

Midwest Collegiate League All-Star Game 2015 Game Notes

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TUESDAY'S GAME: North All-Stars at South All-Stars

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

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)



For Starters

The Midwest Collegiate League's brightest stars will be on display on Tuesday night at Oil City Stadium as they take the field on the league's biggest stage. The annual All-Star Game serves as a chance for the league to further its mission of developing players that are ready to play at the professional level. Now in its sixth year in existence, the MCL has accomplished its goal of aiding collegiate ballplayers in their climb to the professional ranks. In the 2015 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft, nine former Midwest Collegiate League players were selected. The league has had 19 players drafted over the last two years and approximately 30 players selected in its six-year history.

Pitching Matchup

Steven Skolarz, a 2015 graduate of Lincoln-Way West, will get the start for the North team. Skolarz signed his National Letter of Intent to play his college baseball at Division-I Loyola Marymount on July 2. Skolarz sports a 2.46 ERA in two starts with the Admirals this summer. Jimmy Skiff, an Andrean High School product who plays at Purdue Calumet, will get the start for the South. He holds a 3-1 record with a 1.48 ERA in six Midwest Collegiate League games with the Oilmen. Each pitcher is expected to throw only one inning on Tuesday, except Skolarz, who is slated for two frames.

Inside the Dugout

Snipes manager Billy DuBois will guide the North squad, while Southland's Tony Sanchez has been named manager of the South team. Both will be at the helm in an MCL All-Star Game for the first time in their coaching careers. The managerial matchup will pit DuBois against one of his former players, as Sanchez spent a summer with the Snipes during his playing days.

All-Star Game History

Last year, the South defeated the North 10-3 as Illinois-Chicago slugger Jeff Boehm cracked a two-run homer in the first inning to help the South jump out to a 3-0 lead. Boehm, who was with the Southland Vikings last summer and is now a member of the Los Angeles Angels organization, received the 2014 Midwest Collegiate League All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Award. The South comes into this year's game having won three consecutive MCL All-Star Games. The most recent North victory came in 2011 at Oil City Stadium, when the North (Chicago Zephyrs and Rockford Foresters) edged the South (Southland Vikings and Will County Cracker Jacks) 8-7 in extra innings. The South prevailed 3-2 in 2012 and 12-4 in 2013.

Around the MCL

The Hounds and Oilmen have gone back-and-forth atop the MCL standings all season, but the Snipes are the hottest team in the MCL. They have won four straight and are now only a game behind the first-place Oilmen and 1/2 game behind the second-place Hounds.

Oilmen 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 p.m. |
| 7/8 | @ Fort Wayne Jackers* | 6:15 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 | • | 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 |
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*- denotes exhibition game CAPS- denotes home game

| NWI Oilmen Fast Facts |
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| Founded/First Season |
| 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 Record105-57, 90-54 in MCL Games Home Record66-29 |
| Road Record39-27 Playoff Appearances2012, 2013, 2014 |
| 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 the 2015 Midwest Collegiate League All-Star on the Northwest Indiana Oilmen Radio Network. Brandon Vickrey, who is in his fourth season in the Oilmen radio booth, will provide play-by-play, with former Oilmen pitcher Andrew Lowe serving as the game's color commentator. The game can be heard on AM 1230 WJOB Hammond. For those outside of Northwest Indiana, live audio is also available online by clicking the "listen live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com home page.





Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

| SATURDAY: | SUNDAY: |
|----------------------|---|
| Lakers 7, Oilmen 5 | Hounds at Lakers, 1 p.m. (doubleheader) |
| Snipes 5, Admirals 4 | Vikings at Snipes, 1 p.m. |
| | Admirals at Oilmen, 4 p.m. |
| MONDAY: | WEDNESDAY: |
| Snipes 4, Hounds 3 | Hounds at Admirals, 5 p.m. |
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Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM | W | L | % | GB | STR |
|----------------------|----|----|------|-----|-----|
| NWI Oilmen | 15 | 8 | .652 | | W1 |
| DC Hounds | 15 | 9 | .625 | 0.5 | L1 |
| Lexington Snipes | 15 | 10 | .600 | 1 | W4 |
| Joliet Admirals | 7 | 11 | .389 | 5.5 | L4 |
| Michigan City Lakers | 9 | 16 | .360 | 7 | W1 |
| Southland Vikings | 6 | 13 | .316 | 7 | L3 |

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2015 South All-Star Roster

PITCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|------------------------|-----|------|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | John Swisher (SOU) | L/L | 5-10 | 165 | Roosevelt University | Peotone |
| 10 | Mike Shereyk (SOU) | L/L | 6-1 | 220 | SIU Edwardsville | Homewood-Flossmoor |
| 13 | Brian Jestice (NWI) | R/R | 6-2 | 215 | Evansville | William Fremd |
| 14 | Enrique Zamora (NWI) | R/R | 6-3 | 245 | Calumet College | Hammond Clark |
| 15 | Bobby Humphreys (MC) | R/R | 6-2 | 188 | Indiana | Chesterton |
| 17 | Justin Freeman (SOU) | R/R | 6-4 | 195 | Southern University | Rich Central |
| 18 | Jordan Young (SOU)* | R/R | 6-2 | 215 | Vincennes | McCutcheon |
| 20 | Christian Bokich (MC) | R/R | | | Miami of Ohio | Hinsdale Central |
| 28 | Keith Mahler (NWI)* | R/R | 6-6 | 185 | Cumberland | Highland |
| 33 | Jimmy Skiff (NWI) | R/R | 6-1 | 160 | Purdue Calumet | Andrean |
| 34 | Matt Sandoval (SOU) | R/R | 6-1 | 180 | Pudue Calumet | Bishop Noll |
| 43 | Richard Yelnick (NWI) | L/L | 6-2 | 190 | Parkland | Lincoln-Way West |
| 45 | Christian Howell (NWI) | R/R | 6-1 | 165 | Minnesota State | Metea Valley |

*inactive/unavailable

CATCHERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|----------------------|-----|------|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| 3 | Josh Turnock (NWI) | L/R | 5-10 | 190 | Eastern Illinois | Mishawaka Marian |
| 8 | Scott Kapers (MC) | R/R | 5-11 | 175 | Valparaiso | Mount Carmel |
| 16 | Jay Resendez (MC) | R/L | | | Purdue North Central | Rensselaer Central |
| 24 | Joe Jumonville (NWI) | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Northern Illinois | Munster |

OUTFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|--------------------|
| 2 | Collin Willis (MC) | L/R | 6-1 | 190 | Purdue North Central | Sheboygan North |
| 21 | Tyler Sroczynski (NWI) | R/R | 6-2 | 205 | Trinity Christian | Illiana Christian |
| 23 | Jordan Lewis (NWI) | L/R | 6-2 | 205 | Purdue | Escondido (Calif.) |
| 27 | Joe Kennedy (MC) | R/R | 6-0 | 170 | Eastern Michigan | Mount Carmel |
| 38 | Clark Brinckman (SOU) | R/R | 6-3 | 185 | Dayton | IC Catholic Prep |

INFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|------------------------|-----|------|-----|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Brian Seymour (NWI) | R/R | 5-8 | 151 | South Suburban College | T.F. South |
| 5 | Jeff Cardenas (SOU) | L/R | 5-11 | 185 | Kankakee Community College | Bishop Luers |
| 10 | Alec Olund (NWI) | R/R | 6-1 | 180 | Purdue | Lake Central |
| 13 | Louis Avila (SOU) | R/R | 5-8 | 150 | South Suburban College | Marian Catholic |
| 17 | Stefano Belmonte (NWI) | R/R | 6-2 | 197 | South Suburban College | St. Rita |
| 35 | Chris Stevens (SOU) | R/R | 6-4 | 220 | Eastern New Mexcio | Bolingbrook |
| 36 | Brad Wood (NWI) | R/R | 5-8 | 165 | Northern Illinois | St. Laurence |

Manager - Tony Sanchez (SOU) | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright (NWI), Tim Jahnz (MC)

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| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 6 | Noah Masa (DuP) | R/R | 5-8 | 180 | Illinois-Chicago | Lockport Township |
| 13 | Reid Birlingmair (Lex) | L/R | 6-1 | 185 | Illinois-Chicago | Normal West |
| 22 | Jeff Lavin (Lex) | R/R | 6-4 | 185 | University of Indianapolis | Centennial |
| 23 | Ross Learnard (Lex) | R/R | 6-1 | 170 | Parkland | Salt Fork |
| 24 | Steven Skolarz (Jol) | R/R | 6-6 | 210 | Loyola Marymount | Lincoln-Way West |
| 28 | Nick Costantino (DuP) | R/R | 6-2 | 175 | Drury | Huntley |
| 30 | Ian Hall (Lex) | L/L | 5-9 | 165 | Heartland | El Paso-Ridley |
| 31 | Chris Hawks (Jol) | R/R | 5-9 | 170 | Waubonsee | Aurora West |
| 35 | Nick Alfini (DuP)* | L/L | 6-1 | 195 | St. Ambrose | Downers Grove South |
| 37 | Tom Conklin (DuP)* | R/R | 6-5 | 205 | Washington and Lee | Hinsdale Central |

CATCHERS

| # | NAME | В/Т | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|---------------------|-----|------|-----|--------------------------|---------------|
| 2 | Alex Wolanski (Jol) | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Eastern Michigan | Neuqua Valley |
| 7 | Billy Hayes (DuP) | R/R | 6-0 | 180 | College of Lake County | Lemont |
| 20 | Jason Priest (Lex) | R/R | 6-0 | 195 | Illinois Central College | Pontiac |

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| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|-----------------------|-----|------|-----|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Micah Coffey (Joliet) | L/R | 6-1 | 190 | University of Minnesota | Batavia |
| 7 | Jared McCunn (Lex) | R/R | 6-3 | 206 | SIU Edwardsville | Eureka |
| 8 | Neal Tyrell (Lex) | R/R | 6-1 | 185 | Lewis | Minooka |
| 10 | Matt Wollnik (DuP) | R/R | 5-10 | 170 | Webster | Neuqua Valley |
| 18 | Nate Tholl (Jol) | R/R | 5-10 | 170 | John A. Logan | St. Laurence |
| 24 | Chris Maranto (Lex) | R/R | 5-10 | 180 | Butler | Mundelein |
| 28 | Deion Thompson* (Lex) | R/R | 6-2 | 190 | Western Illinois | Bloomington |

OUTFIELDERS

| # | NAME | B/T | Ht. | Wt. | COLLEGE | HIGH SCHOOL |
|----|---------------------|-----|------|-----|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 14 | Tyler Paulsen (Jol) | R/R | 6-5 | 210 | Illinois State | Minooka |
| 14 | Shane Carrier (DuP) | R/R | 6-1 | 215 | Fuellerton | Canyon HS (Calif.) |
| 18 | Chris Hipchen (Jol) | R/R | 6-2 | 200 | Chicago State | Geneva |
| 22 | Zac Taylor (DuP) | R/R | 6-1 | 185 | University of Houston | Downers Grove South |
| 30 | Zach Thomas (Jol) | R/R | 5-11 | 190 | Chicago State | Joliet West |
| 50 | Trent Carrier (DuP) | R/R | 6-3 | 190 | Holy Names | Canyon HS |