



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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**SATURDAY'S GAME:**  
Bloomington Bobcats (4-5)  
at NWI Oilmen (2-7)

June 9 - 6:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Oil City Stadium  
Broadcast: Facebook Live

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## 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	6:10 p.m.
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	1 p.m.
6/12	@ Crestwood Panthers	1 p.m.
6/13	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
6/14	JOLIET GENERALS	11 a.m.
6/15	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	7:10 p.m.
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	6:10 p.m.
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	1 p.m.
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	4 p.m.
6/19	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
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

Last year's Oilmen team that set the franchise record for wins in a single season and tied for first place in the MCL standings did not lose more than two consecutive games all season. It's been a different story for this year's squad as the Oilmen already have one five-game skid and will look to avoid a third straight loss on Saturday. The Oilmen have lost back-to-back games despite scoring a double-figure run total on both nights, something that has never happen before in franchise history. In fact, the Oilmen had only five defeats where they scored 10 runs or more in their first six seasons and already have three this year. NWI has allowed seven runs or more in an inning in each of their last five losses, and four of those five frames have been nine-run innings. Remarkably, the Oilmen did not allow a nine-run inning in any of their first six seasons, but now have allowed four in the last week. The Oilmen permitted nine runs or more in an entire game just five times last season.

### Inside the Oilmen

It's not all doom and gloom for the Oilmen, who have seen several bright spots in recent games. Brendan Kelly received no decision in his Oilmen debut, allowing just three runs (two earned) on seven hits and no walks in 5 2/3 innings. The Oilmen had six extra-base hits on Friday, including Nate Montgomery's second home run of the season, both in the last three games. After going 0-for-6 in the first two games, Montgomery's bat has come to life. He has his average up to .360. NWI's Nick Figus is hitting .500, tied with DuPage County's Matt Verdun for the league lead. Figus, who has multiple hits in four of his seven games, is third in the league in OBP at .647. Chris Baker has drawn 10 walks, which ranks second in the MCL behind DuPage County's Wyell Woods (11). The Oilmen will throw Christian Howell, who did not allow an earned run (two unearned) over six innings of three-hit ball while striking out seven in his only outing of the season, Opening Night at Crestwood.

### Inside the Bobcats

Bloomington will throw incoming Parkland freshman Ty Rybarczyk for his MCL debut on Saturday night. No Bobcat with more than six plate appearances is hitting above .300 this season. Austin Alderman has been the biggest offensive threat with nine hits (two for extra bases, .281 AVG), six RBIs and six runs scored. He leads the team in all of the aforementioned categories. Manager Jake Wegner's team is also attempting to get back on track after a string of three straight losses, but two of their four wins this season have come against the Oilmen.

### About the Matchup

This is the third meeting of the 2018 season between the Oilmen and the Bobcats. These two teams also met in the MCL Playoffs last season. The top-seeded Oilmen fell to fourth-seeded Bloomington in the best-of-three series. The Bobcats won the rubber match by a score of 7-6. That game also gave Bloomington an upper hand in the all-time series. The Bobcats hold an edge over Northwest Indiana, 12-9, in a series that dates back to 2016. Bloomington has won both games between the two teams this season, both of which have occurred in Bloomington.

## 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.....184-114 (.617)  
 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

<b>THURSDAY:</b> Hounds 7, Bobcats 1 Generals 4, Panthers 3 Vikings 13, Oilmen 10	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Vikings 11, Bobcats 2 Hounds 13, Panthers 4 Generals 16, Oilmen 11
<b>SATURDAY:</b> Generals at Hounds, ppd Panthers at Vikings, 2 p.m. Bobcats at Oilmen, 6:10 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Generals at Vikings, 1 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 1 p.m. (DH)

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	8	1	.889	---	W2
Southland Vikings	6	1	.857	1	W6
Joliet Generals	5	4	.555	3	W3
Bloomington Bobcats	4	5	.444	4	L3
NWI Oilmen	2	7	.222	6	L2
Crestwood Panthers	0	7	.000	7	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.
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.
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.
	Alex Voss	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.

## 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 Krolkowski	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.

## INFELDERS

#	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.
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.
	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Matt Vitulli