

# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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TUESDAY'S GAME: Northwest Indiana Oilmen (0-0) at Joliet Admirals (0-0) GAME 1

Aug. 2 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Joliet, Ill. Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM (6 p.m) Internet: NWIOilmen.com (4:40 p.m.)



#### For Starters

The postseason begins on Tuesday as the Oilmen visit Joliet for Game 1 of a best-of-three first-round series. From 2012-2014, all nine MCL playoff series were two-game sweeps. Last season was different as all three sets were extended to a decisive third game. In MCL history, there have been 16 playoff series and the team that has won Game 1 has gone on to win the series in 15 of those. The only team in league history to win the first game and go on to lose the series was the Admirals in last season's first-round set with the Hounds. The Admirals are seeking their first appearance in the league finals since moving to Joliet. The franchise last played in the MCL Finals in 2011, then known as the Rockford Foresters. The Oilmen are attempting to win a postseason series for the first time since the first round in 2013, when they bounced the Snipes to advance to the finals against Southland. This marks the first time the two teams have met in a postseason game. The Oilmen won this year's regular season series 6-5 and went 2-3 at Wayne L. King Junior Field. The Oilmen are 27-10 all-time against Rockford/Joliet franchise.

### Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen finished the regular season in third place for the second time in franchise history. The last time they did not have home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs was 2014 against DuPage County, when they dropped both games. The Oilmen finished in second place in the regular season in 2012, 2013 and 2015. Howell logged a team-most 50 2/3 innings during the regular season and went 5-1 with a 2.66 ERA. He led the team with 36 strikeouts but did issue 25 walks. Starter Christian Howell faced the Admirals just once, on May 29 when he pitched a seven-inning complete game and allowed five runs (one earned) on four hits and four walks to get the win, the first Oilmen victory of the season. Howell pitched out of the Oilmen bullpen in all three postseason games a year ago, logging a 2.57 ERA in seven innings. The Oilmen are led offensively by Tyler Sroczynski and Stefano Belmonte, who are most likely playing in their final week with the Oilmen as they enter their senior seasons. Sroczynski tied the league record with seven home runs this season, matched the Oilmen stolen base record with 22 and shattered the Oilmen runs scored record with 53. Sroczynski had the exact same number of hits (48) and doubles (12) as he had last season. Belmonte broke the Oilmen single-season batting average record and won the MCL batting crown by hitting .402.

### Inside the Admirals

The Oilmen will face Joliet starting pitcher Seth Rosenberg in Tuesday's playoff opener. Rosenberg is 3-3 with a 3.07 ERA in 44 innings over eight games, seven starts. Rosenberg ranks second on the team with 38 strikeouts and has issued just 14 bases on balls. He faced the Oilmen just once during the regular season, his most recent start on July 24. Rosenberg allowed six runs (three earned) on 11 hits and two walks in 5 2/3 innings. It was the most runs and hits he yielded in any start this season. The Oilmen saw first-hand on Sunday that it's better to do damage in the first seven innings against the Admirals. Setup man Tyler Swiggart (2.48 ERA) and closer Jordan Miller (7-for-8 in save chances, 2.16 ERA) form the best backend combo in the MCL. Miller, a two-way player, reached base safely in all 42 games he played during the regular season. The Admirals are led offensively by Cody Grosse, who hit .394.

### 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)	
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	
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)	
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 6-2
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-3
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-3
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	L 8-4
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 16-9
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 3-2.
7/31	@ Joliet Admirals	L 12-10
8/2	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
8/3	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:20 p.m.
8/4	@Joliet Admirals (if nec.)	5 p.m.
	*- denotes exhibition game	
	CAPS- denotes home games	

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts
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 (1,500)
Stadium Address1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
Manager Adam Enright
All-Time Team Record142-90, 126-86 in MCL Games
Home Record 94-47
Road Record49-42
Playoff Appearances2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Playoff Record7-6
Playoff Home Record3-4
Playoff Road Record4-2
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, 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

SUNDAY:	TUESDAY (MCL Playoffs):
Admirals 12, Oilmen 10	Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m. (Game 1)
	Oilmen at Admirals, 5 p.m. (Game 1)
WEDNESDAY (MCL Playoffs):	THURSDAY (MCL Playoffs):
Hounds at Bobcats, 6:15 p.m. (Game 2)	Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m. (Game 3 if nec.)
Admirals at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m. (Game 2)	Oilmen at Admirals, 5 p.m. (Game 3 if nec.)

# Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
y DC Hounds	29	19	.604		L1
y Joliet Admirals	27	20	.574	1.5	W2
x NWI Oilmen	26	22	.542	3	L2
x Bloomington Bobcats	19	22	.463	6.5	W2
e Southland Vikings	18	26	.409	9	L1
e Lakers	17	27	.386	10	L1

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 Krolikowski	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 Sroczynski	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 Szczasny	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.

# 2016 Admirals

#	NAME	Position	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Brendon Krob	C/OF	R/R	5-10	180	Evansville	Joliet, Ill.
2	Matt Flummerfelt	RHP/SS	R/R	5-11	160	Northern Illinois	Ames, Iowa
3	Cody Grosse	INF	R/L	5-7	140	Chicago State	Joliet, Ill.
4	Owen Pulver	RHP	R/R	6-7	190	Millikin	Dwight, Ill.
5	Joe Davi	RHP	R/R	6-0	165	Millikin	New Lenox, Ill.
6	Andrew Stone	INF	L/R	6-0	160	Western Michigan	Portage, Mich.
7	Adam Zuk	RHP	R/R	6-0	175	Millikin	Plainfield, Ill.
8	Jackson Fischer	RHP	R/R	6-2	160	Carthage	Westmont, Ill.
9	Kyle Khoury	C/OF	R/R	6-0	180	Morehead State	St. Charles, Ill.
10	Kenny King	C/OF	R/R	6-3	210	Southern Illinios	Orland Park, Ill.
11	Jackson Dvorak	1B/OF	R/R	6-2	209	South Suburban	New Lenox, Ill.
12	Brenden Brundage	OF/RHP	R/R	6-1	165	USC Upstate	Coconut Creek, Fla.
13	Tom Cheshareck	RHP	L/R	6-2	190	Illinois State	Morris, Ill.
14	Satchel Daleo	OF/INF	R/R	6-2	185	Wooster	Davis Junction, Ill.
15	Tom Jeffries	RHP	R/R	6-5	220	Joliet JC / St. Francis	Mokena, Ill.
16	Rob Talarico	LHP	L/L	6-0	165	Lewis University	Joliet, Ill.
17	Ryan Schefske	INF	R/R	5-11	155	Lewis University	Lombard, Ill.
18	Dakota Farthing	LHP	L/L	5-11	160	Rend Lake College	McLeansboro, Ill.
19	Brandon Popp	LHP	L/L	5-11	170	Oakton CC	Roselle, Ill.
20	Matt Butler	RHP	R/R	6-0	180	St. Cloud St.	Naperville, Ill.
21	Jimmy Roche	INF	R/R	5-10	175	Western Michigan	Orland Park, Ill.
22	Tyler Swiggart	RHP	R/R	6-5	195	George Washington	Wall, N.J.
23	Jordan Miller	C/OF/1B	R/R	6-1	205	USC Upstate	Winter Springs, Fla.
24	Seth Rosenberg	RHP	L/R	6-1	200	Northern Kentucky	Niles, Ill.
25	Jack Howard	LHP	L/L	6-1	220	Carthage	Joliet, Ill.

Manager - Tom Barry

### 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Final Regular Season Stats

#### 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	.402	117	47	1	27	29	.504	.479	9
Chase Dawson	.369	111	41	0	20	30	.505	.470	7
Tyler Sroczynski	.356	135	48	7	32	53	.644	.457	12
Tommy Szczasny	.341	123	42	2	31	26	.504	.425	8
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chris Baker	.324	105	34	1	23	24	.419	.47	3
Zack Forney	.322	90	29	1	13	26	.422	.470	4
Chase Fieldhouse	.309	97	30	0	18	21	.361	.462	5
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Cory Krolikowski	.289	76	22	0	12	13	.368	.386	4
Jordan Flint	.281	121	34	0	16	26	.339	.380	5
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Marshawn Taylor	.260	77	20	0	11	14	.325	.326	5
Alex Nisle	.250	96	24	0	16	18	.292	.407	4
Josh Mutter	.250	56	14	0	9	8	.286	.364	2
Bo Fletcher	.217	69	15	0	4	12	.232	.270	1
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Jake Perreira	.200	100	20	2	18	15	.330	.317	7
Blake Cleveland	.192	52	10	0	4	3	.192	.344	0
Sam Geraci	.167	6	1	0	2	1	.167	.286	0
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Kyle Van Kalker	.000	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.333	0
Richard Yelnick	.000	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.296	1581	468	15	292	335	.397	.408	84

#### **PITCHING STATS**

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	ВВ	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	1	2	24.0	0.75	20	22	1.42	.163
Braden Niksich	0	1	2	19.1	0.93	14	14	1.35	.185
Jordan Petty	4	0	1	30.0	1.80	12	27	1.37	.250
Richard Yelnick	2	3	1	44.0	2.05	15	34	1.26	.235
James Whiteman	0	1	2	13.2	2.63	9	17	1.83	.271
Christian Howell	5	1	0	50.2	2.66	25	36	1.30	.210
Sam Geraci	5	0	0	33.1	2.97	6	20	1.08	.229
Max Siedecki	2	2	0	47.0	3.64	19	27	1.45	.261
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	11.0	4.09	6	5	1.91	.306
Clay Keltner	3	3	0	44.2	4.63	16	34	1.52	.291
Luke Jaksich	4	1	0	36.1	5.20	29	35	1.73	.234
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	26	22	7	400.0	3.47	214	307	1.53	.252

#### 2016 JOLIET ADMIRALS FINAL REGULAR SEASON STATS

#### **HITTING STATS**

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Kenny King	.397	63	25	0	10	15	.524	.485	6
Cody Grosse	.394	132	52	0	22	43	.492	.487	5
Jermaine Terry	.357	14	5	0	2	5	.429	.450	1
Andrew Stone	.344	90	31	0	12	19	.367	.474	2
Brendan Brundage	.335	161	54	0	33	35	.391	.400	7
Jordan Miller	.327	156	51	0	31	33	.436	.416	13
Brendan Krob	.318	132	42	2	33	22	.485	.419	12
Ryan Schefske	.292	113	33	0	16	26	.319	.448	1
Jackson Dvorak	.284	81	23	0	9	11	.346	.396	5
Jimmy Roche	.219	32	7	0	3	7	.313	.286	0
Kyle Khoury	.219	114	25	1	14	18	.289	.336	1
Jack Howard	.190	21	4	0	4	2	.190	.308	0
Satchel Daleo	.184	125	23	0	13	17	.200	.250	2
Matt Flummerfelt	.186	106	19	0	9	15	.208	.264	3
Rob Talarico	.158	19	3	0	3	2	.158	.273	0
TEAM STATS	.290	1400	406	3	221	312	.361	.394	62

#### **PITCHING STATS**

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Griffin McGuire	0	0	0	6.0	1.50	1	6	1.83	.323
Jordan Miller	0	1	7	16.2	2.16	7	15	1.20	.210
Tyler Swiggart	3	3	1	29.0	2.48	5	28	0.90	.231
Seth Rosenberg	3	3	0	44.0	3.48	14	38	1.36	.236
Rob Talarico	5	1	0	37.0	3.89	26	41	1.70	.270
Brandon Popp	2	4	0	40.1	4.46	18	7	1.79	.297
Adam Zuk	2	1	0	18.0	4.50	8	17	1.44	.250
Jackson Fischer	1	2	0	23.0	4.70	18	15	1.61	.209
Tom Jeffries	3	2	0	45.2	4.73	25	25	1.80	.303
Matt Butler	0	1	0	10.2	6.75	9	8	2.16	.333
Jack Howard	2	1	0	18.2	8.10	16	12	2.14	.353
Joe Davi	1	0	1	17.0	9.00	8	13	2.18	.345
Dakota Farthing	0	0	0	12.2	9.95	21	12	2.92	.340
Rich Bryza	0	0	0	6.0	10.50	4	4	2.50	.407
Nick Newman	1	0	0	13.0	11.77	9	9	2.15	.339
Tom Cheshareck	0	1	0	10.1	13.96	28	10	3.68	.270
TEAM STATS	23	20	8	351.0	5.20	218	262	1.76	.286