



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2014 Game Notes

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TONIGHT'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (23-11) at
Northwest Indiana Oilmen (23-15, 21-14)

July 23 - 7:10 p.m. - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB
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Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

The Oilmen stand at 23-15 overall with five games remaining on the regular season schedule. In order to avoid the lowest win total in team history, the Oilmen will need to win four of their final five games. They won 28 regular season games in 2012 and 27 games in 2013. The Oilmen finished in second place in the regular season standings in both 2012 and 2013. After producing a team batting average of .286 in 2012 and .283 in 2013, the Oilmen are hitting .244 as a team this season. Wednesday's game is the final regular season home game at Oil City Stadium this year.

Inside The Oilmen

With five games remaining in the regular season, it appears that the majority of the single-season Oilmen franchise records will remain intact. John Loeffler's .387 batting average from 2012 will remain the highest in Oilmen history. Andrew Ray needs one home run over the final five games to tie Billy Miller's franchise record of three established in 2012. Craig Dedelow and Jason Gasser are both four doubles away from Bennett Oliver's record of 13. Jason Gasser leads the team with 17 RBIs, well short of the league-record 37 set by Nick Bartolone last season. On the pitching staff, Matt Pobereyko has set the team and league record for saves with 12. He is also in position to shatter the team record for earned run average of 0.84 set by Aveeno Nasiloski last season. Pobereyko has allowed just one earned run all year for an ERA of 0.45. Whichever pitcher leads the Oilmen in strikeouts this season will become the team's single-season strikeout record holder as Danny Pobereyko (46) and Nick Nauracy (44) have already surpassed Michael Steensen's mark of 43 from 2013. Danny Britt's wins record of seven will stand through this season as Danny Pobereyko leads the club in wins with five.

Inside the Vikings

The Vikings, who have not been in first place at all this season, have a chance to take over the top spot in the Midwest Collegiate League with a win over the Oilmen and a DuPage County loss to Joliet on Wednesday. The Vikings are ½ game behind the Hounds. They downed the Admirals 7-1 to pick up their sixth straight win.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen and Vikings have split the first eight meetings of the year right down the middle, meaning the season-series hinges on Wednesday's game. The last time the two teams met, they split a doubleheader at Homewood-Flossmoor High School on July 14. The Vikings hold a 16-14 lead in the all-time series against the Oilmen.

Around the MCL

The Hounds hold a slim ½ game lead over Southland, with the Oilmen and Snipes tied for third place, three games behind DuPage County.

2014 Schedule

05/28	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 2-1
05/30	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-2
05/31	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 8-1
06/01	@ Lexington Snipes	L 17-5
06/03	@ Southland Vikings	W 2-0
06/05	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-3
06/06	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	L 3-1
06/07	@ Michigan City Lakers*	W 5-4
06/12	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 5-4
06/13	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 2-1
06/14	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	W 8-0
06/15	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 6-3
06/17	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	W 5-3
06/20	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 1-0
06/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 2-1
06/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 3-2
06/25	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	L 11-2
06/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 8-2
06/27	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-0
06/28	@ Chicago Zephyrs	W 7-1
06/29	@ Joliet Admirals	W 12-4
07/01	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 14-8
07/03	@ Lexington Snipes	W 9-1
07/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 7-3
07/05	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 13-3
07/08	@ Chicago Zephyrs	W 8-0
07/11	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 4-1
07/13	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 5-3
07/14	@ Southland Vikings	L 2-1
07/14	@ Southland Vikings	W 7-4
07/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 2-1
07/16	@ Chicago Zephyrs	W 6-0
07/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 2-1
07/18	LEXINGTON SNIPES	L 3-2
07/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-2
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	W 11-2
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	W 2-1
07/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 8-4
07/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/24	@ Joliet Admirals	3:00 PM
07/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5:30 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	1:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	3:30 PM
07/29	MCL Playoffs	TBD
07/30	MCL Playoffs	TBD
07/31	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/01	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/02	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/03	MCL Playoffs	TBD

*- denotes nonleague game
CAPS- denotes home game

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owners.....Don Popravak, Kim Payne, Ron Kittle
 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.....Justin Huisman (third season)
 All-Time Team Record.....83-46, 76-43 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....56-23 (52-22 in MCL)
 Road Record.....30-22
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Playoff Record.....6-2
 Playoff Home Record.....3-1
 Playoff Road Record.....3-1
 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 will handle play-by-play duties for every Oilmen game this season. Joey Gelman joins Brandon for all home games, while David Bork provides color commentary when the team is on the road. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

MONDAY: Lexington Snipes 9, Chicago Zephyrs 6	TUESDAY: Southland Vikings 7, Joliet Admirals 1 DuPage County Hounds 8, NWI Oilmen 4
WEDNESDAY: Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen DuPage Hounds @ Joliet Admirals	THURSDAY: NWI Oilmen @ Joliet Admirals (x2) Lexington Snipes @ Southland Vikings (x2)

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
x DuPage Hounds	25	12	0.676	---	W1
x Southland Vikings	23	11	0.676	0.5	W6
x NWI Oilmen	21	14	0.600	3	L1
x Lexington Snipes	22	15	0.595	3	W2
E Chicago Zephyrs	8	26	0.235	15	L2
E Joliet Admirals	8	29	0.216	17	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Kevin Jones	L/R	5-11	180	Northern Illinois	Portage, Ind.
10	Andrew Jackson	L/L	6-5	210	Wabash College	Wheatfield, Ind
21	Nick Nauracy	R/R	6-1	185	Ohio University	Crown Point, Ind
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan	Dyer, Ind.
26	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Butler University	Munster, Ind.
27	Andrew Lowe	R/R	6-2	220	UW-Whitewater	Whiting, Ind.
28	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland Community College	Highland, Ind.
29	Anthony Gomez	R/L	6-0	200	Ball State	Munster, Ind.
30	Aaron Glatt	R/R	6-2	190	University of Dayton	Schererville, Ind.
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso	Munster, Ind.
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan	Munster, Ind.
43	Cameron Linck	R/R	6-2	175	Hill College	Kingwood, Texas

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian College	Park Forest, Ill.
23	Andrew Ray	R/R	6-1	195	Northern Illinois University	Michigan City, Ind.
33	Alec Ornelas	R/R	6-1	197	Central Michigan University	Mokena, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Ryan Burvan	R/R	5-11	165	Purdue University	Dyer, Ind.
3	Kevin DeFilippis	R/R	6-0	170	University of Notre Dame	Homer Glen, Ill.
13	Nick Vogelmeier	R/R	5-11	165	Western Michigan University	Lake Orion, Mich.
14	James Meeker	R/L	6-4	180	Akron University	Wexford, Penn.
15	Anthony Colosimo	L/L	6-0	185	Purdue Calumet	Lake Forest, Ill.
22	Nate Schneider	R/R	6-2	210	Western Michigan University	Portage, Mich.
24	Brodie Meyer	R/R	6-0	180	Butler University	Palos Heights, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Craig Dedelow	L/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Munster, Ind.
7	Larry Crisler	R/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Gary, Ind.
9	Rob Blissitt, Jr.	R/R	6-3	165	University of Cincinnati	Markham, Ill.
17	Jason Gasser	L/R	6-0	195	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.

Manager - Justin Huisman | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright, Mike Coles

2014 Southland Vikings Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Brandon White	R/R	6-3	195	Hill Community College	Chicago, Ill.
12	Kevin Halberg	R/R	6-4	200	Grand Valley State University	Lansing, Ill.
14	Richard Fordon	L/L	6-4	215	Northweset University	Flossmoor, Ill.
18	Mike Poulos	R/R	6-5	220	Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.
21	Anthony Spangler	R/R	5-11	185	Purdue Calumet	Lansing, Ill.
22	Connor Ryan	R/R	6-1	175	Prairie State College	Homer Glen, Ill.
24	Evan Nietfeldt	R/R	6-5	200	Grand Valley State University	Homewood, Ill.
25	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Parkland College	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	190	Western Illinois University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
34	Dan Wetzel	R/R	6-2	160	St. Xavier University	Tinley Park, Ill.
38	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
44	Zac Miller	R/R	6-2	200	Purdue Calumet	White Pigeon, Mich.
45	Tyler House	L/L	6-5	215	University of Missouri	Chicago, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
11	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	210	Western Oklahoma State	Chicago, Ill.
28	Nate Ruzich	R/R	6-2	200	Northern Illinois University	Joliet, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
6	Micah Rooke	R/R	5-10	185	Purdue Calumet	Whiting, Ind.
10	Bobby Sheppard	R/R	5-11	180	University of Buffalo	Orland Park, Ill.
19	Stefano Belmante	R/R	6-0	200	South Suburban / Purdue	Chicago, Ill.
20	Jeff Boehm	L/L	6-1	215	University of Illinois-Chicago	Lansing, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Rob Ciffelli	L/L	5-6	160	John Carroll University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
3	Steve Letz	R/R	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.
5	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	6-0	185	Kaskaskia College	St. John, Ind.
15	Brandon Mallder	L/L	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Bridgeview, Ill.
22	Chris Sujka	R/R	5-10	190	Indiana University	Oak Forest, Ill.
27	Dan Potempa	R/R	5-11	230	University of Iowa	Tinley Park, Ill.

Manager - Chris Cunningham | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

Batting												
Player	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SB
McNamara	1.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gasser	.333	30	105	19	35	9	3	0	17	22	1	5
Dedelow	.315	23	92	21	29	9	2	1	16	8	3	6
Schneider	.292	32	106	12	31	7	0	0	15	15	4	7
Burvan	.273	29	110	14	30	3	0	0	7	17	2	5
Meeker	.237	29	114	10	27	4	0	1	14	13	0	1
Jones	.227	26	88	9	20	2	1	1	12	16	2	2
Ornelas	.226	25	84	6	19	4	0	0	9	7	4	1
Blissitt	.226	27	93	10	21	2	0	0	7	8	1	3
Ray	.221	24	68	7	15	1	0	2	8	12	2	0
DeFilippis	.209	29	110	21	23	6	0	0	10	10	4	8
Colosimo	.194	21	67	7	13	0	0	0	6	14	3	1
Vogelmeier	.192	32	104	17	20	3	0	0	4	19	1	5
Meyer	.167	9	24	4	4	0	0	0	0	5	1	2
Crisler	.143	13	49	8	7	2	0	0	2	6	3	4

Pitching									
Pitchers	IP	R	ER	BB	K	W	L	SV	ERA
Jones, K	4	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0.00
Pobereyko, M	20	1	1	5	36	1	0	12	0.45
Jerge	26.2	6	5	7	15	1	0	0	1.68
Linck	47	13	11	18	41	4	2	0	2.11
Mahler	43	14	11	7	40	4	4	0	2.30
Jackson	14	8	4	11	13	1	0	0	2.57
Pobereyko, D.	40.1	14	13	4	46	5	2	0	2.90
Lowe	17	7	6	7	24	0	0	0	3.17
McNamara	38	18	15	6	32	3	2	0	3.55
Gomez	21.2	15	10	23	15	1	1	1	4.15
Burvan	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.50
Nauracy	39.1	32	22	13	44	3	3	0	5.03
Glatt	13	12	9	12	8	0	0	0	6.23