



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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## WEDNESDAY'S GAME:

Lakers (10-19)  
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (20-15)

July 13 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM  
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## 2016 Schedule

5/27	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 3-0
5/28	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 9-3
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	L 9-7
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	W 7-5
6/1	@ Michigan City Lakers	ppd.
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-2
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-0
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 6-4
6/4	@ Southland Vikings	W 12-1
6/5	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-3
6/7	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 8-6
6/8	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-5
6/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 15-4
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-5
6/11	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 10-9
6/12	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-2
6/15	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 4-3
6/16	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 17-1
6/17	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 13-2
6/18	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 9-5
6/19	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 14-6
6/22	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	ppd
6/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 8-5
6/24	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 7-6
6/25	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-0
6/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 9-3
6/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 7-4
6/28	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 13-4
6/29	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-3
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 5-1
7/1	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 3-2
7/2	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 2-0
7/4	U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS*	L 4-3
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	W 8-5
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	W 6-1
7/7	@ Bloomington Bobcats	W 7-3
7/8	@ DuPage County Hounds	W 7-1
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	W 16-0
7/13	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/31	@ Joliet Admirals	1 p.m.
8/2-8/4	MCL Semifinal Series	TBD
8/5-8/7	MCL Championship Series	TBD

## For Starters

The Oilmen return to the diamond after three days off for the All-Star Break. They enter Wednesday looking to extend their winning streak to six after a perfect 5-0 road trip. The Oilmen are just ½ game behind first-place DuPage County. Since the Hounds are idle on Wednesday, an Oilmen victory would move them into a first-place tie. The last time the Oilmen owned a share of first place was July 9, 2015. The Oilmen have never won a regular-season MCL title. The Hounds won the regular season-season crown in 2013 and 2015, while the Vikings (2014), DeKalb County Liners (2012) and Rockford Foresters (2011) also own league titles. The Oilmen had 11 participants in Tuesday's MCL All-Star Game, but the White All-Stars fell to Blue 10-2. Hunter Clark retired the side in order while throwing only seven pitches in the eighth inning. Clay Keltner and Braden Nicksich also worked scoreless frames, while Tommy Szczasny had two hits.

## Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen will look to uphold their team-wide strong pitching as Reggie Johnson takes the ball on Wednesday. His most recent start was his best of the year in an exhibition game against the U.S. Military All-Stars. He at one time retired 22 straight batters, but couldn't get the last out he needed for a complete-game win and eventually took a tough-luck loss, although statistics from that game do not count. Johnson is trying to turn around his fortunes as he's 0-5 in five starts. Johnson has struck out 20 and walked 16 in 23 1/3 innings while posting a 5.79 ERA. Johnson faced the Lakers on June 27 and took the loss while allowing four runs (two earned) on five hits and six walks in six innings. To put into perspective how good Oilmen pitching has been, Max Siedlecki's ERA of 2.73 ranks seventh on the team, and would be first on the Bobcats, first on the Vikings, second on the Lakers, third on the Hounds and second on the Admirals. The Oilmen lead the league in team ERA at 2.89, well ahead of second-place DuPage at 4.10. The Oilmen pitching staff also leads the league in strikeouts with 235 and WHIP at 1.50. In addition, the Oilmen lead the league in hitting at .296. Stefano Belmonte (.398) and Tommy Szczasny (.395) rank one and two in the league in batting average.

## Inside the Lakers

The Lakers' most recent game came on Friday against the Vikings, an 8-7 extra-inning loss. The Lakers will turn the page to life without leading hitter Colin Willis, who has left the team to join the Eastside Diamond Hoppers of the United Shore Professional Baseball League. Lakers pitchers Casey Young and Chad Mateja worked scoreless innings in Tuesday's All-Star Game, while Alec Olund had two hits and Max Kerr lashed an RBI single. This will be Bobby Humphreys fifth game and fourth start against the Oilmen this season. They scored seven runs (six earned) on six hits (including two homers by Jake Perreira) in five innings against him last week.

## About the Matchup

The Oilmen swept a doubleheader from the Lakers last Wednesday to begin their current winning streak. They lead the season series 6-2 and all-time series 16-11. After Wednesday, the two teams meet twice more this season, July 20 and July 27 at Oil City Stadium.

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home game

## 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  
 All-Time Team Record.....136-83, 120-79 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 88-43  
     Road Record.....49-39  
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015  
 Playoff Record.....7-6  
 Playoff Home Record.....3-4  
 Playoff Road Record.....4-2  
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013  
 Midwest Collegiate League Titles.....2012

## 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 is back to handle play-by-play duties again this season. This year, he'll be joined in the booth by Nathan Dickinson. David Bork, Payton Ball and Drew Guth will also make contributions to the Oilmen radio broadcasts. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



## Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

<b>SATURDAY:</b> Hounds 12, Admirals 2 Oilmen 16, Vikings 0	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Bobcats 7, Vikings 0 Bobcats 12, Vikings 1
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Lakers at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	<b>THURSDAY:</b> Lakers at Admirals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Bobcats, 5:30 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	19	13	.594	---	W1
NWI Oilmen	20	15	.571	0.5	W5
Joliet Admirals	16	15	.516	2.5	L2
Bloomington Bobcats	13	14	.481	3.5	W3
Southland Vikings	15	17	.469	4	L3
Lakers	10	19	.345	7.5	L3

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

# 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Reggie Johnson	R/R	6-2	175	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
10	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland / Trinity Christian	New Lenox, Ill.
11	Luke Jaksich	L/L	6-1	160	Saint Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
13	Jay Gutierrez	R/R	6-1	200	Olney Central / McKendree	Oak Lawn, Ill.
16	Jamary McKinney	R/R	6-1	200	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
18	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland / Illinois Springfield	Steger, Ill.
25	Jordan Petty	R/R	6-2	175	Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
26	Josh Mutter	L/L	6-3	150	Northern Illinois	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Max Siedlecki	R/R	6-4	210	New Mexico Highlands	Chicago, Ill.
29	Braden Niksich	R/R	6-3	190	Illinois State	Hobart, Ind.
31	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
33	Clay Keltner	R/R	6-1	205	Cornerstone	Highland, Ind.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ill.
43	James Whiteman	R/R	6-2	194	Triton College	Lakeville, Ind.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Blake Cleveland	R/R	5-11	197	Central Michigan	Nappanee, Ind.
19	Jake Perreira	R/R	5-9	200	University of Indianapolis	Grant Park, Ill.
27	Zack Forney	R/R	5-10	170	Eastern Illinois	Cary, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Cory Krolkowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.
14	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	5-10	190	St. Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
21	Tyler Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
23	Jordan Flint	R/R	6-4	190	Eastern Illinois	Bartlett, Ill.
24	Chris Baker	L/R	6-0	185	University Illinois-Chicago	South Holland, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Chase Dawson	L/R	5-10	170	Valparaiso	Chesterton, Ind.
7	Bo Fletcher	R/R	6-0	180	Alcorn State	Chicago, Ill.
9	Tommy Szczyński	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, Ill.
17	Alex Nisle	R/R	6-0	185	Saint Joseph's College	Schererville, Ind.
20	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	205	Florida Gulf Coast	Munster, Ind.
30	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.
45	Jimmy Govern	R/R	5-11	175	Eastern Illinois	Libertyville, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

# 2016 Lakers

#	NAME	Position	B/T	SCHOOL
1	RJ Zambrano	3B/SS	R/R	Purdue North Central
2	Colin Willis	CF	L/R	Purdue North Central
3	Max Kerr	C/1B	R/R	Ball State
4	Chase Clarkson	2B/SS	R/R	Wabash College
5	Jerry Hodges	1B/2B	R/R	KCC/William Woods U
6	Adam Nelson	INF	R/R	North Central College
7	Anthony Olund	SS	R/R	Purdue North Central
8	Pat Arndt	C	R/R	Chesterton HS
9	Justin Stowe	P	R/R	South Suburban
10	Casey Young	P	R/R	PNC
11	Jake Povlock	1B/P	L/L	MCHS
12	Spencer Sutton	C/2B	R/R	Trine
13	Kyle McLaughlin	C	R/R	Butler
14	Chad Mateja	P/OF	R/R	Purdue
15	Dan Snyder	P	R/R	PNC
16	Colin Arnold	P	L/L	Purdue
17	Bobby Humphreys	P	R/R	Indiana
18	Tommy Fusell	OF	R/R	Northwestern
19	Jake Lefebvre	P	R/R	Wheeler HS
21	Shane Prance	P	R/R	PNC
23	Tyler Bearden	OF	R/R	Bowling Green
25	Max Kerr	C/1B	R/R	Ball State
26	Jake Lane	3B/1B	R/R	PNC
27	Zach Thorn	OF	R/R	Trine
30	Alec Olund	OF	R/R	Purdue
30	Mark Dye	OF	R/R	Earlam College
32	Jim Catanzarite	P	R/R	St. Joseph College
33	Jerome Burton	P	R/R	Tongaloo College

Manager - Tim Jahnz | Assistant Coaches - Mike Einstein |  
Carl Swenson

# 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

## HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Stefano Belmonte	.398	88	35	1	21	19	.489	.459	5
Tommy Szczasny	.395	76	30	2	23	19	.592	.484	5
Chase Dawson	.368	87	32	0	13	22	.471	.471	7
Tyler Sroczyński	.344	93	32	4	19	35	.634	.436	9
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.311	73	21	0	11	19	.338	.475	2
Chris Baker	.311	74	23	1	17	18	.392	.448	3
Zack Forney	.311	74	23	0	11	24	.392	.453	4
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Cory Krolkowski	.279	61	17	0	7	11	.328	.362	1
Marshawn Taylor	.279	43	12	0	9	7	.326	.333	2
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Jordan Flint	.267	86	23	0	14	20	.326	.354	5
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Alex Nisle	.243	70	17	0	12	14	.303	.393	4
Josh Mutter	.233	30	7	0	3	5	.267	.361	1
Jake Perreira	.224	76	17	2	14	10	.368	.344	5
Bo Fletcher	.212	52	11	0	4	8	.231	.226	1
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Blake Cleveland	.184	38	7	0	3	2	.184	.311	0
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.296</b>	<b>1167</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>.391</b>	<b>.402</b>	<b>62</b>

## PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	0	2	18.1	0.00	12	15	1.20	.154
Sam Geraci	3	0	0	24.1	1.11	5	15	1.03	.213
Richard Yelnick	2	1	0	28.0	1.29	9	26	1.18	.222
Clay Keltner	3	2	0	34.2	1.30	10	25	1.10	.215
Braden Niksich	0	1	1	13.0	1.39	9	12	1.39	.191
Jordan Petty	1	0	1	17.0	2.65	7	16	1.29	.243
Max Siedecki	2	1	0	33.0	2.73	15	20	1.52	.261
Christian Howell	3	1	0	36.2	2.95	21	29	1.33	.201
James Whiteman	0	1	2	11.2	3.09	7	16	1.80	.275
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	10.0	3.60	6	5	1.70	.256
Luke Jaksich	3	0	0	23.1	3.86	19	20	1.76	.232
Eric Frontzak	1	2	0	13.1	5.40	7	9	2.03	.313
Reggie Johnson	0	4	0	23.1	5.79	16	20	2.14	.346
Jamary McKinney	0	0	0	7.1	7.36	14	6	3.14	.300
Josh Mutter	0	1	0	2.0	31.50	6	1	4.50	.300
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>296.0</b>	<b>2.89</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>1.50</b>	<b>.238</b>

## MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS STATS

### HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Kyle McLaughlin	.500	2	1	0	0	0	.500	.500	0
Chad Majeta	.407	27	11	1	8	7	.630	.469	3
Jesse Mills	.400	5	2	1	3	3	1.000	.500	0
Colin Willis	.395	81	31	3	19	20	.691	.528	11
Alec Olund	.321	28	9	0	2	6	.393	.367	2
Jerry Hodges	.300	50	15	1	8	10	.400	.426	2
Zach Thorn	.283	60	17	0	4	16	.317	.449	2
Max Kerr	.253	79	20	1	19	14	.342	.378	4
Jake Lane	.246	65	16	0	12	9	.308	.347	2
Tommy Fuesell	.234	47	11	0	2	5	.277	.321	0
Mark Dye	.222	63	14	1	8	10	.365	.290	4
Anthony Olund	.194	72	12	0	9	12	.236	.330	3
Chase Clarkson	.194	31	6	0	1	4	.194	.405	0
RJ Zambrano	.186	59	10	0	4	6	.203	.304	1
Spencer Sutton	.156	45	7	0	8	3	.156	.310	0
Jake Lefebvre	.125	8	1	0	1	1	.125	.222	0
Jake Povlock	.111	9	1	0	0	0	.111	.111	0
Pat Arndt	.105	38	4	0	2	4	.105	.171	0
Tyler Bearden	.074	27	2	1	3	4	.185	.265	0
Adam Nelson	.000	2	0	0	0	1	.000	.500	0
Dan Snyder	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Griffin Murphy	.000	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1.000	0
Jeremy Morton	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.250	0
Jim Catanazarite	.000	1	0	0	0	1	.000	.500	0
LaTrell Earls	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.241</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>.329</b>	<b>.368</b>	<b>34</b>

### PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Jeremy Morton	0	0	0	1.1	0.00	1	3	1.50	.200
Jesse Mills	0	0	0	0.1	0.00	2	1	6.00	.000
Tommy Fuesell	0	0	0	0.2	0.00	4	0	7.50	.250
Anthony Spangler	0	0	1	5.0	1.80	1	7	1.00	.211
Shane Prance	1	1	0	11.0	2.46	6	12	1.27	.186
Casey Young	2	0	0	20.0	2.70	15	15	1.45	.187
Dan Snyder	3	2	0	41.0	3.51	26	30	1.54	.240
Jake Lefebvre	0	0	0	4.1	4.15	1	5	0.92	.000
Chad Mateja	2	3	0	41.2	4.32	22	42	1.51	.252
Jermone Burton	0	1	0	9.2	4.67	10	4	1.48	.152
Bobby Humphries	0	2	1	14.0	5.79	4	8	1.64	.292
Justin Stowe	0	3	0	23.0	5.87	12	13	1.52	.240
Spencer Sutton	0	0	1	5.1	8.44	7	2	2.25	.250
Jim Catanazarite	0	1	0	8.2	9.35	5	6	2.42	.390
Jake Povlock	1	1	0	16.1	11.02	7	4	2.45	.345
Collin Arnold	0	1	0	2.0	13.50	0	1	2.50	.455
Colin Willis	1	0	0	1.0	18.00	0	1	1.00	.200
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>206.1</b>	<b>5.06</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>.258</b>