4-0 start. In 2014, the Hounds started 7-0. Saturday's starter Cole Berry logged 10 innings out of the bullpen for Eastern Illinois this season and struck out six. He threw four innings against Arkansas on March 6 and allowed one run over four innings.

#### About the Matchup

The Oilmen won the season series against the Hounds for the first time in team history a year ago, capturing five of the nine showdowns. The Oilmen are 16-18 all-time against DuPage County, a matchup that goes all the way back to the first-ever game for both teams in 2012.

#### Spring Updates

Oilmen infielder Stefano Belmonte belted his first home run of the season on Friday, ripping a two-run shot in the sixth to help Florida Gulf Coast upend Kennesaw State 6-0 in an Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament elimination game. Later in the day, Belmonte lifted a sacrifice fly and singled in an 8-6 win over Lipscomb. The win allowed the Eagles to advance to the tournament semifinals against North Florida at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Elsewhere, Chase Dawson had a single, a double, a walk and three runs scored to help Valparaiso erase a 6-0 deficit to beat Milwaukee 12-7 in the Horizon League Tournament. The Crusaders play top-seeded Wright State on Saturday at 11 a.m. and must beat the Raiders twice. Blake Cleveland and Central Michigan advanced in the MAC Tournament with a 5-3 win over Miami of Ohio.

#### 2016 Schedule

| 5/26     | @ Bloomington Bobcats  | ppd.                   |
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| 5/27     | Bloomington Bobcats  | L 3-0                  |
| 5/28     | @ DuPage County Hounds   | 1 p.m.                 |
| 5/29     | Ø Joliet Admirals (DH) Ø   | 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.              |
| 7/12     | 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.              |
| 7/20     | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS  | 7:20 p.m.              |
| 7/21     | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS   | 7:20 p.m.              |
| 7/23     | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS  | 7:20 p.m.<br>7:20 p.m. |
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| 7/29     | Bloomington Bobcats  | 7:30 p.m.              |
| 7/30     | Southland Vikings A second secon | 1 p.m.                 |
| 7/31     | Ø Joliet Admirals Ø  | 1 p.m.                 |
| 8/2-8/4  | MCL Semifinal Series   | TBD                    |
| 8/5-/8/7 | MCL Championship Series  | TBD                    |

\*- denotes exhibition game CAPS- denotes home game

### NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

| Founded/First Season2012LocationWhiting, Ind.Owner.Don Popravak (2012-present)Address.1500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394Phone219-659-1000Websitenwioilmen.comColorsBlack and GoldHome Field (Capacity)Oil City Stadium (1,300)Stadium Address1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394ManagerAdam Enright (28-19)All-Time Team Record76-34Road Record42-35Playoff Appearances2012, 2013, 2014, 2015Playoff Home Record3-4Playoff Home Record3-4 |
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| Playoff Road Record4-2MCL Championship Appearances2012, 2013Midwest Collegiate League Titles2012  |

## 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

| THURSDAY:                    | FRIDAY:                       |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| DuPage County 9, Southland 7 | DuPage County 6, Joliet 1     |
| Lakers 6, Admirals 4         | Bloomington 3, Oilmen 0       |
| Oilmen at Bobcats, ppd.      | Lakers 17, Vikings 13         |
| SATURDAY:                    | SUNDAY:                       |
| Oilmen at Hounds, 1 p.m.     | Oilmen at Admirals DH, 1 p.m. |
| Admirals at Vikings, 1 p.m.  | Bobcats at Vikings, 1 p.m.    |
|                              |                               |

#### Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM                | W | L | %     | GB  | STR |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| DC Hounds           | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |     | W2  |
| MC Lakers           | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |     | W2  |
| Bloomington Bobcats | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |     | W1  |
| NWI Oilmen          | 0 | 1 | .000  | 1.5 | L1  |
| Joliet Admirals     | 0 | 2 | .000  | 2   | L2  |
| Southland Vikings   | 0 | 2 | .000  | 2   | L2  |

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

## 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

| PITC | HERS             |     |      |     |                                 |                     |
|------|------------------|-----|------|-----|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| #    | 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.      |
| 26   | 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.      |
| 28   | Max Siedlecki    | R/R | 6-4  | 210 | New Mexico Highlands            | Chicago, Ill.       |
| 36   | Eric Frontzak    | R/R | 6-0  | 190 | Alma College                    | Naperville, Ill.    |
|      | Jamary McKinney  | R/R | 6-1  | 200 | Chicago State                   | Chicago, Ill.       |
| 13   | 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.        |
| 42   | Hunter Clark     | L/L | 6-1  | 190 | Eastern Illinois                | Granger, Ill.       |
|      | Richard Yelnick  | L/L | 6-2  | 190 | Parkland / Trinity Christian    | New Lenox, Ill.     |
| 43   | James Whiteman   | R/R | 6-2  | 194 | Triton College                  | Lakeville, Ind.     |
| 1    | 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.   |
| 27 | Zack Forney     | R/R | 5-10 | 170 | Eastern Illinois           | Cary, Ill.       |
| 19 | Jake Perreira   | R/R | 5-9  | 200 | University of Indianapolis | Grant Park, Ill. |

#### OUTFIELDERS

| #  | NAME             | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE                     | HOMETOWN            |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 23 | Jordan Flint     | R/R | 6-4  | 190 | Eastern Illinois            | Bartlett, Ill.      |
|    | Tyler Sroczynski | R/R | 6-2  | 205 | Trinity Christian           | Dyer, Ind.          |
|    | Chris Baker      | L/R | 6-0  | 185 | University Illinois-Chicago | South Holland, Ill. |
| 41 | Cory Krolikowski | L/R | 5-8  | 190 | Minnesota Duluth            | Bartlett, Ill.      |
| 14 | Chase Fieldhouse | R/R | 5-10 | 190 | St. Joseph's College        | St. John, Ind.      |

#### INFIELDERS

| #  | NAME             | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE                | HOMETOWN              |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7  | Bo Fletcher      | R/R | 6-0  | 180 | Alcorn State           | Chicago, Ill.         |
| 45 | Jimmy Govern     | R/R | 5-11 | 175 | Eastern Illinois       | Libertyville, Ill.    |
|    | Stefano Belmonte | R/R | 6-2  | 205 | Florida Gulf Coast     | Munster, Ind.         |
| 17 | Alex Nisle       | R/R | 6-0  | 185 | Saint Joseph's College | Schererville, Ind.    |
|    | Chase Dawson     | L/R | 5-10 | 170 | Valparaiso             | Chesterton, Ind.      |
|    | Tommy Szczasny   | L/R | 5-10 | 185 | Northern Illinois      | Tinsley Park, Ill.    |
|    | Brad Bohlen      | R/R | 5-10 | 190 | Northern Kentucky      | Chicago Heights, Ill. |
| 22 | Josh Fewell      | L/R | 6-2  | 210 | Heartland CC           | Kokomo, Ind.          |

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

## 2016 DuPage County Hounds

#### **PITCHERS**

| #  | NAME                | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE                            | HOMETOWN            |
|----|---------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 4  | Christian Bockich   | R/R | 6-2  | 190 | Lee University                     | Burr Ridge, Ill.    |
| 5  | Joe Palasiewicz     | R/R | 6-4  | 220 | Benedictine University             | Somonauk, Ill.      |
| 8  | Cole Berry          | R/R | 6-3  | 185 | Eastern Illinois                   | St. Joseph, Ill.    |
| 10 | Ben Simpson         | R/R | 5-11 | 140 | Eastfield CC                       | Jennings, La.       |
| 14 | Chase Lowman        | R/R | 6-2  | 195 | College of DuPage                  | League City, Texas  |
| 15 | Thomas Goodyear     | R/R | 6-2  | 165 | Rockford University                | Romeoville, Ill.    |
| 16 | Austin Lukaschewski | R/R | 5-11 | 175 | University of Illinois Springfield | Troy, Mich.         |
| 28 | Peter Hamot         | R/R | 6-4  | 190 | Lewis University                   | Downers Grove, Ill. |
| 32 | Bryan Bund          | R/L | 6-2  | 180 | Eastern Illinois                   | Lake Forest, Ill.   |
| 33 | John Dreveny        | R/R | 6-3  | 201 | Augustana College                  | Darien, Ill.        |
| 37 | Tom Concklin        | R/R | 6-5  | 205 | Washington and Lee                 | Hindsale, Ill.      |
| 45 | Tony lero           | L/L | 6-3  | 186 | Ohio University                    | North Canton, Ohio  |

### CATCHERS

| #  | NAME          | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE               | HOMETOWN       |
|----|---------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------|----------------|
| 5  | Nick Blomgren | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | High Point University | Milton, Wis.   |
| 7  | Billy Hayes   | R/R | 6-0  | 180 | College of DuPage     | Lemont, Ill.   |
| 25 | MIke Roberson | R/R | 6-0  | 205 | Mesa CC               | Bartlett, Ill. |

#### INFIELDERS

| #  | NAME          | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE                | HOMETOWN            |
|----|---------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------|---------------------|
| 6  | Chris Macahon | R/R | 6-1  | 185 | Mesa CC                | Palatine, Ill.      |
| 9  | Zach Girard   | R/R | 5-9  | 170 | Wayne State University | Sleepy Hollow, Ill. |
| 11 | Joe Engel     | R/R | 5-11 | 165 | Columbia University    | Downers Grove, Ill. |
| 19 | Joey Roberson | L/L | 6-0  | 185 | Cleveland State CC     | Bartlett, Ill.      |
| 21 | Dustin Krob   | R/R | 5-11 | 170 | South Suburban CC      | Justice, Ill.       |
| 25 | Ryan Krob     | R/R | 5-11 | 185 | University of Chicago  | Justice, Ill.       |

## OUTFIELDERS

| #  | NAME          | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE          | HOMETOWN                |
|----|---------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-------------------------|
| 3  | Tyler Tesmond | R/R | 6-0 | 205 | Eastern Illinois | Naperville, Ill.        |
| 7  | Dane Toppel   | R/R | 5-9 | 150 | Eastern Illinois | South Elgin, Ill.       |
| 12 | Eric Glitz    | R/R | 5-9 | 175 | SIU Edwardsville | Warrenville, Ill.       |
| 22 | Brandon Post  | R/R | 6-0 | 180 | Lewis University | Elk Grove Village, Ill. |

Manager - Ben Caple | Assistant Coaches - Jordan Rodgers and Rick Panek