



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:
Joliet Admirals (10-13)
at NWI Oilmen (16-12)

GAME

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July 15 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)



2015 Schedule

6/1	@ Joliet Admirals	W 5-2
6/3	@ Southland Vikings	W 5-3
6/4	@ Joliet Admirals	W 5-3
6/5	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 7-5
6/6	@ DuPage County Hounds	W 7-1
6/7	@ Lexington Snipes	W 7-4
6/10	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 7-6
6/11	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-3
6/13	FORT WAYNE JACKERS*	W 5-1
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 6-5
6/18	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 4-3
6/20	@ Lexington Snipes (DH)	W 6-1
6/20	@ Lexington Snipes (DH)	L 5-4
6/21	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 13-12
6/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 1-0
6/25	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 12-3
6/27	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 10-0
6/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 13-0
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 6-5
7/1	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 11-2
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 4-3
7/3	@ Lexington Snipes	L 7-3
7/4	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 7-5
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-1
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	----
7/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 7-5
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 5-4
7/11	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 13-4
7/12	@ Lexington Snipes	L 8-6
7/13	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 4-3
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	PPD
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7 p.m.
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/18	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	4 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
7/23	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	1 p.m.
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	3:30 p.m.
7/26	@ Michigan City Lakers	1 p.m.
7/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/29	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7 p.m.
7/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)	TBD
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
8/1	MCL Playoffs Game 1	TBD
8/2	MCL Playoffs Game 2	TBD
8/3	MCL Playoffs Game 3	TBD
8/6	MCL Championship Game 1	TBD
8/7	MCL Championship Game 2	TBD
8/8	MCL Championship Game 3	TBD

*- denotes exhibition game
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

The Oilmen celebrated an unusual win on Monday, defeating the Lexington Snipes on a Brad Wood walk-off double that banged off the left-field scoreboard in the bottom of the sixth inning. During Wood's plate appearance, a torrential downpour began, causing the game to be ended early due to rain. The Oilmen are now 5-0 all-time in shortened games, with two of those wins coming against the Snipes this season. The Oilmen offense continued its recent power surge as Stefano Belmonte drilled a two-run homer and boosted his RBI total to 26. He is 11 RBIs away from matching Nick Bartolone's league record of 37, which he established while playing with the Oilmen in 2013. Belmonte shared the league lead in RBIs in 2014 with Lexington's Chris Maranto, as each man drove in 30 runs.

Inside The Oilmen

Brandon Murray toes the rubber for his second start as a member of the Oilmen on Wednesday in Whiting. Murray went four innings and allowed six earned runs on four hits, three walks and a hit batter while striking out four in his debut. Southland's Jake Hickey ripped a grand slam as the Vikings prevailed 7-5, handing Murray the loss. Josh Turnock enters Wednesday with an 11-game on-base streak. Fred Smart was hit by a pitch twice on Monday and now holds the team lead with six. The single season Oilmen record for hit by pitches is nine, set by Elliot Bajda in 2012.

Inside the Admirals

The Admirals are three games behind the third-place Oilmen, but they have the same number of losses as NWI. The two teams were scheduled to meet on Tuesday night at Wayne L. King Junior Field, but that game was postponed by rain. The three remaining meetings between the two teams gives the Admirals an opportunity to make up ground on NWI. Joliet is also trying to fend off fifth-place Michigan City for the final playoff spot. The Admirals are two games ahead of the Lakers entering Wednesday. In their most recent game, Joliet downed Michigan City 9-0 on Sunday.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen have had great success against the Admirals this season and historically. NWI holds a 20-4 all-time record against the franchise, including 4-1 mark this year. The most recent meeting was on June 27 at Oil City Stadium, a 10-0 Oilmen whitewash. The Admirals have not scored against the Oilmen in the last 18 innings played between the two teams.

Around the MCL

The Lexington Snipes took care of business on Tuesday night at Jack Horenberger Field. They swept a doubleheader from the Southland Vikings to regain a one-game lead over the Oilmen for second place in the MCL standings. The Hounds host Michigan City in the only other MCL game on Wednesday.

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 (1,300)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager..... Adam Enright
 All-Time Team Record.....106-61, 90-58 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 67-30
 Road Record.....39-31
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014
 Playoff Record.....6-4
 Playoff Home Record.....3-2
 Playoff Road Record.....3-2
 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, a rotating cast of color commentators will handle games, including Brandon Pavlina (road games) and former Oilmen pitcher Andrew Lowe (select home games). To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

MONDAY: Oilmen 4, Snipes 3 (six innings)	TUESDAY: Oilmen at Admirals, ppd. Snipes 4, Vikings 0 Snipes 7, Vikings 1
WEDNESDAY: Lakers at Hounds, 5 p.m. Admirals at Oilmen, 7 p.m.	THURSDAY: Admirals at Snipes, 5 p.m. Lakers at Hounds, 5 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	19	9	.679	---	W4
Lexington Snipes	18	12	.600	2	W2
NWI Oilmen	16	12	.571	3	L1
Joliet Admirals	10	13	.435	6.5	W3
Michigan City Lakers	11	18	.379	8.5	L1
Southland Vikings	8	18	2.08	10	L5

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2015 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, Ind.
13	Brian Jestice	R/R	6-2	215	Evansville	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
14	Enrique Zamora	R/R	6-3	285	Calumet College	Hammond, Ind.
20/35	Sam Bell	R/R	6-3	215	Marian	Munster, Ind.
27	Christian Sullivan	R/R	6-2	240	Franklin College	Schererville, Ind.
28	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland CC / Cumberland	Highland, Ind.
30	Tyler Loesher	R/R	6-11	245	Kishwaukee CC	Woodstock, Ill.
33	Jimmy Skiff	R/R	6-1	160	Purdue Calumet	Dyer, Ind.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
45/28	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Josh Turnock	L/R	5-10	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian	Park Forest, Ill.
24	Joe Jumonville	R/R	5-11	190	Northern Illinois	Munster, Ind.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1 / 10	Alec Olund	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue	Schererville, Ind.
21	Tyler Sroczynski	R/R	6-2	205	Wabash Valley / Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
22	Donovan Chandler	R/L	5-8	155	Parkland College	Schererville, Ind.
23	Jordan Lewis	L/R	6-2	205	Purdue	Escondido, Calif.
26	Fred Smart	R/R	6-4	220	Siena College	Evanston, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Brian Seymour	R/R	5-8	151	South Suburban College	Lansing, Ill.
15	Jeremy Wright	R/R	6-0	184	South Suburban / UW Milwaukee	Munster, Ind.
16	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland	Steger, Ill.
17	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	197	South Suburban	Munster, Ind.
30	Alec Barnhart	L/R	6-0	190	St. Xavier / Trinity Christian	Hometown, Ill.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

2015 Joliet Admirals Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
14	Tyler Paulsen	R/R	6-5	210	Illinois State (commit)	Channahon, Ill.
16	Dave Schurr	R/L	6-4	180	St. Joseph's College	Plainfield, Ill.
18	Nate Tholl	R/R	5-10	170	John A. Logan College	Tinley Park, Ill.
19	Mike Miller	R/R	6-1	165	SIU Edwardsville	Tinley Park, Ill.
20	Yianni Pavlopoulos	R/R	6-1	205	Ohio State	Homer Glen, Ill.
21	Ryan Van Volkenberg	R/L	5-11	180	Maryville	Lisle, Ill.
22	Julian Langford	R/R	6-2	220	Maryville	Naperville, Ill.
23	Nick Allgeyer	L/L	6-3	200	University of Iowa	St. Louis, Mo.
24	Steven Skolarz	R/R	6-6	210	Uncommitted	New Lenox, Ill.
25	Steve Waldrop	R/R	6-1	200	College of DuPage	Bolingbrook, Ill.
27	Brendan Miller	R/R	6-3	185	SIU Edwardsville	Plainfield, Ill.
28	Sean Renzi	R/R	6-3	245	Central Michigan	Plainfield, Ill.
30	Zach Thomas	L/L	5-11	160	Chicago State	Joliet, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Alex Wolanski	R/R	5-11	190	Eastern Michigan	Naperville, Ill.
3	JT Sole	R/R	5-8	175	University of Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Micah Coffey	L/R	6-1	190	Minnesota	Batavia, Ill.
4	Anthony Bragg	R/R	6-3	230	Elgin CC	Geneva, Ill.
6	Jack Martin	R/R	6-5	210	Eastern Illinois	Carmel, Ind.
7	Danny Kelly	R/R	5-10	165	Illinois Wesleyan	Chicago, Ill.
15	Matt Sullivan	R/R	5-10	170	Chicago State	Lake in the Hills, Ill.
26	Josh Bergbreiter	R/R	5-9	160	Kankakee CC	Elk Grove Village, Ill.
31	Ryan Hutchinson	R/R	6-3	200	Illinois State	Edwardsville, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Brad Groleau	L/L	6-0	190	McKendree	Peru, Ill.
9	John Thomas	R/R		190	Indianapolis	Dixon, Ill.
10	Justin Kovalsky	R/R		190	Benedictine	Bolingbrook, Ill.
11	Mark Brown	L/L	6-3	210	Akron	Indianapolis, Ind.
12	Troy Payton	R/R	5-9	170	Maryville	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Tom Barry | Assistant Coach - Nick Filetti