



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:

Michigan City Lakers (7-15)
at NWI Oilmen (14-7)

July 4 - 1:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

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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	1 p.m.
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7 p.m.
7/8	@ Fort Wayne Jackers*	6:30 p.m.
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	5 p.m.
7/12	@ Lexington Snipes	1 p.m.
7/13	LEXINGTON SNIPES	6 p.m.
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7 p.m.
7/16	@ Southland Vikings	7 p.m.
7/17	@ Southland Vikings	7 p.m.
7/18	@ Michigan City Lakers	7 p.m.
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	4 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
7/23	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	1 p.m.
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	3:30 p.m.
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
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

The Oilmen suffered their most lopsided defeat of the year on Saturday, falling 7-3 at Lexington. They surrendered five runs in the opening inning as the Snipes cruised to victory. It was the largest margin of defeat for the Oilmen since July 23 of last year, a 7-1 loss to the Vikings. This marks the quickest turnaround of the season, as the Oilmen have an afternoon game at home after playing an evening game in Lexington on Friday. Saturday's game also features the earliest start time for a home game in Oilmen history. The Oilmen are 9-2 at home this year.

Inside The Oilmen

Oilmen catcher Zack Jones is celebrating his 21st birthday on Saturday. A year ago on July 4, the Oilmen fell to the Vikings 7-3. Tyler House pitched seven shutout innings to outduel Cameron Linck. The Oilmen are 0-2 all-time on Independence Day, as they also lost 4-2 to DuPage County in 2012 at Oil City Stadium. The Oilmen are seeking their first-ever Midwest Collegiate League regular season title this year. Southland (2014), DuPage County (2013), DeKalb County (2012) and Rockford (2011) all own MCL regular season titles.

Inside the Lakers

The Lakers are first year members of the Midwest Collegiate League, but they're far from a first-year baseball team. They have a tradition that dates back to 1973 as the Michigan City Stars. Manager Tim Jahnz is in his sixth season in charge after previously serving as a player and coach for the franchise. Pitching coach Carl Swenson played three years of affiliated minor league ball from 1958-1960 in the Giants organization. He pitched for the Class D Michigan City Whitecaps of the Midwest League in 1959. Michigan City is coming off a 12-7 extra-inning loss to Joliet. The two teams were tied 6-6 after nine.

About the Matchup

The Lakers remain the only team in the Midwest Collegiate League with a winning record against the Oilmen this season. They have won three of the first five matchups between the two clubs. This marks the third time this week the Lakers have visited Oil City Stadium. After Saturday, they will not return to Whiting until July 30.

Around the MCL

Sole possession of first place in the MCL lasted less than 24 hours for the Oilmen. DuPage County's 11-3 win over Southland coupled with NWI's loss to Lexington on Friday leaves the two teams back in a tie atop the MCL standings. The Hounds jumped on Southland starter Colton Lopez for eight runs in the first inning. DuPage County is off on Saturday.

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.....104-56, 90-53 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....65-28
 Road Record.....39-27
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014
 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

THURSDAY: Admirals 6, Vikings 6 (suspended, end 11) Oilmen 4, Hounds 3	FRIDAY: Hounds 11, Vikings 3 Snipes 7, Oilmen 3 Admirals 12, Lakers 7 (10 innings)
SATURDAY: Lakers at Oilmen, 1 p.m. Admirals at Snipes, 1 p.m.	SUNDAY: Hounds at Lakers, 1 p.m. Vikings at Snipes, 1 p.m. Admirals at Oilmen, 4 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
NWI Oilmen	14	7	.666	---	L1
DC Hounds	14	7	.666	---	W1
Lexington Snipes	12	10	.545	2.5	W1
Joliet Admirals	7	9	.438	4.5	W2
Southland Vikings	6	12	.333	6.5	L2
Michigan City Lakers	7	15	.318	7.5	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2015 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Brandon Barnes	R/R	6-1	185	Paradise Valley CC	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 / Cumberland	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.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
45 / 25	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, Ind.

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 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.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Brian Seymour	R/R	5-8	151	South Suburban College	Lansing, Ill.
15	Jeremy Wright	R/R	6-0	184	South Suburban / UW Milwaukee	Munster, Ind.
16	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland	Steger, Ill.
17	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	197	South Suburban	Munster, Ind.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Pobereyko, Aaron Furman

2015 Michigan City Lakers

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
10	Casey Young	R/R				
11	Jake Povlock	R/R				Michigan City, Ind.
^{13/32}	Tom Fitzgerald	R/R				Australia
14	Will Rudolphi	R/R				
15	Bobby Humphreys	R/R	6-2	188	Indiana	Chesterton, Ind.
16	Collin Arnold	L/L	6-1	165	Purdue	Lafayette, Ind.
17	Kyle Marburger	R/R			William Woods University	
18	Aery Pratt	R/L				Chesterton, Ind.
20	Christian Bokich	R/R			Miami of Ohio	
26	Adam Dressler	R/R			Purdue	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
32	Jim Catanzarite	R/R				Mishawaka, Ind.
	John Cristo	L/R			Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
12	Spencer Sutton	R/R	5-9	175	Trine	Chesterton, Ind.
16	Jay Resendez				Purdue North Central	Rensselaer, Ind.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	RJ Zambrano	R/R			Purdue North Central	Merrillville, Ind.
3	Andy Kovarik	R/R	6-3	220	Elgin CC	Crystal Lake, Ill.
4	Chase Clarkson	R/R	5-10	185	Wabash College (commit)	Michigan City, Ind.
5	Jerry Hodges	R/R				Michigan City, Ind.
6	Chris Delgadillo	R/R	5-8	165	IPFW	Schererville, Ind.
7	Anthony Olund				Purdue North Central	Schererville, Ind.
^{7/14}	Tom Bell	R/R				Australia
8	Scott Capers	R/R			Valparasio (commit)	
25	Max Kerr	R/R	6-2	265	Purdue North Central	Chesterton, Ind.
50	KJ Zelenika	R/R				

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Colin Willis	L/R	6-1	190	Purdue North Central	Sheboygan, Wis.
9	Greg Fadell	L/L				Valparaiso, Ind.
21	Devin Bafia	L/L			Prairie State	
23	Judah Zickafoose	R/R			Arizona Western College	Westview, Ind.
24	Zeke White	R/R	5-8	165	IPFW	South Bend, Ind.
27	Joe Kennedy	L/L	6-0	170	Eastern Michigan	St. John, Ind.
59	Josh Henderson					
30	Alex VanDam					

Manager - Tim Jahnz | Assistant Coaches - Mike Einstein, Carl Swenson