



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (9-8)
at Joliet Generals (7-9)

GAME
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June 20 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Joliet, Ill.
Wayne L. King Jr. Field
Broadcast: Facebook Live

2018 Schedule

5/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 15-4
5/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 5-0
5/30	@ DuPage County Hounds	PPD
6/1	@ Southland Vikings	L 7-1
6/2	@ Joliet Generals	L 14-12
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 12-7
6/5	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 10-4
6/6	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 13-4
6/7	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 13-10
6/8	JOLIET GENERALS	L 16-11
6/9	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 13-4
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	ppd
6/12	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 7-6
6/13	@ Southland Vikings	L 6-0
6/14	JOLIET GENERALS	W 8-4
6/15	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 11-5
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 11-3
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-0
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 6-5
6/19	@ Southland Vikings	ppd
6/20	@ Joliet Generals	5 p.m.
6/21	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
6/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
6/23	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	6:10 p.m.
6/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	4 p.m.
6/26	@ Joliet Generals	5 p.m.
6/27	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	7:10 p.m.
6/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
6/29	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	7:10 p.m.
6/30	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	6:10 p.m.
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS	1 p.m.
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS	4 p.m.
7/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
7/5	@ Crestwood Panthers	4 p.m.
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
7/7	JOLIET GENERALS	6:10 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	1 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	4 p.m.
7/10	@ Joliet Generals	5 p.m.
7/11	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	3 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	7:10 p.m.
5/30	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/17-7-22	IBC#	TBD
7/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
7/25	JOLIET GENERALS	7:10 p.m.
7/26	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/27	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	Noon
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	3 p.m.
7/29	@ DuPage County Hounds	1 p.m.
7/31-8/5	MCL Playoffs	TBD

ALL CAPS = Home Games, Played at Oil City Stadium

= special event, hosted at Oil City Stadium

For Starters

After concluding a stretch of seven games in six days on Sunday with a doubleheader sweep of Crestwood, the Oilmen were rained out on Tuesday at Southland. They enter Wednesday's game at Joliet riding a five-game winning streak, their longest of the season after owning a pair of seven-game winning streaks last July during a torrid stretch that saw NWI win 14 of 15. The Oilmen have climbed above .500 for the first time this season. The 17 games were the longest it has ever taken the Oilmen to climb above the .500 line in a campaign.

Inside the Oilmen

Nick Figus was named the MCL Player of the Week on Monday for his efforts during a 6-1 week for the Oilmen. He becomes the first NWI player to win an MCL weekly award this season. Figus hit .381 last week highlighted by four hits and a home run in a victory over his former team, the Bloomington Bobcats. He leads the MCL in batting average at .444 and ranks second in on-base percentage at .583. Nate Montgomery ripped his fourth home run of the season in NWI's come-from-behind win over Crestwood on Sunday in the second game of the doubleheader. That allowed him to move into sole possession of the MCL lead with four home runs, overtaking Joliet's Jeremiah Lebron (3). The only other players with multiple are Crestwood's Cole Blatchford and NWI's Tyler Kenjic, who hit his second on Sunday. On only June 17, Nate Montgomery already moved into sole possession of second in franchise history for home runs in both a single season and in a career. Only Tyler Sroczyński (13, 2015-2017) has more career home runs than Montgomery, and Sroczyński also holds the single-season record with seven in 2016. The Oilmen have 10 home runs in the first 17 games of the season. The franchise record for home runs by the team in a season is 17 in 2015. The Oilmen have already hit more home runs than they did in the 2013 and 2014 seasons and have equaled their home run total from 2012. The Oilmen lead the league with 10 home runs, while the other five teams have 14 combined. Brandon Hickey (0-1, 0.64 ERA) will take the ball for his fourth start of the summer. He has allowed just one earned run in 14 innings while racking up a league-leading 22 strikeouts. He has struck out seven or more in each of his three starts.

Inside the Generals

The Generals have been led offensively by Jeremiah Lebron, who is second in the league behind Nate Montgomery in home runs with three. He has driven in 14 runs and owns a .407 batting average. Bryce Cross has been another key hitter with a .379 average and 12 RBIs. Carter Lawler, who is 1-0 with a 4.73 ERA, will oppose the Oilmen. He has issued seven walks and struck out 16 in 13 1/3 innings of work. All three of his appearances (two starts) have come against the Bloomington Bobcats. Joliet stopped a four-game skid with a 13-0 victory over Crestwood on Tuesday.

About the Matchup

Joliet won the first two meetings of the season in high-scoring fashion, coming from behind the beat the Oilmen 14-12 on June 2 in Joliet before registering a 16-11 win on June 8 at Oil City Stadium. Northwest Indiana picked up its first win over the Generals 8-4 last Thursday in Whiting.

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 (1,500)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager.....Adam Enright (2015-present)
 All-Time Team Record.....190-115 (.622)
 Playoff Appearances....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
 Playoff Record.....11-9
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2016
 Midwest Collegiate League Titles.....2012, 2016

Oilmen Broadcasting Network

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the action this season with a live video stream available via Facebook Live. Brandon Vickrey is back for another season as the team's play-by-play broadcaster. This year, he'll be joined by Sam Michel (home games) and Dan Harty (road games). Be sure to "like" the Northwest Indiana Oilmen on Facebook and follow along all summer long to check out live action from Oil City Stadium.

Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

SUNDAY: Oilmen 8, Panthers 0 Oilmen 6, Panthers 5 Bobcats 8, Generals 5 Vikings 5, Hounds 0	TUESDAY: Generals 13, Panthers 0 Oilmen at Vikings, ppd Hounds at Bobcats, 5 ppd
WEDNESDAY: Oilmen at Generals, 5 p.m. Bobcats at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Panthers, 7 p.m.	THURSDAY: Panthers at Vikings, 5 p.m. Generals at Hounds, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Bobcats, 6 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	12	3	.800	---	L2
Southland Vikings	10	3	.769	1	W4
NWI Oilmen	9	8	.529	4	W4
Bloomington Bobcats	7	9	.438	5.5	W2
Joliet Generals	7	9	.438	5.5	W1
Crestwood Panthers	1	14	.067	11	L7

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2018 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Connor Spear	R/R	5-10	175	UW Whitewater	Highland, Ind.
10	Brandon Hickey	L/L	5-10	170	Robert Morris	Monee, Ill.
14	Anthony Robles	L/L	6-1	195	College of DuPage	Oak Lawn, Ill.
17	Bobby Nowak	R/R	6-4	180	Kankakee CC	Cedar Lake, Ind.
18	Max Franklin	R/R	6-3	190	Heartland	Chicago Heights, Ill.
26	Brendan Kelly	R/R	6-0	190	Purdue Northwest	Grandville, Mich.
28	Andrew Hancock	R/R	6-6	190	Evansville	New Lenox, Ill.
30	Alex Voss	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.
31	Pedro Rodriguez	R/R	6-0	220	Tusculum	Kissimmee, Fla.
32	Sawyer Allen	L/L	6-0	180	Hillsdale College	Fair Oaks, Ind.
33	Nick Wolf	R/R	6-5	220	McHenry County	Valparaiso, Ind.
36	Norman Standish	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban	Highland, Ind.
37	George Sherman	L/L	6-3	245	Dominican	Skokie, Ill.
42	Chad Patrick	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue Northwest	Hebron, Ind.
45	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Trinity Christian	Aurora, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
12	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-11	180	Purdue Northwest	Portage, Ind.
19	Jake Perreira	R/R	5-9	210	University of Indianapolis	Grant Park, Ill.
23	Nate Montgomery	R/R	6-1	200	Tusculum	Geneva, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Nick Figus	R/R	5-11	175	Illinois Wesleyan	Frankfort, Ill.
8	Cory Krolikowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.
24	Chris Baker	L/R	6-0	185	Trinity Christian	South Holland, Ill.
29	Tom Kelley	R/R	6-1	210	Miami (OH)	Orland Park, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
9	Tommy Farrell	L/L	6-3	190	UIC	Chicago, Ill.
2	Jackson Dvorak	R/R	6-1	230	South Suburban	New Lenox, Ill.
7	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, Ill.
11	Tyler Kenjic	R/R	6-1	190	Purdue Northwest	Hobart, Ind.
16	CJ Deshazer	S/R	5-10	170	Heartland	Schaumburg, Ill.
21	Brandon Petkoff	L/R	6-3	185	Texas A&M Corpus Cristi	Frankfort, Ill.
22	Brendan Butler	R/R	6-0	190	Upper Iowa	Oak Lawn, Ill.
41	Jake Plastiak	S/R	6-3	200	Wichita State	Tinley Park, Ill.
43	Eric Yachinich	R/R	6-0	200	Minnesota Duluth	Ashland, Wis.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Vitulli, Frank Podkul

2018 Joliet Generals

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Mitchell Schroll	L/L	5-8	155	Benedictine	Inverness, Ill.
4	Joe Santos	L/L	6-0	165	Vincennes	Hobart, Ind.
5	Ryan Czajkowski	R/R	5-7	165	Moraine Valley CC	Summit, Ill.
6	Alex Herbst	R/R	6-0	175	Trinity College	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
12	Jordan Baker	L/R	5-10	185	McKendree	Chicago Heights, Ill.
16	Jacob Diaz	R/R	5-10	205	Moraine Valley CC	Oak Lawn, Ill.
17	Brock Budzielek	R/R	6-0	150	Calumet College	Hobart, Ind.
18	Mike Santerelli	R/R	6-1	200	Benedictine	Homer Glen, Ill.
25	Carter Lawler	L/R	6-2	180	Illinois Springfield	Hampshire, Ill.
31	Logan DeWulf	R/R	6-0	160	Upper Iowa	Huntley, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Josh Nowak	L/R	5-7	165	Arkansas Little Rock	Palos Hills, Ill.
8	Brendan Krob	R/R	5-10	195	Evansville	Justin, Ill.
14	Freddie March	R/R	6-0	215	Elmhurst College	Itasca, Ill.
28	Jack Kraus	R/R	6-1	225	Milwaukee	Neenah, Wis.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Bryce Cross	R/R	6-0	185	Milwaukee	Greenville, Wis.
10	Harrison Hayes	R/R	6-3	210	Santa Clara	Western Springs, Ill.
13	Braden Menini	R/R	6-0	190	Calvin College	St. Charles, Ill.
15	Tyler Woynerowski	R/R	6-2	215	Benedictine	Burbank, Ill.
19	Jimmy Day	R/R0	6-0	205	Evansville	Barrington, Ill.
22	Ranko Stevanovic	R/R	6-1	220	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
27	Brett Stratinsky	L/R	6-4	210	Middle Tennessee State	Palos Hills, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Scott Wojcik	R/R	5-7	150	Aurora	Sleepy Hollow, Ill.
9	Joe Scaffidi	L/L	5-9	185	Milwaukee	New Berlin, Wis.
11	Thomas Larson	R/R	6-1	190	Oliver Nazerene	Joliet, Ill.
21	Matt Rosko	L/R	6-2	185	Benedictine	Sugar Grove, Ill.
23	Ben Jung	R/R	5-8	165	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Downers Grove, Ill.
24	Jeremiah Lebron	R/R	6-1	250	Illinois	Bolingbrook, Ill.

Manager - Joe Hernandez