



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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TUESDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (3-7)
at Crestwood Panthers (1-7)

GAME
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June 12 - 4 p.m. (CT) - Midlothian, Ill.
Oil City Stadium
Broadcast: Facebook Live



2018 Schedule

5/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 15-4
5/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 5-0
5/30	@ DuPage County Hounds	PPD
6/1	@ Southland Vikings	L 7-1
6/2	@ Joliet Generals	L 14-12
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 12-7
6/5	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 10-4
6/6	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 13-4
6/7	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 13-10
6/8	JOLIET GENERALS	L 16-11
6/9	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 13-4
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	ppd
6/12	@ Crestwood Panthers	4 p.m.
6/13	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
6/14	JOLIET GENERALS	11 a.m.
6/15	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	7:10 p.m.
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	6:10 p.m.
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	1 p.m.
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	4 p.m.
6/19	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
6/20	@ Joliet Generals	5 p.m.
6/21	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
6/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
6/23	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	6:10 p.m.
6/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	4 p.m.
6/26	@ Joliet Generals	5 p.m.
6/27	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	7:10 p.m.
6/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
6/29	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	7:10 p.m.
6/30	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	6:10 p.m.
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS	1 p.m.
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS	4 p.m.
7/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
7/5	@ Crestwood Panthers	4 p.m.
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
7/7	JOLIET GENERALS	6:10 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	1 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	4 p.m.
7/10	@ Joliet Generals	5 p.m.
7/11	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	3 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	7:10 p.m.
5/30	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/17-7-22	IBC#	TBD
7/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
7/25	JOLIET GENERALS	7:10 p.m.
7/26	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/27	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	Noon
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	3 p.m.
7/29	@ DuPage County Hounds	1 p.m.
7/31-8/5	MCL Playoffs	TBD

ALL CAPS = Home Games, Played at Oil City Stadium

= special event, hosted at Oil City Stadium

For Starters

The Oilmen have come on strong offensively after a slow start at the plate, as they've posted a double-figure run total in four consecutive games. This marks the first time in the seven-year history of the franchise they've scored 10+ runs in four straight games. There have only been two prior streaks of three straight games with a double-figure run total - one in 2012 and one in 2015. Nate Montgomery already has two home runs in the first 10 games of the season. Only one player in franchise history has had more than three in a season (Tyler Sroczyński, 7 in 2016). Speaking of home runs, Tyler Kenjic drilled a grand slam last Wednesday against Crestwood, the first grand slam by an Oilmen player since Chris Baker's in the 2015 home opener against the Lakers. Craig Dedelow hit a grand slam on the final day of the 2014 regular season against Lexington, while Billy Miller hit one in the first game of the 2012 playoffs, a 5-1 win over the Hounds.

Inside the Oilmen

Montgomery, Kenjic and Brendan Butler are locked in a three-way tie for the team lead with eight RBIs apiece. Montgomery has scored a team-high 11 runs, while Nick Figus still holds the NWI lead in batting average at an even .500. Chris Baker is the club's leader in walks with 11, while Christian Howell is the Oilmen pitcher who has recorded the most strikeouts with 16. Not far behind is Brandon Hickey, who will get the start on Tuesday. He's racked up 15 strikeouts against seven walks in nine innings of work so far this summer. His only decision was a defeat in two starts. The Oilmen lefty went four shutout innings at Bloomington on May 29 before yielding three runs (one earned) in a tough-luck loss to DuPage County on June 5. His ERA sits at 1.00.

Inside the Panthers

The Panthers carry momentum with them into Tuesday's game as they picked up their first win of the season on Saturday at Southland, snapping a seven-game season-opening losing streak. In that game against the Vikings, Crestwood scored three runs in three different innings to build up a 10-4 lead at the seventh-inning stretch, but Southland tied the game with three in the seventh and three in the eighth. Crestwood pushed across the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth, then held on to beat the Vikings 11-10 in a game that saw each team rack up 14 hits. The Panthers are led offensively by Cole Blatchford, who owns a .382 average with one home run and three RBIs. His long ball, which came against the Oilmen, is the only Crestwood home run this season. Blake Soria leads the Panthers with six RBIs. Crestwood will start right-hander Ethan Klay on Tuesday. He has worked 9 1/3 innings over two games (one start) and has a 7.71 ERA this season, issuing eight walks while striking out 12. He pitched in relief against the Oilmen on May 28, allowing seven runs (six earned) on two hits and five walks in three frames.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen own an 11-2 edge in the all-time series, which began last season when Crestwood joined the MCL. NWI has won each of the first two meetings of the year, dispatching the Panthers 15-4 on Opening Night in Crestwood before picking up a 13-4 win last Wednesday at Oil City.

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owner.....Don Popravak (2012-present)
 Address.....1500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394
 Phone.....219-659-1000
 Website.....nwioilmen.com
 Colors.....Black and Gold
 Home Field (Capacity).....Oil City Stadium (1,500)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager.....Adam Enright (2015-present)
 All-Time Team Record.....185-114 (.619)
 Playoff Appearances....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
 Playoff Record.....11-9
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2016
 Midwest Collegiate League Titles.....2012, 2016

Oilmen Broadcasting Network

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the action this season with a live video stream available via Facebook Live. Brandon Vickrey is back for another season as the team's play-by-play broadcaster. This year, he'll be joined by Sam Michel (home games) and Dan Harty (road games). Be sure to "like" the Northwest Indiana Oilmen on Facebook and follow along all summer long to check out live action from Oil City Stadium.

Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

SATURDAY: Generals at Hounds, ppd Panthers 11, Vikings 10 Oilmen 13, Bobcats 4	SUNDAY: Generals at Vikings, ppd Hounds at Oilmen (DH), ppd
TUESDAY: Oilmen at Panthers, 4 pm. Vikings at Hounds, 5 p.m. Generals at Bobcats, 6 p.m.	WEDNESDAY: Panthers at Generals, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Vikings, 5 p.m. Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	8	1	.889	---	W2
Southland Vikings	6	2	.750	1.5	L1
Joliet Generals	5	4	.555	3	W3
Bloomington Bobcats	4	6	.400	4.5	L4
NWI Oilmen	3	7	.300	5.5	W1
Crestwood Panthers	1	7	.125	6.5	W1

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2018 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Connor Spear	R/R	5-10	175	UW Whitewater	Highland, Ind.
10	Brandon Hickey	L/L	5-10	170	Robert Morris	Monee, Ill.
17	Bobby Nowak	R/R	6-4	180	Kankakee CC	Cedar Lake, Ind.
18	Max Franklin	R/R	6-3	190	Heartland	Chicago Heights, Ill.
26	Brendan Kelly	R/R	6-0	190	Purdue Northwest	Grandville, Mich.
28	Andrew Hancock	R/R	6-6	190	Evansville	New Lenox, Ill.
31	Pedro Rodriguez	R/R	6-0	220	Tusculum	Kissimmee, Fla.
32	Sawyer Allen	L/L	6-0	180	Hillsdale College	Fair Oaks, Ind.
33	Nick Wolf	R/R	6-5	220	McHenry County	Valparaiso, Ind.
36	Norman Standish	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban	Highland, Ind.
37	George Sherman	L/L	6-3	245	Dominican	Skokie, Ill.
42	Chad Patrick	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue Northwest	Hebron, Ind.
45	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Trinity Christian	Aurora, Ill.
	Alex Voss	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
12	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-11	180	Purdue Northwest	Portage, Ind.
19	Jake Perreira	R/R	5-9	210	University of Indianapolis	Grant Park, Ill.
23	Nate Montgomery	R/R	6-1	200	Tusculum	Geneva, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Nick Figus	R/R	5-11	175	Illinois Wesleyan	Frankfort, Ill.
8	Cory Krolkowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.
24	Chris Baker	L/R	6-0	185	Trinity Christian	South Holland, Ill.
29	Tom Kelley	R/R	6-1	210	Miami (OH)	Orland Park, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
9	Tommy Farrell	L/L	6-3	190	UIC	Chicago, Ill.
2	Jackson Dvorak	R/R	6-1	230	South Suburban	New Lenox, Ill.
11	Tyler Kenjic	R/R	6-1	190	Purdue Northwest	Hobart, Ind.
16	CJ Deshazer	S/R	5-10	170	Heartland	Schaumburg, Ill.
21	Brandon Petkoff	L/R	6-3	185	Texas A&M Corpus Cristi	Frankfort, Ill.
22	Brendan Butler	R/R	6-0	190	Upper Iowa	Oak Lawn, Ill.
41	Jake Plastiak	S/R	6-3	200	Wichita State	Tinley Park, Ill.
43	Eric Yachinich	R/R	6-0	200	Minnesota Duluth	Ashland, Wis.
	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Matt Vitulli

2018 Crestwood Panthers

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Stephen Gilbertsen	R/L	5-10	155	Illinois State	Chesterton, Ind.
13	Kyle Ostrowski	L/L	6-4	220	John A. Logan	Tinley Park, Ill.
18	Andrew Stone	R/R	5-10	160	---	Chicago Heights, Ill.
23	Ethan Klay	R/R	6-7	180	Lincoln Land CC	Springfield, Ill.
29	Malik Binns	R/R	6-7	240	Waubensee CC	Bolingbrook, Ill.
30	Daniel Nelson	R/R	5-11	180	UW Parkside	Aurora, Ill.
31	JP Massey	R/R	6-3	185	Minnesota	Chicago, Ill.
34	Dan Cryan	R/R	6-2	190	South Suburban	Orland Park, Ill.
46	Torrium Towers	R/R	6-1	175	Claflin	Chicago, Ill.
47	Jake Miller	R/R	6-2	210	Concordia	Plainfield, Ill.
	Ryan Green	R/R	6-4	190	Savannah State	Port Royal, S.C.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Blake Soria	R/R	6-0	176	Mesa CC	Homer Glen, Ill.
45	Brian Vance	R/R	5-11	180	Saint Joseph's (PA)	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Michael Ruffolo	R/R	5-7	155	Rockhurt	Norridge, Ill.
4	Pat Mayo	R/R	6-1	155	Spring Hill College	Oak Lawn, Ill.
11	Cole Blatchford	R/R	5-10	175	Air Force Academy	Highland Ranch, Colo.
12	Christian Poulsen	R/R	5-9	165	Harper College	Schaumburg, Ill.
16	Maurey Garrett	R/R	5-5	150	Heartland CC	Flossmoor, Ill.
22	Michael Jahnke	R/R	6-1	190	Coe College	Lansing, Ill.
35	John Plattner	R/R	6-1	200	Lincoln Land CC	Chatham, Ill.
44	Pat McGowan	R/R	6-3	175	Kalamazoo Valley CC	Frankfort, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Jackson Shepherd	R/R	5-11	170	Mesa CC	Channahon, Ill.
6	Reggie Brock, Jr.	R/R	6-0	190	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
9	Evan Bell	R/R	5-9	190	Memphis	Oak Park, Ill.
15	Shane Peisker	L/R	5-11	205	John A. Logan	Hammond, Ind.
17	Will Thomas	R/R	5-10	185	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
33	Colton Rydlewski	L/R	6-0	195	Albion College	Schererville, Ind.
	Myles Norman	R/R	6-1	175	Indian Hills CC	Chicago, Ill.

Manager - Isaac Valdez | Assistant Coach - Rich Ruffolo