



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:
Southland Vikings (16-23)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (24-19)

July 23 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: Online Only, NWIOilmen.com
Pregame Coverage: 7 p.m.

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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
6/2	@ 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	W 6-1
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 11-5
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 6-4
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	W 11-2
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	L 4-3
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 6-2
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-3
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

*- denotes exhibition game
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

Only eight games remain in the regular season, and the top three teams in the MCL could still finish in any order. Joliet currently leads the league, but DuPage County is just one game off the pace and the Oilmen are 1 ½ games behind the Admirals. The Admirals visit the Hounds on Saturday afternoon, so the Oilmen are guaranteed to gain one game on the loser if they beat Southland and lose one game on the winner if they fall to the Vikings. The Oilmen are trying to rebound from a 5-3 loss to the Hounds on Friday night.

Inside the Oilmen

Tyler Sroczynski tied the Midwest Collegiate League home run record by launching his sixth and seventh round trippers of the season on Friday. He joins Adam Casson (Lexington 2014), Gary Mayberry (DuPage 2012) and Joey Burney (DeKalb 2012) as the three players who have belted seven home runs in a single MCL season. With one more home run, Sroczynski would stand all alone as the MCL record-holder. There have been four two-homer games in the MCL this season - two by Sroczynski, one by Oilmen catcher Jake Perreira and one by DuPage's Tyler Tesmond. The Oilmen have had three two-homer games this year after having only one (Billy Miller in 2012) in the franchise's first four seasons. Sroczynski alone has more home runs than the entire Southland, Bloomington and Joliet teams combined. As a team, the Oilmen lead the league with 15 home runs. The Oilmen have 62 stolen bases this season, tied with Joliet for second in the MCL, well behind DuPage's 99. Chris Baker worked two more walks on Friday and now has 14 in his last 10 games. His 28 walks lead the league and he's two away from matching the Oilmen single-season record. Oilmen starter Richard Yelnick is 2-2 with a 2.38 ERA in 34 innings this season. He has issued 12 walks and struck out 30. Yelnick allowed five earned runs on nine hits in six innings to take the loss in his most recent outing on Sunday. He has thrown five shutout innings against the Vikings this season over two appearances.

Inside the Vikings

Southland finds itself fighting for its playoff life over the final week of the regular season. After winning the MCL in 2013 and 2014, the Vikings missed the playoffs in 2015 and are looking to get back to the postseason this year. They have lost four straight games and are now 1 ½ games behind Bloomington for the final playoff spot. The Vikings couldn't recover from a slow start on Friday and fell to the Lakers 10-4. An Oilmen win on Saturday would drop the Vikings into a tie for the fifth with the Lakers. It's a big weekend for Southland as they play a pivotal doubleheader at Bloomington on Sunday. Austin Loehman makes his second start after taking the loss despite allowing just two runs in five innings against the Lakers on July 1.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen and Vikings will face off once more on July 30 at Hap Bruno Field. The Oilmen lead the season series 6-5 after a lightning-shortened 6-2 win on Thursday. A win on Saturday would allow the Oilmen to secure the season series against the Vikings. The Oilmen have already won the season series against the Lakers and lost to the Bobcats, but the season sets with Southland, DuPage and Joliet are all still hanging in the balance.

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.....140-87, 124-83 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 92-47
 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

THURSDAY: Bobcats 3, Hounds 3 Admirals at Lakers, ppd. Oilmen 6, Vikings 2	FRIDAY: Admirals at Bobcats, ppd. Lakers 10, Vikings 4 Hounds 5, Oilmen 3
SATURDAY: Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	SUNDAY: Vikings at Bobcats (DH), 1 p.m. Admirals at Oilmen, 4 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
Joliet Admirals	23	15	.605	---	W7
DC Hounds	24	18	.571	1	W1
NWI Oilmen	24	19	.558	1.5	L1
Bloomington Bobcats	16	20	.444	6	W2
Southland Vikings	16	23	.410	7.5	L4
Lakers	15	23	.395	8	W2

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
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.
15	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, 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.

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

2016 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Jaylin Davis	L/L	5-8	160	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
10	Michael Shereryk	L/L	6-1	220	SIU-Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
21	Collin Brauer	R/R	5-11	170	College of DuPage	New Lenox, Ill.
22	Xavier Luna	R/R	6-2	180	Goshen	Logansport, Ind.
26	Parker Coleman	R/R	5-11	180	Roosevelt	Flossmoor, Ill.
27	Mario Samuel	L/L	6-0	195	Wisconsin Parkside	Bolingbrook, Ill.
29	Wade Davis	R/R	6-5	220	St. Joseph College	New Lenox, Ill.
31	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois	Crete, Ill.
31	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Southern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	175	Rend Lake College	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Phil Madvek	R/R	6-4	200	Purdue Calumet	Hobart, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-10	160	Purdue Calumet	Portage, Ind.
19	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	209	Georgia Gwinett	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Jalin McMillan	R/R	6-2	195	University of Illinois	Chicago, Ill.
9	Austin Lorenz	R/R	5-10	180	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.
11	Austin Blazevic	L/R	6-3	185	Kaskaskia	Plainfield, Ill.
12	Mitch VanKoevering	R/R	6-1	170	Kalamazoo College	La Grange Park, Ill.
24	Lucas Karz	R/R	6-2	220	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Raphe Gross	S/L	5-11	172		Simeon, Ill.
2	Tyler Crussen	L/R	5-8	160	Purdue Calumet	Valparaiso, Ind.
15	Amir Wright	L/L	5-11	160	St. Joseph's College	Griffith, Ind.
20	Nick Wheeler	R/R	6-0	205	Grambling State	Mount Carmel, Ill.
23	A.J. Fuller	R/R	6-0	195	John A. Logan College	New Lenox, Ill.

Manager - John Ely | Assistant Coach - Jabari Brown

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

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HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
DJ Budde	1.000	2	2	0	2	0	1.000	1.000	0
Stefano Belmonte	.380	108	41	1	23	25	.454	.459	5
Chase Dawson	.379	95	36	0	15	27	.516	.482	7
Tommy Szczasny	.365	104	38	2	27	23	.538	.448	8
Tyler Sroczyński	.345	116	40	7	25	46	.664	.454	10
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.312	93	29	0	17	21	.366	.468	5
Chris Baker	.312	93	29	1	20	21	.398	.463	3
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Zack Forney	.301	83	25	1	12	25	.410	.454	4
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Jordan Flint	.276	105	29	0	15	23	.324	.379	5
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Cory Krolkowski	.271	70	19	0	8	12	.314	.370	1
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Marshawn Taylor	.246	65	16	0	11	12	.306	.308	4
Josh Mutter	.240	50	12	0	8	8	.280	.345	2
Alex Nisle	.235	85	20	0	15	15	.282	.400	4
Bo Fletcher	.222	63	14	0	4	9	.238	.246	1
Blake Cleveland	.213	47	10	0	4	3	.213	.351	0
Jake Perreira	.205	88	18	2	16	11	.330	.321	5
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.293	1412	414	15	257	297	.392	.405	72

PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	1	2	24.0	0.75	20	22	1.42	.163
Braden Niksich	0	1	2	18.1	0.98	13	14	1.31	.175
Jordan Petty	3	0	1	24.0	2.25	12	24	1.33	.227
Sam Geraci	5	0	0	30.1	2.37	5	17	1.06	.227
Richard Yelnick	2	2	0	34.0	2.38	12	30	1.32	.246
James Whiteman	0	1	2	12.2	2.84	8	17	1.82	.273
Luke Jaksich	4	0	0	34.1	2.88	24	34	1.49	.199
Christian Howell	4	1	0	43.2	2.89	25	34	1.30	.195
Max Siedecki	2	1	0	39.0	3.00	17	24	1.51	.264
Clay Keltner	3	3	0	42.2	3.80	14	32	1.45	.277
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	11.0	4.09	6	5	1.91	.306
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	24	19	7	360.0	3.20	199	289	1.52	.243