



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2013 Game Notes

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2012 Midwest Collegiate League Champions

TONIGHT'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (26-14, 20-12)
vs Rockford Foresters (7-19)

July 25, 2013 • 5:10 p.m. (CT) • Whiting, IN

Radio: none

Internet: nwiolmen.com (UStream)

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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 30	DUPAGE COUNTY	L, 13-12 (15)
July 1	US MILITARY ALL-STAR*	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 (7)
	@ Lexington (make-up of 6/12)	W, 5-2 (7)
July 16	SOUTHLAND	L, 6-4
July 17	@ Chicago	L, 8-1
July 18	DUPAGE COUNTY (make-up of 6/29)	W, 6-3 (7)
	DUPAGE COUNTY	L, 7-1 (7)
July 19	@ Chicago	W, 10-4 (6)
July 21	@ Chicago	W, 6-1 (7)
	@ Chicago (make-up of 7/5)	L, 1-0 (7)
July 22	LEXINGTON (makeup of 5/30)	W, 5-2
July 23	ROCKFORD	W, 5-0 (7)
	ROCKFORD (make-up of 6/15)	W, 12-6 (7)
July 24	MICHIGAN CITY*	L, 4-2
July 25	ROCKFORD	5:10 p.m.
July 26	@ Chicago	5:00 p.m.
July 28	@DuPage County	6:00 p.m.

OILMEN NEWS AND NOTES

Long Ball Lifts Lakers Over Oilmen

In what amounted to a pitcher's duel early, the Oilmen fell behind 1-0, but scored two runs in the sixth to take the lead. Unfortunately, the lead would not hold, as three hits with two outs, including a three-run home run, sent NWI to defeat, 4-2, against the Michigan City Lakers last night at Oil City Stadium.

Danny Pobereyko (0-2) pitched well, but ended up taking the loss after seven innings of work, his longest outing of the season. Kenny Mahala made a surprise appearance on the mound, as the third baseman finished the contest.

Mahala also started a ninth-inning rally with a leadoff walk, but with the tying runs on base, Leiff Clarkson grounded out to third to end the game. The Lakers' Dan Snyder tossed a complete game on 150 pitches to get the win. The Oilmen went 5-2 this season against Michigan City.

Around the MCL

The exhibition loss didn't budge the Oilmen from their second-place spot in the standings, two games back of DuPage County entering play today. DuPage's magic number to clinch the regular season title (and thus home field throughout the playoffs) is three games, meaning any combination of Hounds wins and Oilmen losses totaling three will prevent NWI from finishing higher than their current standing. NWI plays DuPage in Lisle on Sunday evening.

Adios, Foresters

The Oilmen will face Rockford for the final time tonight in their last regular season home game in 2013. NWI is a perfect 6-0 against the Foresters this season.

* - 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).....58-30 (52-28)

All-Time Record (League Play).....58-30 (52-28); 2 seasons
Home (League Play).....38-15 (35-14)
Road (League Play).....20-15 (17-14)
Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
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 nwioilmen.com homepage.



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USTREAM

Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard**

LAST NIGHT:

Rockford Foresters 6, Chicago Zephyrs 4

TONIGHT:

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

TOMORROW:

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

SATURDAY:

Chicago Zephyrs @ Lexington Snipes (DOUBLEHEADER)
 Southland Vikings @ DuPage County Hounds

** = scoreboard for MCL games only

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

Team	MCL						SEASON					
	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
x- DuPage County Hounds	20	8	0.714	-	1W	8-2	20	9	0.690	-	1W	8-2
x- Northwest Indiana Oilmen	20	12	0.625	2	3W	6-4	26	14	0.650	.5	1L	6-4
x- Lexington Snipes	15	12	0.556	4.5	3L	4-6	15	12	0.556	4	3L	4-6
x- Southland Vikings	17	14	0.548	4.5	2W	5-5	17	14	0.548	4	2W	5-5
E- Rockford Foresters	7	19	0.269	12	1W	3-7	7	19	0.269	11.5	1W	3-7
E- Chicago Zephyrs	6	20	0.231	13	3L	3-7	6	20	0.231	12.5	3L	3-7

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
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



Batting

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Bartolone, N	OF	.356	28	101	11	36	5	2	1	36	9	2	19	6	0	4	1	1	2
Clarkson, L	IF	.352	37	142	34	50	6	1	1	24	12	3	24	2	0	13	2	3	9
Czeszewski, J	OF	.339	37	127	25	43	6	2	0	17	28	4	20	1	2	21	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	.314	34	102	25	32	2	1	0	14	22	6	26	1	1	15	2	1	1
Hogan, T	C	.306	23	72	19	22	1	0	0	5	6	1	20	0	1	6	0	1	3
Austgen, C	IF	.299	24	77	9	23	4	0	0	10	5	0	8	0	2	5	2	2	8
Rohan, G	IF	.277	34	130	19	36	4	0	0	15	5	2	17	0	2	7	2	3	8
Mahala, K	IF	.253	26	91	16	23	7	1	1	8	15	2	34	0	1	0	0	1	0
Tillman, R	OF	.253	33	99	25	25	3	0	0	15	19	6	25	3	3	15	4	0	2
Baar, T	C	.239	34	113	10	27	4	0	1	20	14	0	6	2	0	3	1	3	5
Saldutti, N	IF	.224	27	85	7	19	4	2	0	7	8	0	23	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	C	.207	19	58	8	12	3	0	0	6	7	2	11	0	2	1	1	0	2
Nasiloski, A	P	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		.286	40	1279	225	366	51	9	4	188	168	31	261	17	21	100	18	17	55

Pitching

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Mahala, K	1	0	0	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Mason, N	3	0	0	3.2	5	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Nasiloski, A	15	0	0	19.0	19	1	1	7	14	4	0	1	0	0	0.47
McNamara, J	8	7	0	45.2	36	11	6	7	35	4	0	0	4	0	1.18
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	14	0	0	14.0	13	4	4	10	15	3	1	5	1	0	2.57
Cochran, J	13	3	2	37.0	34	16	13	11	30	4	1	0	4	0	3.16
Wellwerts, A	7	6	1	38.2	29	22	19	18	40	4	2	0	3	0	4.42
Schneider, B	8	8	0	41.0	60	33	23	11	27	3	3	0	4	0	5.04
Pobereyko, D	10	4	0	27.2	32	19	16	11	13	0	2	0	3	0	5.20
Hinkleman, J	9	1	0	16.2	17	10	10	4	4	0	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	114	40	6	330.1	334	157	121	117	239	26	14	6	36	1	3.30

2013 Rockford Foresters Roster



Pitchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
4	Brock Borgeson	R/R	5-10	165	Simpson College	Freshman	Naperville,IL
25	Pat Cashman	R/R	5-11	165	Benedictine University	Sophomore	Plainfield,IL
12	Jake Chavez		6-2	220	Kishwaukee CC	Freshman	Mokena,IL
6	Brian Donley	R/R	5-11	170	University of Dallas	Freshman	Chicago,IL
10	Blake Fiedelman	L/L	5-11	190	South Dakota State University	Sophomore	Long Grove,IL
7	Kurt Hoesktra	L/R	6-2	180	Western Michigan University	Sophomore	Grand Rapids,MI
40	Sean Hudson	R/R			Heartland CC	Freshman	Rochelle,IL
42	Kyle Klosak	R/R	6-2	185	Oakton CC	Sophomore	Naperville,IL
39	Brian Krolikowski	R/R	6-3	241	Austin Peay University	Junior	Batavia,IL
24	Tyler Mitchell						
99	Taylor Neff	R/R	6-0	190	Simpson College	Freshman	Lenexa,KS
38	Jake Rone	R/R			College of DuPage		Darien,IL
21	Jackson White						

Catchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
33	Trevor Forde	R/R	6-0	190	Heartland CC	Sophomore	Evanston,IL
8	Dominic Purpura	L/L	6-4	205	Orange Coast College	Freshman	Hinsdale,IL
14	Kelton Zimmerman				College of DuPage		

Infielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
2	Brandon Cable	R/R	6-2	205	Western Michigan University	Sophomore	Grand Rapids,MI
11	Kevin LaPorta		5-9		Oakton CC	Sophomore	Romeoville,IL
22	Al Robbins	L/R	6-0	180	South Dakota State University	Sophomore	West Chicago,IL
9	Kevin Usselman				University of Alabama	Freshman	La Jolla,CA
19	Harry Vickers		5-9		Purdue University-North Central	Sophomore	Aurora,IL

Outfielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
16	Domenic Biagini	L/R	6-1	190	Azusa Pacific University	Junior	Arlington Heights,IL
3	Dwayne Hysmith		5-10	185	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Grad. Student	Mesquite,TX
23	Warren Stehn		6-1	210	University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Grad. Student	Fort Worth,TX

Other

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
26	Sean Carroll						
20	William DeCraene						
13	Joe Gerace	R/R	5-10		Cornell College	Junior	Oak Park,IL
1	Drew Grotelueschen	R/R	6-1	185	Trinity International University	Sophomore	Eagle River,AK
5	Paul Grotelueschen	L/R	6-1	170	Trinity International University	Senior	Eagle River,AK
30	Brandon Pechloff						

Coaches

Kevin Tyrrell (Manager)

2013 Rockford Foresters Statistics



Batting

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Cable, B	1B	.381	9	21	6	8	0	0	1	4	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
Vickers, H	IF	.367	16	49	7	18	6	0	0	5	2	0	8	1	0	6	4	1	2
Robbins, A	2B	.333	19	69	11	23	5	0	1	6	8	2	18	0	0	6	0	0	6
Hoekstra, K	IF	.313	22	64	8	20	1	1	0	6	3	2	10	0	1	7	1	5	3
Rone, J	P	.296	11	27	1	8	1	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Grotelueschen, P		.280	10	25	4	7	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	1	0	1	1	2	4
Biagini, D	OF	.266	22	79	10	21	2	0	3	12	9	0	21	0	0	6	2	1	0
Stehn, W	OF	.235	18	68	6	16	2	2	0	10	0	3	16	1	0	5	3	1	4
Forde, T	C	.233	12	30	4	7	2	0	0	4	3	3	7	1	0	3	0	0	0
Usselman, K	IF	.194	10	31	1	6	0	1	0	1	4	0	5	1	0	4	0	0	2
Zimmerman, K	C	.176	21	68	9	12	1	0	0	1	8	1	23	0	0	2	0	3	0
Hysmith, D	OF	.160	7	25	4	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	0	2	2	0	1
Grotelueschen, D		.160	19	50	3	8	1	0	0	4	2	0	11	0	1	3	2	2	9
DeCraene, W		.154	16	26	3	4	0	0	0	4	9	3	6	1	1	4	0	2	2
Gerace, J		.125	6	16	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Chavez, J	P	.080	20	50	3	4	1	0	0	0	3	0	28	0	0	1	1	1	1
Carroll, S		.037	12	27	4	1	0	0	0	1	5	2	14	0	2	1	1	0	2
Neff, T	P	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		.233	26	726	86	169	22	4	5	64	68	19	186	6	6	55	17	19	36

Pitching

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Purpura, D	2	0	0	6.2	8	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	1	1	0.00
Cashman, P	6	2	0	23.2	15	10	5	7	21	1	2	1	1	1	1.90
Fiedelman, B	5	3	0	17.2	22	6	5	1	18	1	2	0	2	1	2.54
Mitchell, T	3	2	0	13.2	12	5	4	6	11	1	0	0	2	0	2.63
Klosak, K	6	4	1	28.1	27	16	10	13	13	1	4	0	3	1	3.17
Donley, B	8	3	1	30.0	35	17	12	11	15	1	2	0	8	1	3.60
Hudson, S	3	1	0	6.0	8	4	4	0	5	0	0	0	5	2	6.00
Grotelueschen, P	5	4	1	22.2	33	18	17	3	8	0	4	0	8	1	6.75
Krolkowski, B	1	0	0	1.1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.75
Rone, J	3	1	0	7.2	13	10	9	9	6	0	0	0	1	1	10.56
Borgeson, B	5	2	0	9.1	21	13	13	4	2	0	1	0	7	0	12.53
LaPorta, K	4	0	0	7.0	12	10	10	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	12.85
Pechloff, B	4	0	0	2.2	6	9	7	9	0	0	1	0	1	0	23.62
Totals	55	22	3	176.2	213	121	97	71	106	6	16	1	40	9	4.95

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:
58-30

(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



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



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



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 College



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 College



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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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



Nik Mason

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.

Infielder

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



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

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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



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

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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
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
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"
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"

