



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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FRIDAY'S GAME:

DuPage County Hounds (20-13)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (21-15)

GAME

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July 15 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM
Online: NWIOilmen.com, wjob1230.com



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
6/2	@ 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
6/23	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
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-5
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 (DH)	5 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	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 most important game of the year so far is set for Friday night at Oil City Stadium. The Oilmen welcome DuPage County with a chance to move into first place for the first time since July 7, 2015. The Hounds own a ½ game lead on the Oilmen for the top spot in the MCL. The Oilmen have won six straight games, and have a chance to match the longest winning streak in franchise history (June 7-20, 2014) with a victory on Friday.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen have scored six or more runs in each game during the six-game winning streak. They are 20-3 when scoring six or more runs this season and 1-12 when scoring five or fewer. Stefano Belmonte is the league's leading hitter at .398, while Tyler Sroczynski leads the league in runs scored with 38, 11 runs ahead of Joe Engel, who ranks second. Sroczynski also paces the MCL in home runs with four. Tommy Szczasny is the Oilmen team leader in RBIs with 24 and ranks third in the league behind Tyler Tesmond (26) and Brendan Brundage (25). Szczasny holds a 14-game hitting streak. Belmonte has multiple hits in four of his last five. Chase Dawson is 7-for-11 in his last two games after matching a franchise record with five hits on Saturday. Left-handed pitcher Jordan Petty, the reigning MCL Pitcher of the Week, is coming off a dominant performance against the Bloomington Bobcats in his first start of the year on July 7. He worked eight scoreless innings and allowed just three hits while walking four and striking out 10. He became the third pitcher in franchise history to reach double figure strikeouts in a game. Overall, Petty has a 1-0 record and 2.65 ERA in 17 innings over six games. He's issued seven walks and fanned 16 this season.

Inside the Hounds

The Hounds send 2016 MCL All-Star Chase Lowman to the mound for Friday's pivotal game. Lowman holds a 3.49 ERA in 38 2/3 innings this season while compiling a 5-2 record in nine games, six starts. HE has issued 15 walks and struck out a team-high 35. Lowman's last outing came on July 5 at Joliet, when he allowed three runs on five hits in six innings and got no decision. HE has faced the Oilmen once this season and lasted just 1 1/3 innings on June 17, allowing nine runs (six earned) on five hits and four walks to take the loss. With the Oilmen nipping at their heels, the Hounds secured victories on Saturday against the Admirals and Thursday against the Bobcats to stay atop the league standings.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen won the most recent meeting 7-1 in Lemont on July 8 to draw even in the season series. The two teams have split the first six meetings with three remaining including Friday. The winner of the regular season series will own a potential tiebreaker in the MCL standings. The Hounds lead the all-time series 21-19.

*- 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.....137-83, 121-79 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 89-43
 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

WEDNESDAY: Lakers at Oilmen, ppd.	THURSDAY: Admirals 9, Lakers 0 Hounds 3, Bobcats 2 Oilmen 10, Vikings 5
FRIDAY: Admirals at Bobcats, 5:30 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m. Vikings at Lakers, 7:20 p.m.	SATURDAY: Hounds at Admirals, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Lakers (DH), 1 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	20	13	.606	---	W2
NWI Oilmen	21	15	.583	0.5	W6
Joliet Admirals	17	15	.531	2.5	W1
Bloomington Bobcats	13	15	.464	4.5	L1
Southland Vikings	15	18	.455	5	L4
Lakers	10	20	.333	8.5	L4

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 Northwest	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 DuPage County Hounds

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Christian Bockich	R/R	6-2	190	Lee University	Burr Ridge, Ill.
5	Joe Palasiewicz	R/R	6-4	220	Benedictine University	Somonauk, Ill.
8	Cole Berry	R/R	6-3	185	Eastern Illinois	St. Joseph, Ill.
10	Ben Simpson	R/R	5-11	140	Eastfield CC	Jennings, La.
14	Chase Lowman	R/R	6-2	195	College of DuPage	League City, Texas
15	Thomas Goodyear	R/R	6-2	165	Rockford University	Romeoville, Ill.
16	Austin Lukaschewski	R/R	5-11	175	University of Illinois Springfield	Troy, Mich.
28	Peter Hamot	R/R	6-4	190	Lewis University	Downers Grove, Ill.
32	Bryan Bund	R/L	6-2	180	Eastern Illinois	Lake Forest, Ill.
33	John Dreveny	R/R	6-3	201	Augustana College	Darien, Ill.
37	Tom Concklin	R/R	6-5	205	Washington and Lee	Hindsale, Ill.
45	Tony Iero	L/L	6-3	186	Ohio University	North Canton, Ohio

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Nick Blomgren	R/R	5-11	190	High Point University	Milton, Wis.
7	Billy Hayes	R/R	6-0	180	College of DuPage	Lemont, Ill.
23	Mike Roberson	R/R	6-0	205	Mesa CC	Bartlett, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
6	Chris Macahon	R/R	6-1	185	Mesa CC	Palatine, Ill.
9	Zach Girard	R/R	5-9	170	Wayne State University	Sleepy Hollow, Ill.
11	Joe Engel	R/R	5-11	165	Columbia University	Downers Grove, Ill.
19	Joey Roberson	L/L	6-0	185	Cleveland State CC	Bartlett, Ill.
21	Dustin Krob	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban CC	Justice, Ill.
25	Ryan Krob	R/R	5-11	185	University of Chicago	Justice, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Dane Toppel	R/R	5-9	150	Eastern Illinois	South Elgin, Ill.
3	Tyler Tesmond	R/R	6-0	205	Eastern Illinois	Naperville, Ill.
12	Eric Glitz	R/R	5-9	175	SIU Edwardsville	Warrenville, Ill.
22	Brandon Post	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Manager - Ben Caple | Assistant Coaches - Jordan Rodgers and Rick Panek

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	.383	81	31	2	24	20	.580	.470	6
Chase Dawson	.374	91	34	0	14	25	.495	.477	7
Tyler Sroczyński	.340	97	33	4	19	38	.629	.435	10
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chris Baker	.312	77	24	1	17	19	.416	.455	3
Chase Fieldhouse	.311	73	21	0	11	19	.338	.475	2
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 Krolikowski	.279	61	17	0	7	11	.328	.362	1
Jordan Flint	.273	88	24	0	15	21	.330	.375	5
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Marshawn Taylor	.250	48	12	0	10	7	.292	.302	2
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Alex Nisle	.243	74	18	0	14	14	.297	.394	4
Josh Mutter	.235	34	8	0	6	5	.294	.350	2
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	.200	40	8	0	4	3	.200	.347	0
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.295	1200	354	11	226	259	.393	.403	65

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
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
Sam Geraci	5	0	0	30.1	2.37	5	17	1.06	.227
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
James Whiteman	0	1	2	12.2	2.84	8	17	1.82	.273
Christian Howell	3	1	0	36.2	2.95	21	29	1.33	.201
Luke Jaksich	3	0	0	25.1	3.55	20	24	1.70	.225
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	10.0	3.60	6	5	1.70	.256
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
TEAM STATS	21	15	6	305.0	2.95	165	242	1.49	.239