

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2014 Game Notes

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TODAY'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (3-4, 3-3) at Michigan City Lakers (5-3)

GAME 8

June 7 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Michigan City, Ind.

Radio: None

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)



Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

It was a classic pitcher's duel on Friday night at Oil City Stadium as Dan Snyder bested Keith Mahler. Snyder lasted seven innings and surrendered only an unearned tally, while Mahler took a tough-luck loss allowing one run over six frames. Nick Latham doubled and drove in two to lead the Michigan City offense. Kevin DeFilippis accounted for two of the three Oilmen hits in the game.

<u>Inside The Oilmen</u>

Excluding a 13-run outpouring against Joliet on June 30, the Oilmen have struggled to score runs this season. NWI is averaging 2.3 runs per game in its other six contests this season. The Oilmen have been limited to two runs or fewer on four different occasions through the first seven games of the season. During the 2012 Midwest Collegiate League Championship series, the Oilmen were held to two runs or fewer just four times all season. The Oilmen are below .500 for the first time since starting 1-2 in 2013. The Oilmen must win on Saturday to avoid falling to two games under .500 for the first time in team history.

Inside the Lakers

The Lakers are in their second season of playing nonleague games against Midwest Collegiate League opponents. In addition to the games against the Oilmen, Michigan City meets the Southland Vikings on June 24, July 1, July 7 and July 11. After hosting the Oilmen on Saturday, the Lakers hit the road for three games as they visit the Romeoville Royals, Beecher Muskies and South Bend Yankees. The Lakers are playing their home games at Marquette Athletic Complex this season after previously playing at Diamond Cove Park.

<u>About the Matchup</u>

The Oilmen and Lakers have been facing off in nonleague games since the 2013 season. The Oilmen hold a 5-3 lead in the all-time series with Michigan City after last night's loss. A season ago, NWI went 3-1 in games played in Michigan City. Saturday's game is the second of three meetings between the two teams this season.

Around the MCL

DuPage County has rapped off six straight victories to start the season. The Hounds are not only off to the best start in franchise history, but they have also set the record for the longest winning streak in DuPage history. The Chicago Zephyrs picked up their first win of the season on Friday night, rallying for five runs in the eighth inning to stun the Southland Vikings 5-4.

2014 Schedule

| 05/00 | I EVALUETON CHIPES | |
|-------|-------------------------|----------|
| 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 |
| 06/05 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | L 6-3 |
| 06/06 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS* | L 3-1 |
| 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 |
| 06/23 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:10 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 |
| 07/14 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 7:10 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 Record65-36, 59-33 in MCL Games |
| Home Record42-18 (39-16 in MCL) |
| Road Record |
| 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 3, NWI Oilmen 1 |
| Joliet Admirals 5, Lexington Snipes 1 | DuPage County Hounds 6, Joliet Admirals 2 |
| Southland Vikings 6, Chicago Zephyrs 0 | Chicago Zephyrs 5, Southland Vikings 4 |
| | |
| 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 | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | | W6 | 6-0 |
| Southland Vikings | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 3 | L1 | 3-3 |
| NWI Oilmen | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 3 | L2 | 3-3 |
| Lexington Snipes | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 3 | L2 | 3-3 |
| Joliet Admirals | 3 | 4 | 0.429 | 3.5 | L1 | 3-4 |
| Chicago Zephyrs | 1 | 6 | 0.143 | 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 |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 10 | Andrew Jackson | L/L | 6-5 | 210 | Wabash College | Wheatfield, Ind |
| | Kevin Jones | L/R | 5-11 | 180 | Northern Illinois University | Portage, Ind. |
| | 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. |
| 14 | James Meeker | R/L | 6-4 | 180 | Akron University | Wexford, Penn. |
| 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. |

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. |
| 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. |
| 14 | Michael Schroeder | | | | | |
| 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. |
| 21 | Will Rudolphi | R/R | | | | |
| 24 | Travis Minix* | R/R | 6-1 | 190 | Ball State | Knox, Ind. |
| 27 | Shane Prance* | R/R | | | | |
| 32 | Bob Pranke | R/R | 6-3 | 200 | Purdue North Central | Antioch, Ill. |
| 59 | Bob Humphrey | R/R | | | | |

CATCHERS

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

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Kody Alyon | R/R | | | | |
| 3 | KJ Zelenika | R/R | 6-0 | 185 | Wabash College | Chesterton, Ind. |
| 5 | Jerry Hodges* | R/R | | | | Michigan City, Ind. |
| 7 | Marty Napleton | R/R | 6-1 | 195 | Saint Joseph's College | La Grange, Ill. |
| 23 | Max Kerr | R/R | | | | |
| 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 |
|----|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|------------------|
| 4 | Zach Thorn | R/R | 5-7 | 160 | Trine University | Portage, Ind. |
| 49 | Greg Fadell | L/L | | | | |
| 12 | Spencer Sutton | R/R | | | | Chesterton, Ind. |
| 13 | Jake Wright | R/R | | | | Valparaiso, Ind. |
| 25 | Cody Haver | R/R | | | | |
| 30 | Mark Dye | R/R | | | | |

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

| Batting | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|------|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|----|
| Player | AVG | G | AB | R | Н | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI | ВВ | HBP | SB |
| Gasser | .348 | 7 | 23 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Schneider | .292 | 8 | 24 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Burvan | .278 | 6 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Jones, Z. | .222 | 5 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Ray | .231 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Meeker | .214 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Blissitt | .217 | 6 | 23 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| DeFilippis | .172 | 6 | 29 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Colosimo | .167 | 5 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Vogelmeier | .136 | 6 | 22 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ornelas | .125 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 |

| Pitching | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|---|----|----|----|---|---|----|-------|
| Pitchers | IP | R | ER | BB | 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 | 5.2 | 1 | 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 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2.45 |
| 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 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15.75 |
| Glatt | 1.2 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32.40 |