

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2015 Game Notes

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SUNDAY'S GAME: NWI Oilmen (22-16) at Michigan City Lakers (11-23)

GAME

July 25 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Michigan City, Ind. Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com



For Starters

Tvler Sroczynski enjoyed a career day, totaling six hits and seven RBIs as the Oilmen routed Southland 10-0 and 13-1 in a doubleheader on Saturday. The Oilmen outfielder drilled a three-run homer in the fifth inning of the second game, his third home run of the season. He has matched Jordan Lewis for the team lead with three home runs. The two also share the Oilmen franchise record with Billy Miller, who cracked three home runs in 2012. Sroczynski now has 24 RBIs on the season. Sroczynski also stole two more bases to increase his team-high total to 14. A day after seeing his 15 game on-base streak come to an end, Josh Turnock ripped his first home run of the season.

Inside The Oilmen

Stefano Belmonte and Sroczynski are both two doubles away from matching Bennett Oliver's team record of 13 set in 2012. The Oilmen are hitting .289 as a team, up from their .243 average from a year ago. The Oilmen are in position to have the best team batting average in franchise history, as the previous best was .286 in 2012. The Oilmen have 14 home runs this season, surpassing the team's record of 10 home runs during the 2012 season. NWI's team ERA is 3.53, which would be its highest since 2012 (4.35).

Inside the Lakers

The Lakers have dropped six consecutive games and have not recorded a victory since July 11. They are 0-5 since the All-Star Break. In its most recent game, Michigan City fell to DuPage County 17-9 on Friday. The Hounds scored five runs in the first, four in the third and five in the fourth. Christian Bokich allowed 15 runs (10 earned) in three innings to take the loss. The Lakers have a 6.70 team ERA. Joe Kennedy remains the top hitter in the MCL at .421 to go along with a .488 on-base percentage.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen have already lost the season series to the Lakers by dropping five of the first seven meetings. Michigan City is 5-2 against the Oilmen and 6-19 against the rest of the Midwest Collegiate League. The last time the two teams met was July 10 in Michigan City, when the Lakers used a Jerry Hodges go-ahead homer to capture a 5-4 victory. The Oilmen are 0-3 at Marquette Athletic Complex this season. The Oilmen lead the all-time series with the Lakers 9-8. The two teams meet again on Thursday night at Oil City Stadium.

Around the MCL

The Oilmen, Hounds and Snipes will all finish in the top three in the Midwest Collegiate League regular season standings. Entering Sunday the three team could finish in any order, but the Hounds can clinch the 2015 Midwest Collegiate League regular season title with a win over Lexington on Sunday at High Desert Field. The Admirals can clinch a playoff berth with a win over Southland and an Oilmen win over Michigan City on Sunday.

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 12-3 |
| 6/28 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 10-0 W 13-0 |
| 6/30 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | L 6-5 |
| 7/1 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | W 11-2 |
| 7/1 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | W 11-2 W 4-3 |
| 7/2 | | L 7-3 |
| 7/3 7/4 | @ Lexington Snipes MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS | L 7-3 L 7-5 |
| 7/4 7/5 | JOLIET ADMIRALS | L /-5 W 6-1 |
| | | W 0-1 |
| 7/7 | MCL ALL-STAR GAME | L 7-5 |
| 7/9 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | |
| 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 | W 8-4 |
| 7/17 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 4-3 |
| 7/17 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 1-0 |
| 7/19 | DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS | L 5-1 |
| 7/21 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | W 8-1 |
| 7/22 | LEXINGTON SNIPES | L 4-1 |
| 7/23 | @ DuPage County Hounds | L 5-4 |
| 7/24 | Joliet Admirals | L 10-0 |
| 7/25 | @ Southland Vikings (DH) | W 10-0 |
| 7/25 | @ Southland Vikings (DH) | W 13-1 |
| 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 | S |

*- denotes exhibition game CAPS- denotes home game

| NWI Oilmen Fast Facts |
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| Founded/First Season2012 |
| LocationWhiting, Ind. |
| OwnerDon Popravak (2012-present) |
| Address1500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394 |
| Phone219-659-1000 |
| Websitenwioilmen.com |
| ColorsBlack and Gold |
| Home Field (Capacity)Oil City Stadium (1,300) |
| Stadium Address1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394 |
| Manager Adam Enright |
| All-Time Team Record112-65, 96-62 in MCL Games |
| Home Record 71-32 |
| Road Record41-33 |
| Playoff Appearances2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 |
| Playoff Record6-4 |
| Playoff Home Record3-2 |
| Playoff Road Record3-2 |
| MCL Championship Appearances2012, 2013 |
| Midwest Collegiate League Titles2012 |

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

| FRIDAY: | SATURDAY: |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Hounds 17, Lakers 9 | Admirals 7, Hounds 2 |
| Admirals 10, Oilmen 0 (seven innings) | Oilmen 10, Vikings 0 Oilmen 13, Vikings 1 |
| | |
| SUNDAY: | MONDAY: |
| Hounds at Snipes, 1 p.m. | Snipes at Admirals doubleheader, 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. |
| Admirals at Vikings, 1 p.m. | |
| Oilmen at Lakers, 1 p.m. | |

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM | W | L | % | GB | STR |
|--------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|
| X DC Hounds | 28 | 12 | .700 | | L1 |
| X Lexington Snipes | 23 | 14 | .621 | 3.5 | W1 |
| X NWI Oilmen | 22 | 16 | .579 | 5 | W2 |
| Joliet Admirals | 15 | 20 | .429 | 10.5 | W4 |
| MC Lakers | 11 | 23 | .324 | 14 | L6 |
| Southland Vikings | 11 | 25 | .306 | 15 | L4 |

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2015 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

| # | NAME | В/Т | 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 | 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 | В/Т | 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. |
| 30 | Joe Bryant | R/R | | | South Suburban | Munster, Ind. |

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 | Brian Seymour | R/R | 5-8 | 151 | South Suburban College | Lansing, Ill. |
| 16 | Sam Geraci | R/R | 5-10 | 180 | Parkland | Steger, Ill. |
| 17 | Stefano Belmonte | R/R | 6-2 | 197 | South Suburban | Munster, Ind. |
| 29 | Kyle VanKalker | R/R | 6-1 | | Trinity Christian | Dyer, Ind. |
| 36 | Brad Wood | R/R | 5-8 | 165 | Northern Illinois | Orland Park, Ill. |