



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:

DuPage County Hounds (29-13)

at NWI Oilmen (23-17)

GAME

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July 29 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com



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	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	L 6-2
7/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-4
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 DuPage County Hounds can clinch the Midwest Collegiate League regular season title with a win on Wednesday. It would mark the Hounds' second regular season championship in the team's four-year history. Their first regular season title was clinched against NWI on July 28, 2013, when the Hounds beat Jim Hinkleman and the Oilmen 6-2 on the final night of the regular season in Lisle. The Oilmen looked on as the Hounds dog-piled in celebration of their first regular season championship. If the Oilmen finish the week 4-0, they clinch home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. With the next Oilmen loss, the Snipes clinch home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen rounded out the season series with Southland in dominating fashion, besting the Vikings 10-4 on Tuesday to finish 8-1 in head-to-head meetings. Christian Howell gets the start for NWI on Wednesday. He may be on a limited pitch count as manager Adam Enright continues to set up his staff for the postseason. Howell heaved a complete game on July 22 against Lexington, taking his first loss while allowing four runs (three earned) on seven hits. Howell has not faced the Hounds yet this season.

Inside the Hounds

DuPage County ace Tom Concklin gets the ball to try to nail down the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. He holds a 3-0 record and 2.51 ERA. Concklin has already faced the Oilmen three times this season, allowing two earned runs in 17 innings (1.06 ERA). He tossed six frames and picked up the win on July 1, allowing one run (unearned) on four hits. After a stellar start to the season, Concklin has looked fallible of late, allowing four runs in six innings against Lexington on July 18 and six runs (four earned) in six innings against Michigan City on July 24.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen are 4-4 against the Hounds this season, with the season series hinging on Wednesday's game. If the Oilmen prevail, they will take the season set from the rival Hounds for the first time since 2012. The Oilmen have dropped three straight meetings with the Hounds after taking four of the first five. The Hounds picked up a wacky 5-4 victory over the Oilmen on July 23, a game the Oilmen led 1-0 as late as the seventh inning.

Around the MCL

With DuPage County's 7-5 win over Joliet on Tuesday, the Michigan City Lakers find themselves in control of their own playoff destiny. If the Lakers win on Wednesday night at Southland and Thursday night at Oil City Stadium, that would set up a winner-take-all game on Friday at 5 p.m. at the Marquette Athletic Complex between the Lakers and Admirals. If the Lakers lose any of their three remaining games, Joliet will take the No. 4 playoff spot.

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.....113-66, 97-63 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 72-32
 Road Record.....41-34
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 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: Snipes 10, Admirals 7 Snipes 1, Admirals 1	TUESDAY: Hounds 7, Admirals 5 Oilmen 10, Vikings 4
WEDNESDAY: Lakers at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	THURSDAY: Vikings at Hounds, 5 p.m. Lakers at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
XY DC Hounds	29	13	.690	---	W1
X Lexington Snipes	25	14	.641	2.5	T1
X NWI Oilmen	23	17	.575	5	W1
Joliet Admirals	15	23	.395	12	L1
MC Lakers	12	23	.343	13.5	W1
Southland Vikings	12	26	.316	15	W1

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

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	Highland, Ind.
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 Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Wabash Valley / Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
22	Donovan Chandler	R/L	5-8	155	Parkland College	Schererville, Ind.
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.
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.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

2015 DuPage County Hounds

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Danny Riley	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois-Chicago	Naperville, Ill.
5	Joe Palasiewicz	R/R	6-4	220	Benedictine	Somonauk, Ill.
6	Nick Masa	R/R	5-8	180	Illinois-Chicago	Homer Glen, Ill.
8	Kyle Sabie	L/L	6-1	230	Saint Xavier	Huntley, Ill.
9	Preston Miracle	R/R	6-1	210	St. Ambrose	Morris, Ill.
11	Brett Kirk	R/R	5-11	195	Loras College	Naperville, Ill.
15	Nick McKinney	R/R	6-2	170	Joliet Junior College	Naperville, Ill.
16	Ryan Taylor	R/R	6-0	200	Heartland	Downers Grove, Ill.
23	Mike Kornacker	R/R	6-3	210	Purdue	Lemont, Ill.
28	Nick Costantino	R/R	6-2	175	Drury	Algonquin, Ill.
32	Ethan Gasbarro	R/R	6-0	165	Valparaiso	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
33	Peter Hamot	R/R	6-4	190	Lewis	Downers Grove, Ill.
35	Nick Alfini	L/L	6-1	195	St. Ambrose	Downers Grove, Ill.
37	Tom Concklin	R/R	6-5	205	Washington and Lee University	Hinsdale, Ill.
45	Pat Cashman	R/R	6-0	187	Southeastern Louisiana	Planfield, Ill.
50	Trent Carrier	R/R	6-3	190	Holy Names	Anaheim, Calif.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Billy Hayes	R/R	6-0	180	Lake County	Lemont, Ill.
16	Ryan Taylor	R/R	6-0	200	Heartland	Downers Grove, Ill.
25	Hunter Morris	L/R	5-10	195	Eastern Illinois	Paris, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Richie Gorski	R/R	6-2	200	Missouri Southern	Streamwood, Ill.
4	Ryan Fitzgerald	L/R	6-0	180	Creighton University	Bur Ridge, Ill.
10	Matt Wollnik	R/R	5-10	170	Webster University	Naperville, Ill.
18	Bobby Wenthe	L/L	6-1	220	Eastern Illinois	Teutopolis, Ill.
21	Dustin Krob	R/R	5-11	170	Campbell University	Justice, Ill.
24	Gio Schmidt	R/R	5-10	180	Robert Morris	Lemont, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
12	Joe Duncan	R/R	6-2	185	Eastern Illinois	Highland, Ind.
14	Shane Carrier	R/R	6-1	215	Fullerton Junior College	Anaheim Hills, Calif.
19	Emerson Misch	R/L	6-0	195	Valparaiso	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
22	Zac Taylor	R/R	6-1	185	Houston	Downers Grove, Ill.

Manager - Sean Osborne | Assistant Coaches - Ben Caple, Rick Panek