

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2014 Game Notes

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GAME

TONIGHT'S GAME:

Michigan City Lakers at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (3-3)

June 6 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)





Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

The Oilmen suffered a 6-3 loss to DuPage County in the 100th game in franchise history on Thursday. Northwest Indiana stranded 10 runners on base, but the game did not come without its share of bright spots. Nate Schneider, Ryan Burvan and Jason Gasser had two hits each, while Kevin DeFilippis reached base three times. Anthony Gomez worked three scoreless innings in relief.

<u>Inside The Oilmen</u>

Whiting native Andrew Lowe is off to a solid start to the season pitching out of the Oilmen bullpen. He retired the side in order in the top of the ninth on Thursday and has not allowed a run in three appearances so far this season. Nate Schneider is off to a hot start offensively, hitting .438 through six games. He has reached safely in all six games and holds a five-game hitting streak.

Inside the Lakers

The Michigan City Lakers roster features a slew of local talent, including Chesterton graduate K.J. Zelenika, Munster grad Mark Dye, Chesterton's Spencer Sutton, Portage alum Zach Thorn and Andrean's Joe Plesac, among others. The Lakers roster also includes South Central product Travis Minix, who played professionally in the Phillies organization and pitched with Bridgeport of the independent Atlantic League in 2013. Minix and Oilmen manager Justin Huisman pitched in the same Double-A Southern League game in 2002.

About the Matchup

Friday's game between the Oilmen and Lakers in a nonleague matchup between two Northwest Indiana teams. This is the first meeting of the year between the two squads and the second season that the Oilmen have played against the Lakers. A year ago, Northwest Indiana took five of the seven meetings, dropping the first and last matchups of the year. The Oilmen and Lakers will meet three times this season.

Around the MCL

While the Oilmen step outside Midwest Collegiate League action, four other MCL teams continue league play on Friday night. The DuPage County Hounds host the Joliet Admirals, while the Chicago Zephyrs battle the Southland Vikings. Joliet has won three straight after starting the season 0-3, while the Hounds are undefeated at 5-0.

2014 Schedule

| 05/27 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | PPD |
|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| 05/28 | LEXINGTON SNIPES | W 2-1 |
| 05/30 | @ Joliet Admirals | W 13-2 |
| 05/31 | @ DuPage County Hounds | L 8-1 |
| 06/01 | @ Lexington Snipes | L 17-5 |
| 06/03 | @ Southland Vikings | W 2-0 |
| 06/04 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | PPD |
| 06/05 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | L 6-3 |
| 06/06 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS* | 7:10 PM |
| 06/07 | @ Michigan City Lakers* | 1:10 PM |
| 06/10 | ILLINOIS SPARKS* | 7:10 PM |
| 06/11 | @ Southland Vikings | 7:10 PM |
| 06/12 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/13 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/14 | CHICAGO ZEPHYRS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/15 | LEXINGTON SNIPES | 4:10 PM |
| 06/17 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS* | 7:10 PM |
| 06/18 | @ Southland Vikings | 7:10 PM |
| 06/19 | CHICAGO ZEPHYRS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/20 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/21 | CHICAGO ZEPHYRS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/22 | @ DuPage County Hounds | 6:00 PM |
| 06/25 | CHICAGO ZEPHYRS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/26 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/27 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:10 PM |
| 06/28 | @ Chicago Zephyrs | 12:00 PM |
| 06/29 | @ Joliet Admirals | 12:00 PM |
| 07/01 | US Military All-Stars | 7:30 PM |
| 07/03 | @ Lexington Snipes | 7:10 PM |
| 07/04 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 3:30 PM |
| 07/05 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:10 PM |
| 07/06 | @ Chicago Zephyrs | 12:00 PM |
| 07/08 | @ Chicago Zephyrs | 5:10 PM |
| 07/09 | MCL ALL-STAR GAME | 7:30 PM |
| 07/11 | LEXINGTON SNIPES | 7:10 PM |
| 07/12 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:10 PM |
| 07/13 | @ DuPage County Hounds | 6:00 PM |
| 07/15 | ILLINOIS SPARKS* | 7:10 PM |
| 07/16 | @ Chicago Zephyrs | 5:00 PM |
| 07/17 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | 7:10 PM |
| 07/18 | LEXINGTON SNIPES | 7:10 pM |
| 07/19 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:10 PM |
| 07/20 | CHICAGO ZEPHYRS | 4:10 PM |
| 07/22 | @ DuPage County Hounds | 7:10 PM |
| 07/23 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:10 PM |
| 07/24 | @ Joliet Admirals | 5:00 PM |
| 07/25 | @ Joliet Admirals | 5:00 PM |
| 07/26 | @ Lexington Snipes | 1:00 PM |
| 07/26 | @ Lexington Snipes | 3:00 PM |
| 07/29 | @ MCL Playoffs | 7:00 PM |
| 07/30 | @ MCL Playoffs | 7:00 PM |
| 07/31 | @ MCL Playoffs | 7:00 PM |
| 08/01 | @ MCL Playoffs | 7:00 PM |
| 08/02 | @ MCL Playoffs | 7:00 PM |
| 08/03 | @ MCL Playoffs | 7:00 PM |
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*- denotes exhibition game CAPS- denotes home game Italics- denotes US Military All-Star Game Bold- denotes MCL All-Star Game

| NWI Oilmen Fast Facts |
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| Founded/First Season2012 |
| LocationWhiting, Ind. |
| OwnerDon Popravak (2012-present) |
| Address500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394 |
| Phone219-659-1000 |
| Websitenwioilmen.com |
| ColorsBlack and Gold |
| Home Field (Capacity)Oil City Stadium (1,300) |
| Stadium Address1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394 |
| ManagerJustin Huisman (third season) |
| All-Time Team Record65-35, 59-33 in MCL Games |
| Home Record42-17 (39-16 in MCL) |
| Road Record23-18 |
| Playoff Appearances2012, 2013 |
| Playoff Record6-2 |
| Playoff Home Record3-1 |
| Playoff Road Record3-1 |
| MCL Championship Appearances2012, 2013 |
| Midwest 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 will handle play-by-play duties for every Oilmen game this season. Joey Gelman joins Brandon for all home games, while David Bork provides color commentary when the team is on the road. 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 Hounds 6, NWI Oilmen 3 | Michigan City Lakers @ NWI Oilmen |
| Joliet Admirals 5, Lexington Snipes 1 | Joliet Admirals @ DuPage County Hounds |
| Southland Vikings 6, Chicago Zephyrs 0 | Southland Vikings @ Chicago Zephyrs |
| | |
| SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
| NWI Oilmen @ Michigan City Lakers | Lexington Snipes @ Chicago Zephyrs (x2) |
| Southland Vikings @ Chicago Zephyrs | Southland Vikings @DuPage County Hounds |
| Lexington Snipes @ DuPage County Hounds | |

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM | W | L | % | GB | STR | L10 |
|----------------------|---|---|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| DuPage County Hounds | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | | W5 | 5-0 |
| Southland Vikings | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 1.5 | W1 | 3-2 |
| NWI Oilmen | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 2.5 | L1 | 3-3 |
| Lexington Snipes | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 2.5 | L2 | 3-3 |
| Joliet Admirals | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 2.5 | W3 | 3-3 |
| Chicago Zephyrs | 0 | 6 | 0.000 | 5.5 | L6 | 0-6 |

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|
| | Andrew Jackson | L/L | 6-5 | 210 | Wabash College | Wheatfield, Ind |
| | Kevin Jones | L/R | 5-11 | 180 | Northern Illinois University | Portage, Ind. |
| 10 | Keith Mahler | R/R | 6-6 | 185 | Heartland Community College | Highland, Ind. |
| 21 | Nick Nauracy | R/R | 6-1 | 185 | Ohio University | Crown Point, Ind |
| 25 | Jimmy McNamara | L/L | 6-2 | 175 | Central Michigan | Dyer, Ind. |
| 26 | Danny Pobereyko | R/R | 6-5 | 200 | Butler University | Munster, Ind. |
| 27 | Andrew Lowe | R/R | 6-2 | 220 | UW-Whitewater | Whiting, Ind. |
| 29 | Anthony Gomez | L/L | 6-0 | 200 | Ball State | Munster, Ind. |
| 30 | Aaron Glatt | R/R | 6-2 | 190 | University of Dayton | Schererville, Ind. |
| 35 | Garrett Sherrell | R/R | 6-4 | 185 | Arkansas Little Rock | New Albany, Ind. |
| 36 | Scott Jerge | R/R | 6-0 | 185 | Valparaiso | Munster, Ind. |
| 42 | Matt Pobereyko | R/R | 6-1 | 239 | Kentucky Wesleyan | Munster, Ind. |
| 43 | Cameron Linck | R/R | 6-2 | 175 | Hill College | Kingwood, Texas |

CATCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|--------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 19 | Zack Jones | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Trinity Christian College | Park Forest, Ill. |
| 23 | Andrew Ray | R/R | 6-1 | 195 | Northern Illinois University | Michigan City, Ind. |
| 33 | Alec Ornelas | R/R | 6-1 | 197 | Central Michigan University | Mokena, Ill. |

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Ryan Burvan | R/R | 5-11 | 165 | Purdue University | Dyer, Ind. |
| 3 | Kevin DeFilippis | R/R | 6-0 | 170 | University of Notre Dame | Homer Glen, Ill. |
| 13 | Nick Vogelmeier | R/R | 5-11 | 165 | Western Michigan University | Lake Orion, Mich. |
| 15 | Anthony Colosimo | L/L | 6-0 | 185 | Purdue Calumet | Lake Forest, Ill. |
| 22 | Nate Schneider | R/R | 6-2 | 210 | Western Michigan University | Portae, Mich. |
| 24 | Brodie Meyer | R/R | 6-0 | 180 | Butler University | Palos Heights, Ill. |
| 45 | James Meeker | R/L | 6-4 | 180 | Akron University | Wexford, Penn. |

OUTFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|-------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Larry Crisler | R/R | 6-4 | 190 | Indiana University | Gary, Ind. |
| | Craig Dedelow | L/R | 6-4 | 190 | Indiana University | Munster, Ind. |
| 9 | Rob Blissitt, Jr. | R/R | 6-3 | 165 | University of Cincinnati | Markham, Ill. |
| 14 | Jack Czeszewski | L/L | 5-11 | 170 | Illinois State University | Elk Grove Village, Ill. |
| 17 | Jason Gasser | L/R | 6-0 | 195 | Northern Illinois University | Dyer, Ind. |

Manager - Justin Huisman | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright, Mike Coles

2014 Michigan Lakers Roster

PITCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|---------------------|
| 10 | Casey Young | R/R | 6-2 | 185 | | Schoolcraft, Mich. |
| 11 | Joe Povlock | L/L | 6-2 | 185 | | Michigan City, Ind. |
| 15 | Dan Snyder | R/R | 6-0 | 200 | Purdue North Central | LaPorte, Ind. |
| 17 | Brandon Sponberg | L/L | | | | Alsip, Ill. |
| 18 | Kyle Marburger | R/R | 6-4 | 185 | Cornerstone University | Peru, Ind. |
| 24 | Travis Minix | R/R | 6-1 | 190 | Ball State | Knox, Ind. |
| 32 | Bob Pranke | R/R | 6-3 | 200 | Purdue North Central | Antioch, Ill. |

CATCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|---|-------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|-----------------|
| 8 | Lou Grounds | R/R | 5-9 | 195 | St. Joseph's College | Westville, Ind. |
| | Zach Thorn | R/R | | | Trine University | Portage, Ind. |

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Joe Plesac | R/R | 6-0 | 151 | DePauw University | Crown Point, Ind. |
| 3 | KJ Zelenika | R/R | 6-0 | 185 | Wabash College | Chesterton, Ind. |
| 5 | Jerry Hodges | | | | | Michigan City, Ind. |
| 7 | Marty Napleton | R/R | 6-1 | 195 | Saint Joseph's College | La Grange, Ill. |
| 26 | Greg Tolliver | R/R | | | Purdue North Central | |
| 27 | Jeffrey Holmes | | | | Oakton Community College | |
| 32 | Jay Resendez | R/R | | | | Rensselaer, Ind. |
| 35 | Daniel Miller | | | | | |

OUTFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------|------------------|
| 9 | Greg Fadell | L/L | | | | |
| 12 | Spencer Sutton | R/R | | | | Chesterton, Ind. |
| 13 | Jake Wright | R/R | | | | Valparaiso, Ind. |
| 25 | Cody Haver | R/R | | | | |

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

| Batting | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| Player | AVG | G | AB | R | Н | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | ВВ | HBP | SB |
| Schneider | .428 | 6 | 16 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Gasser | .368 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Czeszewski | .313 | 4 | 16 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Jones, Z. | .286 | 4 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Meeker | .214 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Blissitt | .250 | 5 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Burvan | .333 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Ray | .231 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Colosimo | .200 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ornelas | .182 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| DeFilippis | .143 | 5 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Vogelmeier | .159 | 5 | 19 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| Pitching | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|---|----|----|----|---|---|----|-------|
| Pitchers | IP | R | ER | ВВ | K | W | L | SV | ERA |
| Pobereyko, D | 6.1 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7.11 |
| Lowe | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Jerge | 4.2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| McNamara | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.81 |
| Linck | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3.00 |
| Pobereyko, M | 3.2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2.45 |
| Mahler | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3.60 |
| Gomez | 5.1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.75 |
| Nauracy | 3.1 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 13.50 |
| Sherrell | 3 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21.00 |
| Glatt | 2/3 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67.50 |