



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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MONDAY'S GAME:  
Lexington Snipes (1-1)  
at NWI Oilmen (1-1)

August 3 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB  
Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

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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     | 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     | W 5-1     |
| 7/30 | MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS     | W 9-2     |
| 7/31 | LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)    | W 12-2    |
| 7/31 | LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)    | W 13-2    |
| 8/1  | LEXINGTON SNIPES         | L 11-4    |
| 8/2  | @ Lexington Snipes       | W 5-4     |
| 8/3  | LEXINGTON SNIPES         | 7:10 p.m. |
| TBD  | MCL Championship Game 1  | TBD       |
| TBD  | MCL Championship Game 2  | TBD       |
| TBD  | MCL Championship Game 3  | TBD       |

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home game

### For Starters

There have been 185 games in the four-year history of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen, but none have had stakes quite as high as the one that will take place on Monday night at Oil City Stadium. For the first time in team history, the Oilmen will partake in a decisive Game 3 in a best-of-three playoff series. The Snipes clubbed the Oilmen 11-4 on Saturday in Whiting, but the Oilmen responded to erase a two-run, seventh-inning deficit and edge the Snipes 5-4 on Sunday. The Snipes stranded the tying run at second in the ninth.

### Inside The Oilmen

After batting a smidge under .400 in the regular season, Tyler Sroczynski hasn't missed a beat since the calendar flipped to August. He is 4-for-8 and has a .600 on-base percentage in this series. Josh Turnock (3-for-6), Sam Geraci (3-for-7) and Fred Smart (3-for-8, 3 RBIs) are also off to strong starts to the postseason. Since Christian Howell was used out of the bullpen on Saturday and Sunday, the Oilmen will depend on Hobart graduate and South Carolina right-hander Brandon Murray to start Monday's Game 3. Murray has made four starts since joining the Oilmen midseason and holds a 6.70 ERA. He has issued 16 walks and hit five batters in only 15 2/3 innings. In his most recent start, Murray (1-2) allowed six runs (five earned) on two hits, eight walks and two hit batters in 2 2/3 innings at Michigan City on July 26. Murray has not faced the Snipes yet this season.

### Inside the Snipes

Parkland left-hander Ross Learnard gets the ball for Monday's game. He faced the Oilmen once this season, yielding one run on five hits in six innings on July 12 to pick up the win. Learnard went 4-2 with a 3.75 ERA in 36 innings during the regular season, issuing 12 walks and striking out 28. Neil Tyrell (4-for-10), Cully Day (3-for-8) and Jared McCunn (3-for-8) have been Lexington's most productive players in the series. The Snipes are hitting .324 as a team through the first two games. Manager Billy DuBois will return to the dugout for Monday's game. He was suspended for Sunday's Game 2 after being ejected Saturday.

### Around the League

After all three postseason series resulted in sweeps for three consecutive years, both MCL first-round sets hinge on Game 3 this season. In the league's history, which dates back to 2010, no team has ever come back to win a series after losing the opening game. Both the Oilmen and Hounds are attempting to accomplish that feat on Monday night. The Hounds stayed alive with a come-from-behind 4-3 victory in Joliet on Sunday. DuPage County scored four times in the eighth inning, with all of the runs charged to reliever Yianni Pavlopoulos, who failed to record an out. The Admirals let seven shutout innings from starter Nick Allgeyer go to waste. Joliet scored a run in the bottom of the ninth to make it a one-run game, but stranded the tying run at third. DuPage starter Nick Alfini threw 8 1/3 innings and allowed three runs on seven hits to get the win. Game 3 between the Hounds and Admirals will take place on Monday at 5 p.m. at the Lemont Sports Complex.

## 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.....119-67, 102-64 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....76-33  
     Road Record.....42-34  
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015  
 Playoff Record.....7-5  
 Playoff Home Record.....3-3  
 Playoff Road Record.....4-2  
 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

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| <b>FRIDAY (REGULAR SEASON):</b><br>Oilmen 12, Snipes 2 (five innings)<br>Oilmen 13, Snipes 2<br>Admirals 13, Lakers 5 | <b>SATURDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS):</b><br>Admirals 14, Hounds 13<br>Snipes 11, Oilmen 4           |
| <b>SUNDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS)</b><br>Hounds 4, Admirals 3<br>Oilmen 5, Snipes 4  | <b>MONDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS):</b><br>Admirals at Hounds, 5 p.m.<br>Snipes at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m. |

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM                | W  | L  | %    | GB   | STR |
|---------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|
| XY DC Hounds        | 31 | 14 | .689 | ---  | W2  |
| XY NWI Oilmen       | 27 | 17 | .614 | 3.5  | W5  |
| X Lexington Snipes  | 25 | 16 | .610 | 4    | W3  |
| X Joliet Admirals   | 16 | 23 | .410 | 12   | W1  |
| E MC Lakers         | 13 | 25 | .342 | 14.5 | L2  |
| E Southland Vikings | 12 | 29 | .293 | 17   | L3  |

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 Lexington Snipes

## PITCHERS

| #  | NAME              | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE                    | HOMETOWN |
|----|-------------------|-----|------|-----|----------------------------|----------|
| 1  | Kody Silverthorn  | R/R | 6-0  | 175 | Parkland College           |          |
| 6  | Brett Fanning     | R/R | 5-10 | 160 | Upper Iowa                 |          |
| 11 | Kolton Vermillion | R/R | 6-2  | 215 | Heartland                  |          |
| 14 | Travis Auer       | R/R | 6-0  | 175 | Heartland                  |          |
| 16 | Jack Rettig       | L/L | 6-3  | 185 | Illinois State (commit)    |          |
| 23 | Ross Learnard     | R/L | 6-1  | 170 | Parkland                   |          |
| 26 | Matt Jenkins      | L/L | 6-3  | 195 | Parkland                   |          |
| 27 | Noah Lamboley     | R/R |      |     | Parkland                   |          |
| 29 | Kyle Jenkins      | R/R | 6-0  | 195 | IVCC                       |          |
| 30 | Ian Hall          | L/L | 5-9  | 165 | Heartland                  |          |
| 34 | Tim Smyk          | R/R | 6-2  | 210 | Illinois Wesleyan (commit) |          |
| 35 | Nick Barnhill     | R/R | 6-2  | 205 | Concordia                  |          |
| 37 | Jake Sale         | R/R |      |     | Illinois State             |          |

## CATCHERS

| #  | NAME          | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE                  | HOMETOWN |
|----|---------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|----------|
| 3  | Cale Robinson | R/R | 6-0 | 180 | Lewis University         |          |
| 20 | Jason Priest  | R/R | 6-0 | 195 | Illinois Central College |          |

## INFIELDERS

| #  | NAME             | B/T | Ht.  | Wt. | COLLEGE                        | HOMETOWN |
|----|------------------|-----|------|-----|--------------------------------|----------|
| 4  | Tanner Russell   | R/R | 6-0  | 170 | Parkland                       |          |
| 7  | Jared McCunn     | R/R | 6-3  | 206 | Illinois Lincoln College       |          |
| 8  | Neal Tyrell      | R/R | 6-1  | 185 | Lewis                          |          |
| 13 | Reid Birlingmair | L/R | 6-1  | 185 | University of Chicago (commit) |          |
| 15 | Owen Miller      | R/R | 6-0  | 185 | Illinois State (commit)        |          |
| 24 | Chris Maranto    | R/R | 5-10 | 180 | Butler                         |          |
| 28 | Deion Thompson   | R/R | 6-2  | 190 | Western Illinois (commit)      |          |

## OUTFIELDERS

| #  | NAME          | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE           | HOMETOWN |
|----|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|----------|
| 2  | Tyler Horchem | R/R | 6-0 | 190 | John A. Logan     |          |
| 10 | Cully Day     | L/L | 6-1 | 170 | Parkland          |          |
| 12 | Ryan Frye     | R/L | 6-2 | 175 | Evangel           |          |
| 21 | Matt Rave     | R/R |     |     | Carthage          |          |
| 33 | Alex Smith    | R/R | 5-9 | 175 | Northern Illinois |          |

Manager - Billy DuBois | Assistant Coach - Darrin Frye