

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2013 MCL PLAYOFFS Game Notes

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2012 Midwest Collegiate League Champions

MCL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (2-0) vs Southland Vikings (2-0)

August 3, 2013 • 7:10 p.m. (CT) • Whiting, IN Radio: AM 1230 WJOB Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)



GAME

2013 Schedule



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

OILMEN NEWS AND NOTES

Offense Erupts, Vaults NWI Into Championship Series

The Oilmen pounded out a franchise-record 23 hits and scored seven runs in the fifth to sweep the Lexington Snipes in their first round play-off series two games to none with a 17-9 win in Wednesday's Game 2.

Several Oilmen had fantastic days at the plate, including Jack Czeszewski, who tied teammate Nick Bartolone's franchise record with five hits in the game (5-for-6). Tyler Baar also ripped off three doubles in three consecutive at-bats, finishing 4-for-5 with a team-high three RBI in the win. Czeszewski, Leiff Clarkson and Ty Hogan also enjoyed multiple RBI on the night, with eight of the nine starters compiling multiple hits in the offensive explosion to complete the sweep.

The Oilmen outscored the Snipes 29-12 in the two games. The 23 hits in Game 2 broke a single-game franchise record of 22, accomplished twice last year.

<mark>"Tyler, With A Shot Of Jack, Please</mark>"

Tyler Baar's first two games of the playoffs have him leading the league in postseason hitting so far, with a two-game average of .667, plus a league-leading six RBI and four doubles. Meanwhile, Jack Czeszewski is second in the league in postseason hitting at a .636 clip through two contests, while leading the MCL with seven postseason hits. The player right behind him with six? None other than Baar.

<u>Southland + NWI = Exciting Baseball</u>

The Vikings took the season series from the Oilmen 4-3, but only one game featured a final margin of victory of more than three runs. There were also three one-run games and two two-run games between the two clubs, with NWI winning three of those five close contests.

<u>Oilmen Quick Hits</u>

Founded/First Season	
Location	Whiting, Indiana
Owner	Don Popravak
General Manager	Jim Taipalus
Address1500 119	th 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 R	ecord)61-31 (55-29)

All-Time Record (League Play)	61-31 (55-29); 2 seasons
Home (League Play)	40-15 (37-14)
Road (League Play)	21-16 (18-15)
Playoff Appearances	
Playoff Record	6-0
Home	
Road	
League Titles	
2012 Record (Finish)	28-16 (2nd)
Longest Win Streak	
Longest Losing Streak	8 (6/22-7/4/12)

<u>NWI Oilmen Radio Network</u>

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the NWI Oilmen action in the 2013 MCL Playoffs on the air on 1230 AM WJOB and on the web via UStream at nwioilmen.com! Join Jason Guerette and Jonas Nordman 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.



2013 Midwest Collegiate League Playoffs Scoreboard

WEDNESDAY:

NWI Oilmen 17, Lexington Snipes 9 (NWI wins series 2-0) Southland Vikings 12, DuPage County Hounds 2 (Southland wins series 2-0)

TONIGHT:

2013 MCL Championship Series - Game 1 Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen TOMORROW:

2013 MCL Championship Series - Game 2 NWI Oilmen @ Southland Vikings

MONDAY:

2013 MCL Championship Series - Game 3** Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen

** = if necessary

FINAL 2013 Midwest Collegiate League Standings

			Ν	ACL		SEASON							
Team	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	
xyz- DuPage County Hounds	24	10	0.706	-	2W	7-3	24	11	0.686	-	2W	7-3	
xy- Northwest Indiana Oilmen	21	13	0.618	3	1L	7-3	27	15	0.643	.5	1L	6-4	
x- Lexington Snipes	20	13	0.606	3.5	4W	6-4	20	13	0.606	3	4W	6-4	
x- Southland Vikings	20	15	0.571	4.5	1L	7-3	20	15	0.571	4	1L	7-3	
E- Chicago Zephyrs	7	23	0.233	15	1W	3-7	7	23	0.233	14.5	1W	3-7	
E- Rockford Foresters	7	25	0.219	16	6L	2-8	7	25	0.219	15.5	6L	2-8	

EAGUE

x = clinched playoff berth

y = clinched home field advantage (first round)

z = clinched MCL Pennant

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

<u>Catchers</u>

#	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

<u>Infielders</u>

#	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

<u>Outfielders</u>

#	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

<u>Coaches</u>

Justin Huisman (Manager, 2nd Season), Adam Enright (Assistant Coach)

2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Statistics (REGULAR SEASON)



<u>Batting</u>

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Player	Р	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Bartolone, N	OF	.361	30	108	13	39	5	3	1	37	10	2	19	6	0	4	2	1	3
x Dykema, C	IF	.333	2	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Czeszewski, J	OF	.333	39	132	27	44	6	2	0	17	30	5	21	1	2	22	4	1	0
Clarkson, L	IF	.333	39	150	34	50	6	1	1	25	12	3	27	2	0	13	2	3	9
Bova, A	OF	.317	35	104	26	33	2	1	0	14	23	7	26	1	1	16	3	1	1
Hogan, T	C	.296	26	81	19	24	1	0	0	6	7	1	22	0	1	7	0	1	3
Austgen, C	IF	.284	25	81	9	23	4	0	0	10	6	0	8	0	2	5	2	2	8
Rohan, G	IF	.275	36	138	20	38	4	0	0	15	5	2	19	0	2	7	3	3	8
Mahala, K	IF	.266	27	94	16	25	8	1	1	10	16	2	34	0	1	0	0	1	1
Baar, T	C	.246	35	114	11	28	4	0	1	21	15	0	7	2	0	5	1	3	5
Tillman, R	OF	.236	35	106	25	25	3	0	0	15	19	6	27	3	3	15	4	0	2
Houlihan, J	IF	.221	27	77	16	17	3	0	0	11	17	3	27	2	6	10	1	0	13
Saldutti, N	IF	.213	28	89	7	19	4	2	0	7	8	0	26	0	1	0	0	1	1
Marras, C	C	.207	19	58	8	12	3	0	0	6	7	2	11	0	2	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		.283	42	1339	232	379	53	10	4	195	178	33	275	17	21	105	23	17	57

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3 B	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	17	0	0	21.1	20	2	2	8	17	4	0	1	0	0	0.84
McNamara, J	8	7	0	45.2	36	11	6	7	35	4	0	0	4	0	1.18
Steensen, M	9	8	3	53.1	48	14	11	16	43	4	1	0	8	0	1.85
x Hanchar, M	9	1	0	17.0	21	8	4	3	16	0	0	0	2	0	2.11
Pobereyko, M	16	0	0	16.0	14	4	4	10	18	3	1	5	1	0	2.25
Cochran, J	14	3	2	39.0	35	17	14	11	33	4	1	0	4	1	3.23
Wellwerts, A	7	6	1	38.2	29	22	19	18	40	4	2	0	3	0	4.42
Pobereyko, D	11	4	0	28.2	32	19	16	11	14	0	2	0	3	0	5.02
Schneider, B	8	8	0	41.0	60	33	23	11	27	3	3	0	4	0	5.04
Hinkleman, J	10	2	0	19.2	23	14	14	5	6	0	3	0	3	0	6.40
x Negele, J	1	1	0	4.0	7	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6.75
Jerge, S	8	2	0	17.1	17	15	13	16	7	1	1	0	3	1	6.75
Totals	122	42	6	347.1	349	164	129	122	258	27	15	6	37	2	3.34

2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Statistics (PLAYOFFS)

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Player	Ρ	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	Ε
Saldutti, N	IF	1.000	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baar, T	C	.667	2	9	3	6	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czeszewski, J	OF	.636	2	11	5	7	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Mahala, K	IF	.600	2	5	5	3	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Marras, C	C	.500	2	6	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Bartolone, N	OF	.500	2	8	3	4	1	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Austgen, C	IF	.429	2	7	5	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Clarkson, L	IF	.364	2	11	3	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hogan, T	C	.333	2	9	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Houlihan, J	IF	.000	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rohan, G	IF	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tillman, R	OF	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals		.432	2	81	29	35	9	0	0	25	14	1	14	1	3	5	1	0	1

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Mason, N	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Nasiloski, A	1	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pobereyko, D	1	0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
McNamara, J	1	1	0	7.0	7	3	3	1	4	1	0	0	2	0	3.85
Hinkleman, J	1	0	0	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9.00
Pobereyko, M	1	0	0	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	9.00
Cochran, J	1	1	0	5.0	12	7	6	1	4	1	0	0	3	0	10.80
Totals	7	2	0	18	23	12	11	4	14	2	0	0	5	0	5.50

2013 Southland Vikings Roster



<u>Pitchers</u>

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
7	Tony Balcazar	R/R	6-3	195	Calumet College of St. Joseph	Freshman	East Chicago, IN
21	Chris Chigas	L/L	6-2	175	Phoenix College	Freshman	Chicago,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
45	Stanten Jones	R/L	6-1	200	Arkansas- Pine Bluff	Graduate Student	Flossmoor,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
34	Dan Wetzel	R/R	6-0	160	St. Xavier University	Sophomore	Tinley Park,IL
13	Brandon White	R/R	6-3	195	Hill College	Freshman	Chicago,IL

<u>Catchers</u>

#	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

<u>Infielders</u>

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
20	Jeff Boehm	L/L	6-1	215	University of Kentucky	Sophomore	Lansing,IL
1	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	Junior	Bolingbrook, IL

<u>Outfielders</u>

#	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	lowa Central College	Sophomore	Orland Park, IL
22	Chris Sujka	R/R	5-10	190	Indiana University	Sophomore	Oak Forest,IL

<u>Coaches</u>

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

2013 Southland Vikings Statistics (REGULAR SEASON)

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<u>Batting</u>																			
Player	Ρ	AVG	G	AB	R	Н	2B	3 B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Potempa, D	OF	.369	24	84	17	31	11	1	2	26	18	6	14	4	0	1	0	2	0
Livingston, J	1B	.367	31	109	17	40	12	0	4	25	20	0	15	3	1	0	1	3	10
Lesiak, A	Р	.333	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boehm, J	1B	.331	32	127	26	42	8	3	5	31	23	2	25	2	0	2	3	1	3
Beesley, S	OF	.331	34	142	33	47	2	1	0	14	12	6	23	1	4	28	4	1	1
x Ray, C	OF	.328	17	67	18	22	6	0	1	4	8	0	11	0	0	6	3	2	6
Sujka, C	OF	.306	16	62	18	19	2	1	0	8	12	4	11	1	0	5	1	2	5
Rooke, M	IF	.282	25	103	21	29	4	0	0	9	9	2	14	2	0	6	2	5	10
Hauge, A	Р	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston, J	IF	.238	21	84	10	20	0	0	0	7	8	1	6	0	1	9	0	1	8
Munizzi, M	C	.223	27	94	11	21	8	0	0	18	15	1	17	1	1	1	0	2	3
Letz, S	OF	.212	31	118	17	25	7	0	1	12	21	1	16	1	0	4	2	2	0
White, B	Р	.200	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
x Ruzich, N	C	.200	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stevens, C	1B	.160	12	50	5	8	2	0	0	7	6	0	10	1	0	1	1	1	9
Hanson, T	C	.105	25	86	6	9	1	0	0	7	12	4	36	0	1	2	0	0	8
Jagielo, B	Р	.053	6	19	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	1
x Polley, W	Р	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Nunn, R	Р	.000	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals		.272	35	1169	202	318	63	7	13	173	170	28	215	16	8	65	19	23	65

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2 B	3 B	ERA
Jones, S	3	0	0	2.1	2	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
x Andres, A	9	0	0	8.2	3	3	1	5	10	0	1	3	0	0	1.03
Chigas, C	4	4	0	32.0	18	5	4	11	43	3	0	0	6	1	1.12
Hauge, A	6	6	1	42.0	26	9	6	7	46	3	1	0	3	1	1.28
White, B	5	3	0	23.0	13	5	5	4	21	1	0	0	5	0	1.95
McCarron, D	8	3	0	29.0	27	10	7	12	16	3	1	0	5	1	2.17
Lesiak, A	17	0	0	19.1	14	8	6	6	19	0	2	4	1	0	2.79
Wetzel, D	3	0	0	3.0	3	1	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	3.00
Livingston, J	1	0	0	3.0	2	3	1	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	3.00
x Sneed, M	2	2	0	7.0	2	3	3	6	4	0	1	0	0	0	3.85
Nietfeldt, E	10	8	0	48.0	50	31	24	27	37	4	3	0	11	0	4.50
x Polley, W	2	0	0	2.0	2	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	4.50
Balcazar, T	1	1	0	7.0	5	4	4	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	5.14
Halberg, K	9	4	0	25.1	27	20	17	22	19	0	1	0	2	0	6.03
Nunn, R	9	2	0	20.0	21	21	14	16	14	2	1	0	3	0	6.30
x Rosario, J	3	0	0	4.0	6	3	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	6.75
Jagielo, B	12	0	0	18.2	27	15	14	9	18	1	1	0	8	0	6.75
Boehm, J	5	0	0	5.0	5	5	5	3	6	0	0	0	2	0	9.00
Totals	110	33	1	299.1	253	152	116	139	276	18	15	7	48	3	3.49

2013 Southland Vikings Statistics (PLAYOFFS)



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Player	Ρ	AVG	G	AB	R	Η	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	Ε
Sujka, C	OF	.600	2	5	4	3	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Livingston, J	1B	.375	2	8	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beesley, S	OF	.375	2	8	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Potempa, D	OF	.333	2	9	2	3	1	0	2	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Houston, J	IF	.286	2	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rooke, M	IF	.250	2	8	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Letz, S	OF	.143	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boehm, J	1B	.125	2	8	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Munizzi, M	C	.125	2	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Hauge, A	1	1	0	8.0	3	0	0	6	12	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
Jagielo, B	1	0	0	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Chigas, C	1	1	0	6.0	0	0	0	2	7	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Wetzel, D	1	0	0	2.0	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.00
Totals	5	2	0	18	7	2	2	11	20	2	0	1	1	0	1.00



Second Year

Overall Record:

61-31

(including playoffs)

Iustin 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 guickly 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.



<u>Nick Bartolone</u>

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 sopho-

more and junior seasons while leading the

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

team in batting. He was also a guarterback and a kicker on the football team.

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. <mark>of Arka</mark>nsas-

Pine Bluff

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.



<u>Joe Houlihan</u>

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 guarter-

back on Providence Catholic's football team.

Infielder 6-1 / 184 lb. Sopho<mark>more</mark> - 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.

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 6-1 / 160 lb.

Junior - R/R Lowell, IN St. Joseph's College







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.



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.

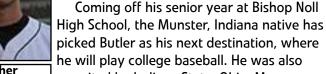
In the summer during his high school career, he batted .477 for the Indiana North-Stars with a .571 on-base percentage.

Danny Pobereyko will join his older brother

this season as the youngest member of the



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



Oilmen roster.

recruited by Indiana State, Ohio, Murray State, Harvard, West Point and St. Joseph's College. He also played basketball and ran crosscountry for Noll.

Danny Pobereyko



<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.







Pitcher 5-11 / 175 lb. Sophomore - R/R Cedar Lake, IN Chi<mark>ca</mark>go State University



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



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

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.

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.

<u>Aveeno Nasiloski</u>

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.

<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 Firstteam 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.

<u>Joe Cochran</u>

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

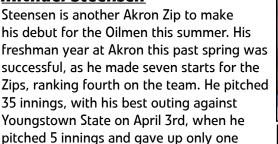
The tall right-hander from Ohio just finished his redshirt sophomore season at the University of Akron, appearing in 13 games out of the bullpen for a total of 20 2/3 innings, and fanning 10 batters.

Pitcher 6-5 / 190 lb. Sophomore - R/RTallmadge, OH Un<mark>iversity</mark> of Akron

Michael Steensen



Pitcher 6-2 / 205 lb. Freshman - R/R Granville, OH Uni<mark>versity</mark> of <mark>Ak</mark>ron



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.



6-2 / 200 lb.

Freshman - R/R

Coral Springs, FL

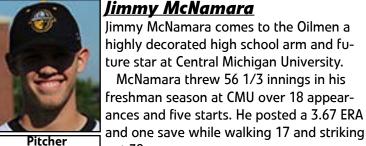
Dominican

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.



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



<u>Gerrad Rohan</u> Gerrad Rohan joins several Akron teammates on the Oilmen roster this season. son 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.

Rohan saw action in 31 games this sea-

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.

6-3 / 195 lb. Sophomore - R/R Canfield, OH Uni<mark>versity</mark> o<mark>f A</mark>kron



Brunswick, OH University of Akron





<u>Anthony Bova</u>

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.

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.

ture star at Central Michigan University. McNamara threw 56 1/3 innings in his freshman season at CMU over 18 appear-

out 39.

Catcher

6-0 / 200 lb.

Freshman - R/R

Vernon Hills, IL

Butler University



Pitcher

6-1 / 239 lb.

Junior - R/R

Munster, IN

Kentucky

Wesleyan Univ.

<u>Matt Pobereyko</u>

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.

<u>Chris Marras</u>

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" Matt/Danny POBEREYKO - "pobe-uh-REE-ko" GERRAD ROHAN - "JAIR-ed ROW-an" Nick SALDUTTI - "sal-DOOT-ee" RASHAWN Tillman - "ruh-SHAWN"

