



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2014 Game Notes

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TONIGHT'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (0-0)
vs. Lexington Snipes (0-0)

May 28- 7:10 PM (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

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Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

The Oilmen were scheduled to begin their third season in the Midwest Collegiate League on Tuesday, but inclement weather caused the postponement of the scheduled game against the Southland Vikings. Instead, the MCL slates opens up Wednesday as the Oilmen host the Lexington Snipes. Historically, the Oilmen have struggled on opening day, losing to DuPage County in the franchise's first-ever game in 2012 before falling to Michigan City to start the 2013 campaign. This game marks the first time the Oilmen have opened a season at home.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen have reached the Midwest Collegiate League championship series in each of the first two seasons under manager Justin Huisman. The Oilmen captured the league crown in the inaugural 2012 campaign. This year's roster is loaded with new faces as only four players - Jimmy McNamara, Danny Pobereyko, Matt Pobereyko and Scott Jerge - return from last year's squad. This year's team features more local talent than ever before as graduates of Lake Central, Michigan City, Portage, Bishop Noll, Kankakee Valley, Munster, Whiting, Highland and Crown Point are all featured on the roster. The Oilmen hold a .719 all-time winning percentage in games played at Oil City Stadium.

Inside the Snipes

The Lexington Snipes are opening their second season in the Midwest Collegiate League and 14th overall. The franchise holds a .570 winning percentage in team history. Wednesday's game marks the managerial debut of Tyler Cook, who takes over for Billy DuBois. DuBois will focus on his duties as the team's general manager this season. Cook received a Lexington Snipes MVP Award in 2011 during his playing days at the University of South Carolina Upstate. He spent 2012 as an assistant coach for the Snipes. The Snipes reached the MCL playoffs in 2013, but fell to the Oilmen two games to none in the first round of the postseason.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen won the regular season series against the Snipes 4-3 in 2013 in addition to sweeping to postseason series 2-0. The Snipes secured their first-ever MCL win with a 5-3 victory at Oil City Stadium on June 5, 2013. The last time the two teams met was the clinching game of the 2013 MCL Semifinals as the Oilmen pulled out a wild 17-9 victory at Illinois Wesleyan University on July 31.

Around the MCL

Oil City Stadium is the only active Midwest Collegiate League diamond on Wednesday. The Joliet Admirals will play their first game since moving to Joliet at home against Southland on Thursday night, while the DuPage County Hounds and Chicago Zephyrs do not open the season until Friday.

2014 Schedule

05/27	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	PPD
05/28	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
05/30	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
05/31	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
06/01	@ Lexington Snipes	1:00 PM
06/03	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
06/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
06/05	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
06/06	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	7:10 PM
06/07	@ Michigan City Lakers*	1:10 PM
06/10	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	7:10 PM
06/11	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
06/12	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
06/13	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
06/14	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/15	LEXINGTON SNIPES	4:10 PM
06/17	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	7:10 PM
06/18	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
06/19	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/20	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
06/21	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
06/25	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
06/27	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
06/28	@ Chicago Zephyrs	12:00 PM
06/29	@ Joliet Admirals	12:00 PM
07/01	<i>US Military All-Stars</i>	7:30 PM
07/03	@ Lexington Snipes	7:10 PM
07/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	3:30 PM
07/05	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/06	@ Chicago Zephyrs	12:00 PM
07/08	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:10 PM
07/09	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7:30 PM
07/11	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/12	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/13	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
07/15	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	7:10 PM
07/16	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:00 PM
07/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
07/18	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	4:10 PM
07/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	7:10 PM
07/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/25	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	1:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	3:00 PM
07/29	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
07/30	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
07/31	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
08/01	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
08/02	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
08/03	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM

*- denotes exhibition game

CAPS- denotes home game

Italics- denotes US Military All-Star Game

Bold- denotes MCL All-Star Game

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owner.....Don Popravak (2012-present)
 Address.....500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394
 Phone.....219-659-1000
 Website.....nwioilmen.com
 Colors.....Black and Gold
 Home Field (Capacity).....Oil City Stadium (1,300)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager..Justin Huisman (62-32 overall, 56-30 in league games)
 All-Time Team Record.....62-32, 56-30 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....41-16 (38-15 in MCL)
 Road Record.....21-16
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Playoff Record.....6-2
 Playoff Home Record.....3-1
 Playoff Road Record.....3-1
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Midwest Collegiate League Titles.....2012

NWI Oilmen Radio Network

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the action this season over the airwaves on 1230 AM WJOB and online via Ustream on NWIOilmen.com! Brandon Vickrey will handle play-by-play duties for every Oilmen game this season. Joey Gelman joins Brandon for all home games, while David Bork provides color commentary when the team is on the road. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard (MCL games only)

LAST NIGHT: Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen - postponed	TONIGHT: Lexington Snipes @ NWI Oilmen
TOMORROW: NWI Oilmen @ Joliet Admirals Chicago Zephyrs @ DuPage County Hounds	SATURDAY: NWI Oilmen @ DuPage County Southland @ Joliet Chicago @ Lexington (double header)

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	MCL						SEASON					
	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
Chicago Zephyrs												
DuPage County Hounds												
Joliet Admirals												
Lexington Snipes												
NWI Oilmen												
Southland Vikings												

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Andrew Jackson	L/L	6-5	210	Wabash College	Wheatfield, Ind
	Kevin Jones	L/R	5-11	180	Northern Illinois University	Portage, Ind.
	Myles McVeigh	R/R	6-4	225	Akron	Cheyenne, Wyo.
10	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland Community College	Highland, Ind.
19	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Butler	Munster, Ind.
21	Nick Nauracy	R/R	6-1	185	Ohio University	Crown Point, Ind.
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan	Dyer, Ind.
27	Andrew Lowe	R/R	6-2	220	UW-Whitewater	Whiting, Ind.
29	Anthony Gomez	L/L	6-0	200	Ball State	Munster, Ind.
30	Aaron Glatt	R/R	6-2	190	University of Dayton	Schererville, Ind.
35	Garrett Sherrell	R/R	6-4	185	Arkansas Little Rock	New Albany, Ind.
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso	Munster, Ind.
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan	Munster, Ind.
43	Cameron Linck	R/R	6-2	175	Hill College	Kingwood, Texas

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Alec Ornelas	R/R	6-1	197	Central Michigan University	Mokena, Ill.
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian College	Park Forest, Ill.
23	Andrew Ray	R/R	6-1	195	Northern Illinois University	Michigan City, Ind.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	James Meeker	L/R	6-4	180	University of Akron	Wexford, Pa.
2	Ryan Burvan	R/R	5-11	165	Purdue University	Dyer, Ind.
3	Kevin DeFilippis	R/R	6-0	170	University of Notre Dame	Homer Glen, Ill.
13	Nick Vogelmeier	R/R	5-11	165	Western Michigan University	Lake Orion, Mich.
15	Anthony Colosimo	L/L	6-0	185	Purdue Calumet	Lake Forest, Ill.
22	Nate Schneider	R/R	6-2	210	Western Michigan University	Portae, Mich.
24	Brodie Meyer	R/R	6-0	180	Butler University	Palos Heights, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Larry Crisler	R/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Gary, Ind.
	Craig Dedelow	L/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Munster, Ind.
9	Rob Blissitt, Jr.	R/R	6-3	165	University of Cincinnati	Markham, Ill.
17	Jason Gasser	L/R	6-0	195	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.

Manager - Justin Huisman | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright, Mike Coles

2014 Lexington Snipes Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Kyle Weller	R/R	6-0	190	Parkland Community College	Pleasant Plains, Ill.
5	Ben Hecht	R/R	6-3	183	Illinois State University	Effingham, Ill.
6	Brett Fanning	R/R	5-10	160	Upper Iowa University	Spring Valley, Ill.
7	Max Osnowitz	R/R	6-6	220	Missouri Baptist University	Bloomington, Ill.
20	Nick Barnhill	R/R	6-2	205	Concordia University	Normal, Ill.
22	Sean Coonan	R/R	5-10	180	Illinois Wesleyan University	Bloomington, Ill.
23	Matthew James	L/R	6-1	170	University of Illinois	Normal, Ill.
26	Kyle Jenkins	R/R	6-0	185	St. Charles CC	LaSalle, Ill.
29	Mitch Vogrin	R/R	5-10	185	Illinois State University	Minooka, Ill.
32	Josh Tonozzi	L/L	5-10	175	McKendree University	Mark, Ill.
33	John Munyon	R/R	6-2	185	Illinois Wesleyan University	St. Charles, Ill.
35	Austin Denault	L/L	6-4	180	Illinois State University	Bradley, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Cale Robinson	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	Clinton, Ill.
4	Jake Capco	R/R	6-2	195	Illinois Wesleyan	Morris, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Austin Smith	R/R	5-10	160	Parkland Community College	Greensburg, Ind.
14	Jeff Cardenas	L/R	5-10	175	Kankakee Community College	Fort Wayne, Ind.
15	Adam Casson	L/L	6-3	215	Eastern Illinois University	Pontiac, Ill.
21	Simeon Lucas	L/R	6-2	195	Illinois State University	Fox Lake, Ill.
24	Chris Maranto	R/R	5-10	180	Butler University	Hawthorn Wood, Ill.
44	Reed Rogers	R/R	6-5	250	Heartland	Normal, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Demetre Taylor	L/L	6-4	240	Eastern Illinois University	Tampa, Fla.
10	Eric Fight	R/R	6-0	185	Heartland Community College	Normal, Ill.
12	Ryan Frye	R/L	6-2	175	Evangel University	Normal, Ill.
27	Eric Phillis	L/R	6-2	195	Kankakee Community College	Streator, Ill.

Manager - Tyler Cook | Coaches - Jeff Droll, Brian DuBois, Mike Baker