



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2013 Game Notes

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## 2012 Midwest Collegiate League Champions

### TONIGHT'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (15-6, 10-5)  
at Southland Vikings (11-7, 11-7)

July 6, 2013 • 7:00 p.m. (CT) • Flossmoor, IL  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB  
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

**GAME**  
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### 2013 Schedule

May 29	@ Michigan City*	L, 2-1
May 31	@ Michigan City*	W, 8-3 (6)
June 5	LEXINGTON	L, 5-3
June 6	SOUTHLAND	W, 7-6
June 7	CHICAGO	W, 8-1
June 8	@ DuPage County	W, 5-4
June 9	@ DuPage County	L, 9-5
June 11	ROCKFORD	W, 12-0
June 13	ROCKFORD	W, 12-2
June 14	CHICAGO	W, 9-0
June 16	MICHIGAN CITY*	W, 10-3
June 17	@ Southland	L, 10-7
June 18	SOUTHLAND	W, 5-4
June 19	LEXINGTON	W, 10-5
June 20	LEXINGTON	W, 3-0
June 21	@ DuPage County	W, 9-5 (10)
June 24	@ Michigan City*	W, 9-1 (4)
June 27	LEXINGTON	L, 9-2
June 28	ROCKFORD	SUSPENDED
June 30	DUPAGE COUNTY	L, 13-12 (15)
July 1	US MILITARY ALL-STAR*	W, 9-6
July 3	@ Michigan City*	W, 3-2
July 5	@ Chicago	POSTPONED
July 6	@ Southland	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
July 7	MICHIGAN CITY*	4:00 p.m.
July 9	<b>2013 MCL All-Star Game</b>	7:30 p.m.
July 11	SOUTHLAND	7:10 p.m.
July 12	SOUTHLAND	7:10 p.m.
July 13	ROCKFORD	7:10 p.m.
July 14	@ Lexington	2:00 p.m.
	@ Lexington (make-up of 6/12)	4:00 p.m.
July 15	@ Southland (make-up of 6/2)	7:00 p.m.
July 16	SOUTHLAND	7:10 p.m.
July 17	@ Chicago	5:00 p.m.
July 18	DUPAGE COUNTY	7:10 p.m.
	DUPAGE COUNTY (make-up of 6/29)	TBD
July 19	@ Chicago	5:00 p.m.
July 21	@ Chicago	2:00 p.m.
July 22	LEXINGTON (makeup of 5/30)	7:10 p.m.
July 23	ROCKFORD	5:10 p.m.
	ROCKFORD (make-up of 6/15)	7:10 p.m.
July 24	MICHIGAN CITY*	7:10 p.m.
July 25	ROCKFORD	12:00 a.m.
July 26	@ Chicago	5:00 p.m.
July 28	@ DuPage County	6:00 p.m.

### OILMEN NEWS AND NOTES

#### **NWI Comes Back Again To Sink Lakers**

The Oilmen went on the road on Monday for the first of three straight scheduled road games to play Michigan City, and rallied from two runs down in the eighth to win by a final of 3-2 at Diamond Cove Park.

The Lakers struck for two early runs, and Michigan City starter Kyle Marburger held the Oilmen off the board for the first seven frames. But NWI finally broke through in the eighth, when with two outs, Leiff Clarkson tied the game on a full-count pitch, smacking a two-run single to center field, scoring Craig Austgen and Anthony Bova.

In the ninth, the Oilmen took advantage of a big miscue in the field, as Kenny Mahala, who led off the frame with a walk against reliever Tim Newman, scored on an error by Anthony Olund at second trying to turn a double play.

Matt Pobereyko then closed the door for his second save of the summer. Aveeno Nasiloski (1-0) got the win in relief, the team's third straight on the road.

#### **All-Stars A-Plenty**

NWI had 10 players selected to play in Tuesday's 2013 MCL All-Star Game at Oil City Stadium. Jimmy McNamara, Michael Steensen, Danny and Matt Pobereyko, Aveeno Nasiloski, Ty Hogan, Gerrad Rohan, Jack Czeszewski, Leiff Clarkson and Nick Bartolone will all play, while Justin Huisman will manage the North squad. The game will be called by Oilmen broadcasters Jason Guerette and Jonas Nordman on nwioilmen.com and AM 1230 WJOB as well.



\* - denotes exhibition game

CAPS - denotes home game

*Italics* - denotes US Military All-Star Game

**Bold** - denotes MCL All-Star Game

## **Oilmen Quick Hits**

**Founded/First Season**.....2012  
**Location**.....Whiting, Indiana  
**Owner**.....Don Popravak  
**General Manager**.....Jim Taipalus  
**Address**.....1500 119th St. (2nd Floor), Whiting, IN 46394  
**Phone**.....(219) 659-1000  
**Website**.....www.nwioilmen.com  
**Colors**.....Black and Gold  
**Home Field (Capacity)**.....Oil City Stadium (1,300)  
**Stadium Address**.....1700 119th St., Whiting, IN 46394  
**Manager (Year)**.....Justin Huisman (2nd)  
**Record W/Team (League Record)**.....47-22 (42-21)

**All-Time Record (League Play)**.....47-22 (42-21); 2 seasons  
**Home (League Play)**.....30-11 (28-11)  
**Road (League Play)**.....17-11 (14-10)  
**Playoff Appearances**.....2012  
**Playoff Record**.....4-0  
**Home**.....2-0  
**Road**.....2-0  
**League Titles**.....2012  
**2012 Record (Finish)**.....28-16 (2nd)  
**Longest Win Streak**.....6 (6/14-6/21/12)  
**Longest Losing Streak**.....8 (6/22-7/4/12)

## **NWI Oilmen Radio Network**

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the action this season on the air at 1230 AM WJOB and on the web via UStream at nwioilmen.com! Join Jason Guerette and Jonas Nordman all season long as the Oilmen look to defend their 2012 Midwest Collegiate League title. To listen on the internet, click the "LISTEN LIVE" tab at the top of the page.



**Oilmen Radio  
Network**



**USTREAM**

## **Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard\*\***

LAST NIGHT:

Southland Vikings 10, Rockford Foresters 4  
**NWI Oilmen @ Chicago Zephyrs (POSTPONED)**

TOMORROW:

Rockford Foresters @ Chicago Zephyrs (DOUBLEHEADER)  
 DuPage County Hounds @ Lexington Snipes  
 (DOUBLEHEADER)

TONIGHT:

Rockford Foresters @ Lexington Snipes (DOUBLEHEADER)  
**NWI Oilmen @ Southland Vikings**

MONDAY:

No League Games Scheduled

\*\* = scoreboard for MCL games only

## **Midwest Collegiate League Standings**

Team	MCL						SEASON					
	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
DuPage County Hounds	11	5	0.688	-	2W	6-4	11	5	0.667	2	2W	6-4
<b>Northwest Indiana Oilmen</b>	10	5	0.667	0.5	2L	7-3	15	6	0.714	-	2W	7-3
Lexington Snipes	10	5	0.667	0.5	1L	6-4	10	5	0.667	2.5	1L	6-4
Southland Vikings	11	7	0.611	1.0	1W	6-4	11	7	0.611	1.0	1W	6-4
Chicago Zephyrs	3	13	0.188	8	1L	2-8	3	13	0.188	9.5	1L	2-8
Rockford Foresters	1	11	0.083	8	7L	1-9	1	11	0.083	8	7L	1-9

x = clinched playoff berth

y = clinched home field advantage

E = eliminated from playoff contention

## 2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster



### ***Pitchers***

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
26	Joe Cochran	R/R	6-5	190	University of Akron	Sophomore	Tallmadge,OH
14	Mike Hanchar	L/L	6-4	220	Iowa Western CC	Sophomore	Highland,IN
24	James Hinkleman	R/R	6-2	192	Triton College	Sophomore	Munster,IN
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso University	Freshman	Munster,IN
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan University	Freshman	Dyer,IN
21	Aveeno Nasiloski	R/R	6-3	205	Chicago State University	Sophomore	Hammond,IN
41	Josh Negele	L/L	6-0	180	Indiana State University	Junior	Crown Point,IN
19	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Bishop Noll HS	HS Senior	Munster,IN
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan University	Junior	Munster,IN
33	Brett Schneider	R/R	6-2	200	Dominican College	Freshman	Coral Springs,FL
29	Michael Steensen	R/R	6-2	205	University of Akron	Freshman	Granville,OH
18	Andy Wellwerts	R/R	5-11	175	Chicago State University	Sophomore	Cedar Lake,IN

### ***Catchers***

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
23	Tyler Baar	L/R	6-2	212	University of Toledo	Freshman	Jenison,MI
13	Ty Hogan	R/R	6-1	159	Western Kentucky University	Freshman	Naperville,IL
43	Chris Marras	R/R	6-0	200	Butler University	Freshman	Vernon Hills,IL

### ***Infielders***

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
9	Craig Austgen	R/R	6-1	160	St. Josephs College	Junior	Lowell,IN
15	Leiff Clarkson	R/R	5-11	177	Western Kentucky University	Freshman	Union,KY
22	Cody Dykema	R/R	6-3	192	Heartland CC	Sophomore	Dyer,IN
3	Joe Houlihan	R/R	6-1	184	Central Michigan University	Sophomore	New Lenox,IL
10	Kenny Mahala	L/R	6-2	210	Heartland CC	Sophomore	Highland,IN
27	Gerrad Rohan	R/R	6-3	195	University of Akron	Sophomore	Canfield,OH
17	Nick Saldutti	L/R	6-2	185	Butler University	Freshman	Noblesville,IN

### ***Outfielders***

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
2	Nick Bartolone	L/L	6-2	200	Butler University	Freshman	Lafayette,IN
30	Anthony Bova	R/R	6-0	175	University of Akron	Freshman	Brunswick,OH
16	Jack Czeszewski	L/L	5-11	170	Illinois State University	Freshman	Elk Grove,IL
4	Rashawn Tillman	L/R	6-0	170	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Sophomore	El Soberante,CA

### ***Coaches***

Justin Huisman (Manager, 2nd Season)

## 2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Statistics



### Batting

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Bartolone, N	OF	.489	11	45	8	22	3	2	1	25	2	2	7	5	0	3	1	1	2
Dykema, C	IF	.333	2	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Czeszewski, J	OF	.329	20	79	18	26	3	1	0	13	18	1	12	0	0	9	2	1	0
Rohan, G	IF	.313	20	80	14	25	3	0	0	9	4	1	10	0	2	4	1	2	6
Clarkson, L	IF	.310	20	87	24	27	2	1	0	14	8	1	13	1	0	8	2	2	4
Saldutti, N	IF	.304	13	46	6	14	2	2	0	4	5	0	11	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hogan, T	C	.304	15	46	14	14	1	0	0	2	5	1	11	0	0	4	0	0	2
Bova, A	OF	.300	20	60	15	18	1	0	0	9	17	5	16	0	1	4	1	0	1
Tillman, R	OF	.298	17	57	17	17	3	0	0	10	14	4	16	1	1	9	1	0	1
Mahala, K	IF	.286	12	42	8	12	4	0	0	6	8	2	17	0	1	0	0	0	0
Baar, T	C	.242	19	66	6	16	1	0	1	16	11	0	5	1	0	2	0	2	2
Houlihan, J	IF	.241	18	58	11	14	2	0	0	7	7	2	18	1	5	4	0	0	9
Austgen, C	IF	.235	9	34	3	8	1	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	3	2	2	4
Marras, C	C	.167	7	24	4	4	1	0	0	5	2	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	1
Nasiloski, A	P	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>.300</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34</b>

### Pitching

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
McNamara, J	4	3	0	22.2	15	5	1	4	20	3	0	0	0	0	0.39
Nasiloski, A	9	0	0	11.0	12	1	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0.81
Pobereyko, M	9	0	0	9.2	10	1	1	4	10	2	0	2	1	0	0.93
Steensen, M	5	5	1	31.2	30	8	5	7	22	2	0	0	6	0	1.42
Pobereyko, D	6	1	0	10.1	8	3	2	2	5	0	0	0	1	0	1.74
Hanchar, M	8	1	0	16.0	21	8	4	2	14	0	0	0	2	0	2.25
Wellwerts, A	4	3	0	19.0	12	10	9	8	17	3	0	0	2	0	4.26
Jerge, S	6	2	0	13.1	12	10	7	13	6	1	1	0	3	0	4.72
Cochran, J	9	1	0	20.0	21	13	11	6	18	2	1	0	3	0	4.95
Schneider, B	4	4	0	18.1	33	19	12	3	11	1	2	0	3	0	5.89
Negele, J	1	1	0	4.0	7	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6.75
Hinkleman, J	6	0	0	9.1	14	8	8	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	7.71
<b>Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>185.1</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.11</b>

## 2013 Southland Vikings Roster



### **Pitchers**

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
22	Anthony Andres	L/L	6-0	190	Northern Illinois University	Junior	W. Springs, IL
21	Chris Chigas	L/L	6-2	175	Phoenix College	Freshman	Chicago, IL
32	Harry Doherty	L/L	6-1	185	University of Indianapolis	Sophomore	South Holland, IL
12	Kevin Halberg	R/R	6-4	200	South Suburban College	Sophomore	Lansing, IL
10	Aaron Hauge	L/L	6-0	185	Southern Illinois University	Junior	Homewood, IL
19	Bryan Jagielo	L/L	6-1	175	Oakland University	Sophomore	Oak Brook, IL
8	Troy Jozsa	R/R	6-1	205	Triton College	Sophomore	Orland Park, IL
25	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Parkland College	Freshman	Tinley Park, IL
14	Declan McCarron	L/L	6-6	205	St. Josephs College	Freshman	Alsip, IL
24	Evan Nietfeldt	R/R	6-6	195	South Suburban College	Sophomore	Homewood, IL
11	Robbie Nunn	R/R	6-4	190	Western Illinois University	Freshman	Chicago Heights, IL
7	Jonathan Rosario	R/R	6-1	180	University of Missouri-St.Louis	Junior	Joliet, IL
9	Marcellus Sneed	L/L	6-3	210	Morgan Park HS	HS Senior	Chicago, IL

### **Catchers**

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
2	Tyler Hanson	R/R	5-6	150	St. Josephs College	Sophomore	Hobart, IN
15	Mark Munizzi	L/R	5-10	190	Parkland College	Freshman	Chicago, IL
38	Nate Ruzich	R/R	6-2	200	Northern Illinois University	Junior	Joliet, IL

### **Infielders**

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
20	Jeff Boehm	L/L	6-1	215	University of Kentucky	Sophomore	Lansing, IL
5	Jerry Houston	R/R	5-8	165	Mount Carmel HS	HS Senior	Chicago, IL
26	John Livingston	R/R	6-1	210	South Suburban College	Freshman	Highland IN
6	Micah Rooke	R/R	5-10	175	South Suburban College	Freshman	Whiting, IN
35	Chris Stevens	R/R	6-4	220	Kaskaskia College		Bolingbrook, IL

### **Outfielders**

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
18	Sean Beesley	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State University	Freshman	Darrien, IL
3	Steve Letz	R/R	6-0	185	South Suburban College	Sophomore	Dyer, IN
27	Dan Potempa	R/R	5-10	230	Iowa Central College	Sophomore	Orland Park, IL
1	Corey Ray	L/L	6-0	190	Simeon HS	HS Senior	Chicago, IL
0	Chris Sujka	R/R	5-10	190	Indiana University	Sophomore	Oak Forest, IL

### **Coaches**

Chris Cunningham (Manager), Marvin Freeman (Pitching Coach)

## 2013 Southland Vikings Statistics



### Batting

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
x Andres, A	P	.667	1	3	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
x Ray, C	OF	.500	7	28	9	14	3	0	1	3	2	0	8	0	0	5	2	0	0
Boehm, J	1B	.411	14	56	13	23	3	3	3	20	9	1	11	1	0	1	3	1	2
Beesley, S	OF	.345	14	58	14	20	2	1	0	8	3	2	10	1	3	12	0	0	0
Potempa, D	OF	.341	11	41	8	14	6	1	0	9	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	2	0
Livingston, J	1B	.324	12	37	6	12	4	0	1	6	11	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	7
Munizzi, M	C	.244	12	41	5	10	3	0	0	9	7	0	10	1	1	1	0	0	2
Houston, J	IF	.235	8	34	6	8	0	0	0	1	4	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	1
Rooke, M	IF	.209	11	43	9	9	1	0	0	2	3	2	6	1	0	2	1	2	5
Ruzich, N	C	.200	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Letz, S	OF	.184	12	49	8	9	3	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	2	0	0	0
Stevens, C	1B	.163	10	43	3	7	1	0	0	4	4	0	9	1	0	0	1	1	8
Hanson, T	C	.128	11	39	2	5	1	0	0	4	4	1	11	0	0	1	0	0	2
Jagiello, B	P	.000	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
x Polley, W	P	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>.274</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>

### Pitching

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Jozsa, T	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Lesiak, A	9	0	0	11.2	5	2	1	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0.77
Hauge, A	2	2	0	11.0	4	1	1	2	13	1	0	0	1	0	0.81
x Andres, A	9	0	0	8.2	3	3	1	5	10	0	1	3	0	0	1.03
Chigas, C	2	2	0	19.0	10	4	4	7	26	1	0	0	1	1	1.89
McCarron, D	4	2	0	13.0	11	3	3	7	4	1	0	0	2	0	2.07
Sneed, M	2	2	0	7.0	2	3	3	6	4	0	1	0	0	0	3.85
x Polley, W	2	0	0	2.0	2	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4.50
Nietfeldt, E	5	3	0	18.1	22	13	12	11	13	2	1	0	4	0	5.89
Rosario, J	3	0	0	4.0	6	3	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	6.75
Jagiello, B	6	0	0	9.2	14	9	8	6	4	1	0	0	4	0	7.44
Halberg, K	5	0	0	8.1	12	10	7	8	3	0	1	0	1	0	7.56
Nunn, R	5	2	0	10.0	16	15	12	10	7	1	1	0	3	0	10.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122.2</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.12</b>

# Meet Your 2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen!



## **Justin Huisman**

Justin Huisman is in his second summer as the manager of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen, having led the team to the MCL title last summer. He is also the head coach of the Trinity College Trolls baseball team.

Huisman played collegiately at the University of Mississippi from 1997 to 2000, where he earned honors as an infielder and a closer. At Ole Miss he broke the single-season saves record his sophomore year and surpassed his own record the next year. He also broke the career saves mark for UM.

Huisman came out of school after his junior year at Ole Miss, getting drafted in the 15th round of the 2000 MLB draft by Colorado. In four seasons, he jumped four levels with the Rockies, notching 78 combined saves between Low-A, High-A and AA. He was traded to Kansas City in 2004. Though starting out in AAA Omaha for the Royals, Huisman was quickly called up to the big leagues and made his major league debut on April 25th. He went on to pitch 25 innings for Kansas City that season. Before sustaining an arm injury, Huisman posted three more seasons in AAA and one season for the Newark Bears (NJ) in the independent Atlantic League. He currently resides in Crown Point, Indiana, with his wife Julia and step-daughter Isabella.

**Manager**  
Second Year

Overall Record:  
47-22  
(including playoffs)



## **Nick Bartolone**

Nick Bartolone joins the Oilmen having just completed his freshman season at Butler University.

The Lafayette native saw action in 22 games for Butler, batting .270 in 37 at-bats, ranking 3rd on the team.

At Harrison High School, he set school records for putouts and chances in the outfield, and was all-conference in his sophomore and junior seasons while leading the team in batting. He was also a quarterback and a kicker on the football team.

**Outfielder**  
6-2 / 200 lb.  
Freshman - L/L  
Lafayette, IN  
Butler University



## **Rashawn Tillman**

A tremendous athlete with great speed, Tillman comes to Northwest Indiana from SWAC school Arkansas-Pine Bluff, where he redshirted this past season.

Prior to joining the Golden Lions, Tillman played at Laney College in California. The El Soberante native batted .300 there in 33 games with 16 RBI and 22 runs scored in 2012, his freshman season.

**Outfielder**  
6-0 / 170 lb.  
Sophomore - L/R  
El Soberante, CA  
Univ. of Arkansas-  
Pine Bluff



## **Kenny Mahala**

The Highland native had an excellent sophomore year at Heartland Community College, batting .298 with six home runs and 39 RBI, ranking in the top two in both categories on the team.

Mahala was a decorated high school player at Andean HS, leading his team to back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010, as well as four straight sectional titles. He also currently holds the Andean career record for home runs and is second in career RBI and walks.

**Infielder**  
6-2 / 210 lb.  
Sophomore - L/R  
Heartland  
Community Col-  
lege



## **Joe Houlihan**

Joe Houlihan brings experience to the NWI infield this season, having appeared in almost 70 games in the last two years for Central Michigan.

The Illinois native batted .247 his freshman year in 2012 with 10 RBI and 3 doubles in 36 games played.

Houlihan was also a three-year starter at shortstop in high school at Providence Catholic. A versatile athlete, Houlihan also spent two seasons as the starting quarterback on Providence Catholic's football team.

**Infielder**  
6-1 / 184 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
New Lenox, IL  
Central Michigan  
University



## **Craig Austgen**

Veteran infielder Craig Austgen returns to the Oilmen for his second go-around. Austgen batted .296 last season for the 2012 MCL championship squad, driving in 22 runs as one of eight Oilmen with over 100 at-bats.

Austgen also paced the Oilmen with four triples on the season.

He just recently completed his junior season at St. Joseph's College (IN), amassing eight multi-hit games and collecting four RBI in a game twice this spring.

**Infielder**  
6-1 / 160 lb.  
Junior - R/R  
Lowell, IN  
St. Joseph's Col-  
lege



## **Ty Hogan**

Naperville, Illinois native Ty Hogan joins the Oilmen from Western Kentucky University, the second Hilltopper on the Northwest Indiana roster after Leiff Clarkson.

He redshirted this past season at WKU. Prior to that, he was a three-year starter at Naperville North High School in Illinois, starting each of his three years on varsity. Hogan also played summer baseball with the Illinois Redbirds while in high school.

**Catcher**  
6-1 / 159 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Naperville, IL  
Western Kentucky  
University

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## **Mike Hanchar**

Hanchar comes to the Oilmen from one of the national junior college baseball powers at Iowa Western CC. The big left-hander compiled a 4-0 record in relief this past spring in 16 appearances, and struck out 30 while walking only 10 in 29 1/3 innings pitched, helping the Reivers to a #2 ranking this season in the NJCAA.

The Highland native also went 5-0 with a 2.00 ERA in 2012 as the Reivers won the NJCAA National Championship.

**Pitcher**  
6-4 / 220 lb.  
Sophomore - L/L  
Highland, IN  
Iowa Western CC



## **Leiff Clarkson**

Clarkson joins the Oilmen this summer from Western Kentucky University, where he red-shirted this past spring for the Hilltoppers.

Clarkson attended Ryle High School where he helped lead the Raiders to a 27-12 record his senior year in 2012, including a district championship. He lettered four years in baseball, spending three of those years as a starter. In addition to baseball, Clarkson played two years on the varsity soccer team at Ryle.

**Infielder**  
5-11 / 177 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Union, KY  
Western Kentucky University



## **Jack Czeszewski**

The polysyllabic outfielder Jack Czeszewski joins the Northwest Indiana roster from Illinois State University.

He saw action in 25 games this season for the Redbirds, making 16 starts. Czeszewski chose to attend ISU following a great senior year at Elk Grove High School in which he batted .381 with 17 doubles and 13 stolen bases.

For his efforts that season, he was named First Team All-Conference and also All-Area by the Chicago Tribune.

**Outfielder**  
5-11 / 170 lb.  
Freshman - L/L  
Elk Grove, IL  
Illinois State University



## **Nick Saldutti**

Nick Saldutti comes to Northwest Indiana from Butler University, where he saw action in 21 games for the Bulldogs.

A decorated high school player, he was a three-year letterwinner at Westfield High, batting .330 as a senior to earn all-conference and all-county recognition. He also earned Westfield's Impact Player and Silver Slugger awards.

In the summer during his high school career, he batted .477 for the Indiana North-Stars with a .571 on-base percentage.

**Infielder**  
6-2 / 185 lb.  
Freshman - L/R  
Noblesville, IN  
Butler University



## **Andy Wellwerts**

NWI's starter in the MCL title game in 2012, Chicago State right-hander Andy Wellwerts returns to the Oilmen roster in 2013 after a sophomore season that saw the Cedar Lake native become one of the top arms for the Cougars' pitching staff.

Wellwerts led Chicago State in ERA, wins and innings pitched this past season, posting a 4.28 ERA and 4 wins in just over 90 frames while tossing seven complete games among his 15 starts. He also led the team with 65 strikeouts this spring.

**Pitcher**  
5-11 / 175 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
Cedar Lake, IN  
Chicago State University



## **Danny Pobereyko**

Danny Pobereyko will join his older brother this season as the youngest member of the Oilmen roster.

Coming off his senior year at Bishop Noll High School, the Munster, Indiana native has picked Butler as his next destination, where he will play college baseball. He was also recruited by Indiana State, Ohio, Murray State, Harvard, West Point and St. Joseph's College.

He also played basketball and ran cross-country for Noll.

**Pitcher**  
6-5 / 200 lb.  
HS Senior - R/R  
Munster, IN  
Bishop Noll HS



## **Aveeno Nasiloski**

Hammond native Aveeno Nasilowski joins the Oilmen in 2013 as a multi-skilled player that saw time both on the mound and in the field in his sophomore season at Chicago State.

Nasilowski was one of only four players to play in over 50 games this spring for the Cougars, and the local product was second on the team with 16 RBI. He also made just two errors in 135 chances in the field.

On the rubber, Nasilowski made 17 total appearances, mostly as a reliever.

**Pitcher**  
6-3 / 205 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
Hammond, IN  
Chicago State University



## **Cody Dykema**

Talented infielder Cody Dykema returns to Northwest Indiana this summer looking to make even more of a mark on the MCL. Dykema batted .366 last season for the Oilmen with 22 RBI while finishing second on the team with 24 walks, double the amount of strikeouts he had in 2012.

His sophomore season at Heartland Community College this spring was even better. After transferring from the University of Illinois-Chicago, Dykema hit .376 his first season at HCC, with 12 doubles and 39 RBI.

**Infielder**  
6-3 / 192 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
Dyer, IN  
Heartland CC



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## **Tyler Baar**

Baar comes from University of Toledo, where he saw a good deal of time his freshman season for the Rockets.

Baar batted .244 over 38 games with 20 starts for Toledo, with six doubles, a home run and 12 RBI. He was also solid behind the plate, making just 4 errors in 108 chances.

Baar was a three-year letterwinner in baseball at Hudsonville HS, batting .357 with 40 hits, 10 doubles, two triples, six home runs and 33 RBI as senior, earning First-team all-league, area and district honors.

### **Catcher**

6-2 / 212 lb.  
Freshman - L/R  
Jenison, MI  
University of Toledo



## **James Hinkleman**

Another returnee to the Oilmen roster from their inaugural season championship team, Hinkleman comes in having thrown 25 innings at Triton College in his sophomore year, up from just four frames a year ago.

The right-hander made four starts and seven total appearances for Triton, completing three of the four starts. He also put up a 4.32 ERA, ranking among the leaders in that category for starters.

Last summer, Hinkleman pitched in seven games for Northwest Indiana.

### **Pitcher**

6-2 / 192 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
Munster, IN  
Triton College



## **Jimmy McNamara**

Jimmy McNamara comes to the Oilmen a highly decorated high school arm and future star at Central Michigan University.

McNamara threw 56 1/3 innings in his freshman season at CMU over 18 appearances and five starts. He posted a 3.67 ERA and one save while walking 17 and striking out 39.

In 2011, the Lake Central HS graduate was named all-state by Prep Baseball Report after going 7-1 with a 0.79 ERA and 71 strikeouts in 51 innings as a junior.

### **Pitcher**

6-2 / 175 lb.  
Freshman - L/L  
Dyer, IN  
Central Michigan University



## **Joe Cochran**

Cochran joins the Oilmen in 2013 looking to get more innings under his belt.

The tall right-hander from Ohio just finished his redshirt sophomore season at the University of Akron, appearing in 13 games out of the bullpen for a total of 20 2/3 innings, and fanning 10 batters.

### **Pitcher**

6-5 / 190 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
Tallmadge, OH  
University of Akron



## **Gerrad Rohan**

Gerrad Rohan joins several Akron teammates on the Oilmen roster this season.

Rohan saw action in 31 games this season for the Zips. The sophomore got off to a hot start, collecting multiple hits in four of his first 11 games played, including a 2-for-4 performance at national power Louisville.

The numbers were an uptick from a year ago, when he played in 18 games his freshman campaign at Akron.

### **Infielder**

6-3 / 195 lb.  
Sophomore - R/R  
Canfield, OH  
University of Akron



## **Michael Steensen**

Steensen is another Akron Zip to make his debut for the Oilmen this summer. His freshman year at Akron this past spring was successful, as he made seven starts for the Zips, ranking fourth on the team. He pitched 35 innings, with his best outing against Youngstown State on April 3rd, when he pitched 5 innings and gave up only one earned run in a Zips victory.

At Granville High School, Steensen owned a 2.49 ERA in 140 2/3 career innings, with 120 strikeouts and 14 complete games.

### **Pitcher**

6-2 / 205 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Granville, OH  
University of Akron



## **Anthony Bova**

Anthony Bova comes to the Oilmen this season after he saw action in 22 games for the Akron Zips in his freshman year batting .273 in that time at the plate.

Prior to that, Bova completed a successful high school career at Brunswick High in Ohio. The outfielder picked up three varsity letters, and followed up a junior season in which he was named honorable mention All-Northeast Ohio Conference with a senior season that included a .385 average and first team All-Conference honors.

### **Outfielder**

6-0 / 175 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Brunswick, OH  
University of Akron



## **Brett Schneider**

Schneider comes to the Oilmen after a solid freshman campaign on the hill for Dominican College in New York.

The right-hander made nine appearances for the Chargers, including six starts. He threw the fourth-most innings on the team (46 2/3) and put up a 3-1 record and a 3.28 ERA, third on the team among pitchers who made at least one start this spring.

### **Pitcher**

6-2 / 200 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Coral Springs, FL  
Dominican College

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## **Scott Jerge**

No stranger to Northwest Indiana, Jerge comes to the Oilmen from Valparaiso University, redshirting this past season for the Crusaders.

His high school career was short, but highly decorated. Jerge was a two-year letter winner for the Munster HS Mustangs, and was named Most Valuable Player his senior season. He was also voted Second Team All-Conference and All-Area Honorable Mention his senior year.

### **Pitcher**

36  
6-0 / 185 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Munster, IN  
Valparaiso  
University



## **Josh Negele**

Josh Negele returns looking to do even more work for the Oilmen on the mound. In six starts spanning 41 innings, the southpaw gave up only five earned runs and 30 hits, leading the Oilmen with a 1.09 ERA. He also struck out 31 and walked only 12, with one complete game.

He used that summer as a springboard to a very good 2013 campaign with the Indiana State Sycamores. Negele made 20 appearances out of the bullpen, and compiling a 3-1 record with a 3.65 ERA.

### **Pitcher**

41  
6-0 / 180 lb.  
Junior - L/L  
Crown Point, IN  
Indiana State  
University



## **Matt Pobereyko**

Matt Pobereyko joins his younger brother Danny on the Oilmen roster in 2013. The elder Pobereyko returns to Indiana having pitched this past spring at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

He made 11 appearances and five starts for the Panthers, owning a 2-2 record. He also struck out 23 batters in 30 2/3 innings pitched.

Before that, he played two years at South Suburban College in Illinois.

### **Pitcher**

42  
6-1 / 239 lb.  
Junior - R/R  
Munster, IN  
Kentucky  
Wesleyan Univ.



## **Chris Marras**

Marras comes to the Oilmen familiar with Indiana, as he just completed his freshman year at Butler University.

He also comes to Oil City Stadium eager for at-bats. Marras saw action in seven games this spring, where he was a solid defender behind the plate, making no errors in 23 chances while playing behind two fifth-year seniors.

At Vernon Hills High School, he was named a two-time all-conference selection as well as a Daily Herald All-Area selection.

### **Catcher**

43  
6-0 / 200 lb.  
Freshman - R/R  
Vernon Hills, IL  
Butler University

## **NWI Oilmen Pronunciation Guide**

Craig AUSTGEN - "AWST-jen"  
Tyler BAAR - "BAR"  
Nick BARTOLONE - "bart-uh-LOAN"  
LEIFF Clarkson - "LAYF"  
Jack CZESZEWSKI - "sha-SHEV-skee"  
Cody DYKEMA - "DIKE-eh-ma"  
Mike HANCHAR - "HANN-char"  
Joe HOULIHAN - "HOO-luh-hann"  
Justin HUISMAN - "HIGHS-man"  
Scott JERGE - "YERG-ee"  
Chris MARRAS - "MAIR-iss"  
Jimmy MCNAMARA - "MACK-nuh-mair-uh"  
Josh NEGELE - "NAYG-ul"  
Matt/Danny POBEREYKO - "pobe-uh-REE-ko"  
GERRAD ROHAN - "JAIR-ed ROW-an"  
Nick SALDUTTI - "sal-DOOT-ee"  
RASHAWN Tillman - "ruh-SHAWN"

