

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2013 Game Notes

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2012 Midwest Collegiate League Champions

TONIGHT'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (23-13, 17-12) vs Lexington Snipes (15-10)

July 22, 2013 • 7:10 p.m. (CT) • Whiting, IN

Radio: none

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OILMEN NEWS AND NOTES

Oilmen Settle For Split With Chicago

NWI headed out to Sugar Grove for a road doubleheader with the Zephyrs, and came away with a split, winning 6-1 in the opener and dropping a hard-luck 1-0 decision in game two.

In Game 1, the Oilmen and Zephyrs went back and forth through the first three innings, with both teams plating one run. But NWI took the lead for good in the fourth, then piled on two more runs in the fifth and seventh to get the win.

Jack Czeszewski and Gerrad Rohan led the charge, both going 3-for-3 with a walk. Czeszewski scored two runs and had a double, while Rohan drove in two to support Joe Cochran (4-1). The NWI starter was phenomenal, tossing a complete game with seven strikeouts. The only run he gave up was unearned as well.

In Game 2, James Hinkleman (0-2) was brilliant, as he compiled a nohitter through five and two-thirds with only one walk. But he exited after giving up a single, and ended up taking the loss when that single came around to score in a 1-0 defeat. It was only the second time all season that NWI was shut out, as the Oilmen remained 3.5 games back of DuPage County, and virtually tied for second with Lexington.

<u>Playoffs?! Playoffs!!</u>

With their split of the doubleheader and Rockford's loss to Southland, the Oilmen clinched a playoff berth for the second time in their two-year history. Both Chicago and Rockford were mathematically eliminated from contention on Sunday, meaning the Oilmen, DuPage County Hounds, Lexington Snipes and Southland Vikings will be the four teams competing in the 2013 MCL Playoffs.

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
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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 30 DUPAGE COUNTY L, 13-12 (15)
July 1 US MILITARY ALL-STARS* W, 9-6
July 3 @ Michigan City* W, 3-2
July 6 @ Southland L, 4-2
July 7 MICHIGAN CITY* W, 1-0
July 9 2013 MCL All-Star Game SOUTH 12, North 4
July 11 SOUTHLAND (make-up of 6/2) W, 2-1
July 12 SOUTHLAND L, 10-5
July 13 ROCKFORD (make-up of 6/28) W, 7-6 (8)
ROCKFORD W, 2-1 (7)
July 14 @ Lexington L, 1-0
@ Lexington (make-up of 6/12) W, 5-2
July 16 SOUTHLAND L, 6-4
July 17 @ Chicago L, 8-1
July 18 DUPAGE COUNTY (make-up of 6/29) W, 6-3
DUPAGE COUNTY L, 7-1
July 19 @ Chicago W, 10-4 (6)
July 21 @ Chicago W, 6-1
@ Chicago (make-up of 7/5) L, 1-0
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 5:10 p.m.
July 26 @ Chicago 5:00 p.m.
July 28 @DuPage County 6:00 p.m.

* - denotes exhibition game CAPS - denotes home game Italics - denotes US Military All-Star Game

Bold - denotes MCL All-Star Game

<u>Oilmen Quick Hits</u>	
Founded/First Season	2012
Location	Whiting, Indiana
Owner	Don Popravak
General Manager	Jim Taipalus
Address1500 119th St.	(2nd Floor), Whiting, IN 46394
Phone	(219) 659-1000
Website	
Colors	
Home Field (Capacity)	, , ,
Stadium Address17	
Manager (Year)	
Record W/Team (League Record	d) 55-29 (49-28)
All-Time Record (League Play)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
. •	35-14 (32-14)
	20-15 (17-14)
Playoff Appearances	
Playoff Record	
	2-0
	2-0
League Titles	
2012 Record (Finish)	` ,
Longest Win Streak	· ·
Longest Losing Streak	8 (6/22-7/4/12)

NWI Oilmen Radio Network

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Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard**

LAST NIGHT:

NWI Oilmen 6, Chicago Zephyrs 1 Chicago Zephyrs 1, NWI Oilmen 0 TOMORROW:

WEDNESDAY:

Rockford Foresters @ NWI Oilmen (DOUBLEHEADER)
Chicago Zephyrs @ DuPage County Hounds
Lexington Snipes @ Southland Vikings

TONIGHT:

Lexington Snipes @ NWI Oilmen Rockford Foresters @ Chicago Zephyrs the state of the s

Rockford Foresters @ Chicago Zephyrs

** = scoreboard for MCL games only

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

			٨	NCL		SEASON						
Team	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
x- DuPage County Hounds	20	8	0.714	-	1L	8-2	20	9	0.690	ı	1L	8-2
x- Lexington Snipes	15	10	0.600	3.5	1L	5-5	15	10	0.600	3	1L	5-5
x- Northwest Indiana Oilmen	17	12	0.586	3.5	1L	5-5	23	13	0.639	.5	1L	5-5
x- Southland Vikings	16	13	0.552	4.5	1W	5-5	16	13	0.552	4	1W	5-5
E- Chicago Zephyrs	6	18	0.250	12	1W	3-7	6	18	0.250	11.5	1W	3-7
E- Rockford Foresters	4	17	0.190	12.5	1L	2-8	4	17	0.190	12	1L	2-8

EAGUE

x = clinched playoff berth

y = clinched home field advantage

E = eliminated from playoff contention

2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster



<u>Pitchers</u>

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
26	Joe Cochran	R/R	6-5	190	University of Akron	Sophomore	Tallmadge,OH
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
22	Nik Mason	R/R	6-1	200	Quincy University	Sophomore	Highland,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
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
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	Junior	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), Adam Enright (Assistant Coach)

2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Statistics



<u>Batting</u>

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Bartolone, N	OF	.367	24	90	10	33	4	2	1	33	5	2	16	5	0	4	1	1	2
Clarkson, L	IF	.344	33	128	31	44	4	1	1	20	12	3	21	2	0	12	2	2	6
Czeszewski, J	OF	.336	33	119	22	40	5	2	0	14	26	3	19	0	2	18	3	1	0
x Dykema, C	IF	.333	2	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bova, A	OF	.315	31	92	21	29	2	0	0	14	20	6	23	1	1	13	2	0	1
Hogan, T	C	.292	21	65	17	19	1	0	0	4	6	1	18	0	1	6	0	0	3
Rohan, G	IF	.275	31	120	17	33	4	0	0	15	5	1	14	0	2	7	1	2	7
Austgen, C	IF	.254	20	63	7	16	2	0	0	7	5	0	8	0	2	5	2	2	8
Tillman, R	OF	.247	30	93	23	23	3	0	0	14	16	5	25	3	3	15	2	0	2
Baar, T	C	.245	32	106	9	26	4	0	1	20	14	0	6	2	0	3	1	2	5
Mahala, K	IF	.235	23	81	14	19	7	1	0	6	12	2	32	0	1	0	0	0	0
Saldutti, N	IF	.231	25	78	7	18	3	2	0	5	8	0	22	0	1	0	0	1	1
Houlihan, J	IF	.213	26	75	16	16	2	0	0	10	15	3	27	2	6	10	0	0	13
Marras, C	С	.170	15	47	6	8	2	0	0	5	6	1	10	0	1	1	1	0	2
Nasiloski, A	Р	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		.280	36	1164	201	326	43	8	3	168	153	27	242	15	20	94	15	11	51

Pitching

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Player	G	GS	CG	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Mason, N	2	0	0	2.2	5	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Nasiloski, A	14	0	0	18.0	18	1	1	7	12	3	0	1	0	0	0.50
McNamara, J	7	6	0	37.2	29	9	5	7	29	3	0	0	3	0	1.19
Steensen, M	8	7	3	46.2	42	13	10	13	36	3	1	0	7	0	1.92
x Hanchar, M	9	1	0	17.0	21	8	4	3	16	0	0	0	2	0	2.11
Pobereyko, M	13	0	0	13.0	13	4	4	8	13	3	1	4	1	0	2.76
Cochran, J	13	3	2	37.0	34	16	13	11	30	4	1	0	4	0	3.16
Schneider, B	7	7	0	36.0	49	27	17	8	25	3	3	0	4	0	4.25
Pobereyko, D	9	3	0	20.2	24	15	12	10	11	0	1	0	3	0	5.22
Hinkleman, J	9	1	0	16.2	17	10	10	4	4	0	2	0	3	0	5.40
Wellwerts, A	6	5	0	31.2	25	22	19	16	33	3	2	0	3	0	5.40
Jerge, S	8	2	0	17.1	17	15	12	16	7	1	1	0	3	1	6.23
x Negele, J	1	1	0	4.0	7	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6.75
Totals	106	36	5	298.1	301	145	110	107	217	23	13	5	35	1	3.32

2013 Lexington Snipes Roster



Pitchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown		
44	Nick Barnhill	R/R	6-2	205	Concordia University	Concordia University Freshman			
8	Chris Beard	R/R	6-4	205	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sophomore	Lexington,IL		
22	Connor Brown	L/L	6-2	195	North Central College	Senior	Bloomington,IL		
28	Miles Froese	R/R	5-10	170	Olivet Nazarene University	Freshman	Heyworth,IL		
4	JD Learnard	R/R	6-1	195	Illinois State University	Junior	Fairmount,IL		
23	Steven Reynolds	R/R	6-2	175	Kaskaskia CC	Sophomore	Decatur,IL		
33	Tyler Sabol	R/R	6-3	175	Kankakee CC	Freshman	Sreator,IL		
13	Jake Sale	R/R	5-10	150	Parkland CC	Freshman	Mark,IL		
20	Trevor Storie	R/R	6-1	185	Heartland CC	Freshman	Huntington,IN		
30	Clint Stroud	R/R	6-2	200	Illinois State University	Sophomore	Armington,IL		
34	David Suarez	R/R	6-0	180	Illinois State University Juni		Peru,IL		
37	Josh Tonozzi	L/L	5-10	175	McKendree University	Freshman	Mark,IL		

Catchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
26	AJ Fink	R/R	5-11	185	Heartland CC	Freshman	Carbondale,IL
32	Zach Little	R/R	6-2	190	SIU-Edwardsville	Freshman	Washington, IL
7	Cale Robinson	R/R	6-0	180	Lincoln College	Freshman	Clinton,IL

Infielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
16	Adam Ariola	R/R	6-0	185	Central College	Junior	Bloomington,IL
5	Andy Burns	L/R	5-10	180	Valparaiso University	Junior	Edwardsville,IL
29	Mike Failoni	L/L	6-2	190	Lindenwood University	Junior	Edwardsville, IL
2	Jared Hendren	R/R	5-9	150	Heartland CC	Freshman	Leroy,IL
11	Ryan Montcalm	R/R	5-9	165	Kankakee CC	Freshman	Lincoln,IL
6	Jacob Stewart	R/R	6-2	185	SIU-Edwardsville	Freshman	Mt. Zion,IL

<u>Outfielders</u>

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
1	Bo Banning	R/R	5-10	165	Lincoln College	Sophomore	Forsyth,IL
10	Eric Fight	R/R	6-1	185	Heartland CC	Freshman	Bloomington,IL
27	Eric Phillis	L/R	6-1	170	Kankakee CC	Freshman	Streator, IL

Other

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
24	Jacob Hendren	L/L	6-2	160	Heartland CC	Freshman	Leroy,IL
1!	Zach Holt	R/R	5-9	145	South Dakota State University	Sophomore	Bloomington,IL

Coaches

Billy DuBois (Manager), Brian DuBois (Pitching Coach), Jeff Doll

2013 Lexington Snipes Statistics

<u>Batting</u>

Player	Р	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	Е
Reynolds, S	Р	.667	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sale, J	Р	.500	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Froese, M	Р	.429	4	7	2	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hendren, J	IF	.310	19	58	10	18	1	1	0	3	7	4	8	0	2	9	5	0	3
Phillis, E	OF	.299	23	77	9	23	4	1	2	15	3	1	16	2	0	3	1	3	1
Hendren, J	U	.292	16	48	7	14	3	0	0	7	6	0	10	2	0	11	1	0	4
Montcalm, R	IF	.289	16	45	2	13	2	0	0	1	0	2	12	0	0	1	0	1	1
Robinson, C	С	.273	23	66	9	18	4	0	0	8	6	0	13	0	0	0	1	2	3
x Hendrian, A	OF	.273	7	22	2	6	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	0
Ariola, A	IF	.264	24	87	14	23	2	0	0	5	3	3	7	0	0	8	2	1	7
Failoni, M	IF	.259	9	27	3	7	1	0	0	4	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
Banning, B	OF	.250	16	40	4	10	0	0	0	3	3	1	11	0	4	1	2	0	0
x Johansen, T	DH	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Burns, A	IF	.233	22	73	12	17	1	0	3	7	11	3	11	1	1	3	1	0	10
Little, Z	С	.222	11	27	3	6	2	0	0	7	2	0	6	1	1	0	1	1	0
Fink, A	С	.216	12	37	2	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	2	0
Fight, E	OF	.213	21	61	7	13	2	1	0	1	3	3	12	0	3	2	0	0	2
Stewart, J	IF	.106	19	47	6	5	1	0	0	0	5	6	12	0	0	1	0	2	4
Brown, C	Р	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Holt, Z	U	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beard, C	Р	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		.257	25	736	92	189	26	3	5	71	54	26	149	6	11	42	15	12	38

<u>Pitching</u>

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Phillis, E	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Stroud, C	7	0	0	10.0	5	1	0	1	6	1	0	3	1	0	0.00
Sale, J	10	0	0	8.1	1	0	0	4	10	0	0	3	0	0	0.00
x Seifert, A	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sabol, T	5	5	1	32.1	23	3	3	6	26	3	1	0	4	0	0.83
Hendren, J	6	6	1	40.0	32	13	11	6	47	3	1	0	4	0	2.47
Learnard, J	3	3	1	23.0	18	9	7	12	16	2	0	0	3	2	2.73
Tonozzi, J	3	3	0	16.1	19	6	5	5	13	1	2	0	4	0	2.75
Suarez, D	2	2	0	9.0	10	6	3	5	7	1	1	0	3	0	3.00
Storie, T	2	2	0	10.0	8	4	4	4	9	1	0	0	1	0	3.60
Froese, M	3	0	0	5.0	7	2	2	1	6	1	0	0	2	0	3.60
Reynolds, S	2	2	0	8.0	8	8	4	4	6	0	1	0	0	0	4.50
Brown, C	7	1	0	13.2	16	9	8	3	15	0	2	0	5	0	5.26
x Borre, R	2	0	0	1.2	4	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	10.80
Beard, C	5	0	0	6.1	12	12	9	3	6	0	0	0	2	0	12.78
Barnhill, N	7	0	0	6.1	18	13	11	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	15.63
Totals	66	24	3	192	181	88	69	56	174	13	10	7	30	3	3.23

Manager
Second Year
Overall Record:

55-29

(including playoffs)

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.



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

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 out-field, 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.



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

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.



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

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.



Infielder 6-1 / 160 lb. Jun<mark>ior - R</mark>/R Lowell, IN St. Joseph's College

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.

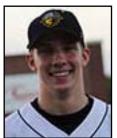


Infielder
6-2 / 210 lb.
Sophomore - L/R
Heartland
Community College

<u>Kenny Mahala</u>

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 Andrean 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 Andrean career record for home runs and is second in career RBI and walks.



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

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.



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

Leiff Clarkson

Clarkson joins the Oilmen this summer from Western Kentucky University, where he redshirted 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.



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

Jack Czeszewski

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

He saw action in 25 games this season for the Redbirds, making 16 starts. Czezsewski 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.



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

<u>Nick Saldutti</u>

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.



Pitcher
5-11 / 175 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Cedar Lake, IN
Chicago State
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 6-5 / 200 lb. H<mark>S Senior - R/R</mark> Munster, IN Bishop Noll HS

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

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.



Infielder
6-0 / 200 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Highland, IN
Quincy University

<u>Nik Mason</u>

The winning pitcher in last year's MCL Championship Series Game 1, Mason returns for a second go-around with the Oilmen.

Now a sophomore at Quincy University, Mason had a 2-1 record in 11 appearances last summer out of the bullpen for the 2012 MCL Championship squad, striking out 15 in 23 and 1/3 innings.



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

<u>Tyler Baar</u>

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.



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

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

<u>Jimmy McNamara</u>

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

<u>Joe Cochran</u>

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.



Infielder 6-3 / 195 lb. Sophomore - R/R Canfield, 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.



Pitcher 6-2 / 205 lb. Freshman - R/R Granville, 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.



Outfielder 6-0 / 175 lb. Freshman - R/R Brunswick, 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.



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

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

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

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.



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

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.

NWI Oilmen Pronunciation Guide

Craig AUSTGEN - "AWST-jen"
Tyler BAAR - "BAR"
Nick BARTOLONE - "bart-uh-LOAN"
LEIFF Clarkson - "LAYF"
Jack CZESZEWSKI - "sha-SHEV-skee"
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"

