



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (18-16)
at Bloomington Bobcats (15-16)

July 11 - 6 p.m. (CT) - Bloomington, Ill.
O'Neil Park
Broadcast: Facebook Live

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2018 Schedule

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| 5/28 | @ Crestwood Panthers | W 15-4 |
| 5/29 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | L 5-0 |
| 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 |
| 6/12 | @ 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 |
| 6/20 | @ Joliet Generals | W 13-9 |
| 6/23 | CRESTWOOD PANTHERS | W 8-2 |
| 6/24 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 9-3 |
| 6/27 | BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS | L 8-0 |
| 6/28 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | L 5-2 |
| 6/29 | CRESTWOOD PANTHERS | W 8-6 |
| 6/30 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 5-4 |
| 7/1 | JOLIET GENERALS (DH) | W 3-2 |
| 7/1 | JOLIET GENERALS (DH) | W 5-2 |
| 7/2 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | L 13-5 |
| 7/3 | @ Bloomington Bobcats (DH) | L 10-8 |
| 7/3 | @ Bloomington Bobcats (DH) | L 13-3 |
| 7/6 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 4-3 |
| 7/7 | JOLIET GENERALS | L 9-5 |
| 7/8 | BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS | L 8-0 |
| 7/8 | BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS | W 6-5 |
| 7/10 | @ Joliet Generals | L 9-8 |
| 7/11 | @ Bloomington Bobcats | 6 p.m. |
| 7/12 | @ Southland Vikings (DH) | 3 p.m. |
| 7/12 | @ Southland Vikings (DH) | 5 p.m. |
| 7/13 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:10 p.m. |
| 7/14 | MCL All-Star Game# | 7:10 p.m. |
| 7/16 | @ DuPage County Hounds | 5 p.m. |
| 7/17 | TEAM CROATIA# | 4:45 p.m. |
| 7/18 | TEAM SERBIA# | 7:15 p.m. |
| 7/19 | TEAM SLOVAKIA# | 4:45 p.m. |
| 7/21 | IBC Semifinal# | TBD |
| 7/22 | IBC Final/3rd place# | TBD |
| 7/23 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | 7:10 p.m. |
| 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

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen are still trying to regain the form they displayed during last month's franchise-long winning streak as they attempt to snap out of a recent cold spell that has seen them drop six of their last eight. The Oilmen suffered their first one-run defeat of the season on Tuesday at Joliet, succumbing to the Generals 9-8. The top of the order performed well as Brandon Petkoff and Jake Plastiak had two hits apiece and each scored twice in the defeat. The Oilmen scored four times in the sixth to take a 6-5 lead, then two more in the seventh to add on. Joliet tied the game with three in the bottom of the seventh, then went in front for good with a run in the bottom of the eighth. The lead over Bloomington for third place currently sits at 1 ½ games, while the Generals have enjoyed a recent hot streak to pull within 2 ½ of the Oilmen. The top four teams in the MCL reach the postseason.

Inside the Oilmen

Jake Plastiak slugged his second home run of the season on Tuesday, becoming the sixth Oilmen player with multiple home runs this year. Plastiak's blow, which came in the opening inning, was the 17th Oilmen big fly of the summer. That puts the 2018 Oilmen in a tie with the 2015 team for the most home runs in franchise history. With their next home run, the Oilmen will shatter the franchise record. During this eight-game stretch, both of the Oilmen wins have come in walk-off fashion. Brenden Butler had a bases-clearing double to help the Oilmen cause, but it was not enough on Tuesday. The Oilmen will utilize southpaw Sawyer Allen in a starting capacity on Wednesday. He owns a 6.35 ERA in nine games this season, all relief appearances. His longest outing of the year came on June 7 against the Vikings, when he worked 4 1/3 innings. Allen pitched one inning against Bloomington and allowed three runs (one earned) on June 27. The lefty has issued just five walks and struck out 20 in 22 2/3 innings.

Inside the Bobcats

Bloomington's fate was identical to Northwest Indiana's on Tuesday as the Bobcats too went on the road to swallow a tough 9-8 defeat. Southland scored three in the bottom of the ninth to force extras, then walked off on a single by Logan Anderson in the bottom of the 10th. Bloomington had both the MCL Player and Pitcher of the Week this past week, as Billy Mote and Quinn Gudaitis swept the awards. Gudaitis threw a complete-game shutout against the Oilmen, and Mote hit .556 while slugging two home runs and driving in seven. Much of Mote's damage also came against the Oilmen as he had six hits and two long balls in a doubleheader sweep of NWI last Tuesday at O'Neil Park. Mote continued his hot streak on Tuesday at Southland with two more hits.

About the Matchup

This will mark the fifth time in the last eight days the Bobcats and Oilmen have faced off. It will also represent the final meetings of the year between the two squads. The Bobcats have already secured the season series by winning six of the first nine meetings. Bloomington owns a 16-12 lead in the all-time series, which dates back to 2016.

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.....199-123 (.618)
 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

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| SUNDAY: Vikings 6, Panthers 2 Bobcats 4, Oilmen 0 Oilmen 6, Bobcats 5 Generals 5, Hounds 3 | TUESDAY: Generals 9, Oilmen 8 Vikings 9, Bobcats 8 Hounds 8, Panthers 2 |
| WEDNESDAY: Panthers at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Generals, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Bobcats, 6 p.m. | THURSDAY: Generals at Panthers, 3 p.m. (DH) Oilmen at Vikings, 3 p.m. (DH) Hounds at Bobcats, 6 p.m. |

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM | W | L | % | GB | STR |
|---------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|
| DC Hounds | 22 | 10 | .688 | --- | W1 |
| Southland Vikings | 17 | 8 | .680 | 1.5 | W2 |
| NWI Oilmen | 18 | 16 | .529 | 5 | L1 |
| Bloomington Bobcats | 15 | 16 | .484 | 6.5 | L2 |
| Joliet Generals | 12 | 15 | .444 | 7.5 | W5 |
| Crestwood Panthers | 5 | 24 | .172 | 15.5 | L6 |

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. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| 27 | Amir Wright | L/L | 5-10 | 185 | St. Leo | Griffith, Ind. |
| 29 | Tom Kelley | R/R | 6-1 | 210 | Miami (OH) | Orland Park, Ill. |
| 35 | Zaid Walker | R/R | 6-2 | 215 | Michigan State | Flossmoor, 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