

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2014 Game Notes

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TODAY'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (2-1) at Lexington Snipes (2-1)

June 1 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Lexington, Ill.

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)





Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen are attempting to bounce back from their first defeat of the season, an 8-1 loss to DuPage County on Saturday night. DuPage County pitcher Pat Cashman (1-0) hurled seven shutout innings as the Hounds defeated the Oilmen 8-1. The Oilmen mustered up only three hits in the seven innings against Cashman. Nate Schneider, who went 2-for-4, drove in the lone Oilmen run with a ninth-inning double.

<u>Inside The Oilmen</u>

Western Michigan's Nate Schneider is off to a fast start in his first season with the Oilmen. He is tied for the team lead in batting average at .429 and pacing the Oilmen in runs batted in with four. Jason Gasser shares the team-lead in batting average, while Kevin DeFilippis and Ryan Burvan lead the club in walks with three each. Jack Czeszewski leads the team in doubles with three, all of which came on Friday in Joliet.

<u>Inside the Snipes</u>

Lexington picked up its first and second victories of the season on Saturday, sweeping the Chicago Zephyrs in a double header. After taking the first game 8-0, the Snipes downed the Zephyrs 11-3 in the nightcap. Ben Hecht is expected to take the mound against the Oilmen on Sunday afternoon. Hecht just completed his freshman season at Illinois State, where he posted a 5.01 ERA in 19 appearances, all in relief. Hecht will face off with Illinois State teammate Jack Czeszewski of NWI.

About the Matchup

Jimmy McNamara and Brett Fanning engaged in a pitchers' duel for five innings on opening night as both starters walked away with no decisions. The Oilmen eventually prevailed 2-1, improving to 7-3 all-time against the Snipes. The Oilmen are 2-1 when playing on the road against Lexington and 1-1 in games played at High Desert Field, the site of Sunday's contest.

Around the MCL

The Oilmen and Snipes enter Sunday's showdown tied for second in the league standings with identical 2-1 records. DuPage County and Southland are deadlocked atop the league standings with both clubs at 2-0. Southland defeated Joliet 7-4 on Saturday as a late Admirals rally came up shy. The Vikings visit DuPage County on Sunday night in a battle of the two remaining Midwest Collegiate League undefeated teams. Chicago travels to Joliet in a matchup that will allow the winner to capture its first victory of the season.

2014 Schedule

05/27	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	PPD
05/28	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 2-1
05/30	Ø Joliet Admirals	W 13-2
05/31	DuPage County Hounds	L 8-1
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 DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
06/27		7:10 PM
06/28 06/29	Chicago Zephyrs Joliet Admirals	12:00 PM 12:00 PM
06/29	US Military All-Stars	7:30 PM
07/01	@ Lexington Snipes	7:30 PM 7:10 PM
07/03	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM 3:30 PM
07/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/03	@ 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	Ø Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/25	Ø 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 Season2012
LocationWhiting, Ind.
OwnerDon Popravak (2012-present)
Address500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394
Phone219-659-1000
Websitenwioilmen.com
ColorsBlack and Gold
Home Field (Capacity)Oil City Stadium (1,300)
Stadium Address1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
ManagerJustin Huisman (third season)
All-Time Team Record64-33, 58-31 in MCL Games
Home Record42-16 (39-15 in MCL)
Road Record
Playoff Appearances2012, 2013
Playoff Record6-2
Playoff Home Record3-1
Playoff Road Record3-1
MCL Championship Appearances2012, 2013
Midwest Collegiate League Titles2012

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

SATURDAY:	SUNDAY:
DuPage County 8, Northwest Indiana 1	NWI Oilmen @ Lexington Snipes
Lexington 8, Chicago 0	Chicago Zephyrs @ Joliet Admirals (x2)
Lexington 11, Chicago 3	Southland Vikings @ DuPage County Hounds
Southland 7, Joliet 4	
MONDAY:	TUESDAY:
No MCL Games	NWI Oilmen @ Southland Vikings
	Lexington Snipes @ Joliet Admirals
	DuPage County Hounds @ Chicago Zephyrs

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
Southland Vikings	2	0	1.000		W2	2-0
DuPage County Hounds	2	0	1.000		W2	2-0
NWI Oilmen	2	1	0.666	0.5	L1	2-1
Lexington Snipes	2	1	0.666	0.5	W2	2-1
Chicago Zephyrs	0	3	0.000	2.5	L3	0-3
Joliet Admirals	0	3	0.000	2.5	L3	0-3

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.
10	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland Community College	Highland, 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.
26	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Butler University	Munster, 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
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.
33	Alec Ornelas	R/R	6-1	197	Central Michigan University	Mokena, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
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.
26	James Meeker	R/L	6-4	180	Akron University	Wexford, Penn.

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.
14	Jack Czeszewski	L/L	5-11	170	Illinois State University	Elk Grove Village, 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.
34	John Kaimakis	R/R	6-3	250	Heartland	Wauconda, Ill.
30	Zach Barkdull	R/R	6-0	220	Kankakee Community College	

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