



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:

DuPage County Hounds (12-1)
at NWI Oilmen (6-8)

June 16 - 6:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Oil City Stadium
Broadcast: Facebook Live

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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	W 7-6
6/13	@ Southland Vikings	L 6-0
6/14	JOLIET GENERALS	W 8-4
6/15	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 11-5
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

When these two teams get together, there's bound to be a little extra incentive regardless of where the clubs are in the standings. As the Oilmen get set to battle DuPage County in the latest incarnation of an old rivalry that date back to the first game in franchise history for both squads, they have all the incentive in the world as they try to slow down a team that's been nearly unbeatable this season. The Hounds are riding high at 12-1 and have won six consecutive games for the second time this year. The only team to top DuPage County was Southland, which won 12-10 on June 6 at Hap Bruno Field. The Oilmen carry momentum into the game with them, having won back-to-back contests and four of their last five. NWI is seeking its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen launched four home runs in the first three innings on the way to an 11-5 win over the Bloomington Bobcats on Friday at Oil City Stadium. Nate Montgomery's home run was his third of the season, but Joliet's Jeremiah Lebron also went deep on Friday, so the two men remain deadlocked for the league lead in long balls. Nick Figus racked up four hits against his former team including a home run, extending his hitting streak to 10 games. He leads the MCL in batting average at .429. Figus and Montgomery's home runs were back-to-back jacks, while Hunter Thorn and Cory Krolikowski later added big flies. All four Oilmen home runs were solo shots. Before Friday, the trio of Figus, Thorn and Krolikowski had combined for one home run in 601 MCL plate appearances. They combined for three long balls in one game on Friday. The only prior home run by that group was Thorn's in his MCL debut way back on May 27, 2016 while playing for the Southland Vikings against the Michigan City Lakers. This year, Thorn had three hits in his first eight games of the season and had three on Friday alone in a breakout day at the dish. Andrew Hancock will make his first start with the Oilmen on Saturday. He has made one relief appearance and allowed five runs on five walks and six hits while striking out five in 3 1/3 innings against the Hounds on June 5.

Inside the Hounds

The Hounds have been an offensive juggernaut this season as they have scored six runs or more in every game and have double-figure run outputs in eight of their first 13 contests. DuPage County holds a team batting average of .305 and has scored 133 runs in 13 games, an average of 10.2 runs per game. The second-highest team batting average in the league is Southland at .289 and the Oilmen are second in runs scored with 112 and have played one more game. The Hounds also lead the league in stolen bases with 37. Starting pitcher Jake Anderson is 2-0 over 13 innings in three games, two starts. He has not allowed an earned run (one unearned run) and just four hits while walking three and striking out 12.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen and Hounds are tied 28-28 in an evenly-matched all-time series that dates back to 2012. The two teams were scheduled to have already played four times, but three of them were rained out. The only meeting that has occurred saw the Hounds win 10-4 to spoil Opening Night.

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.....188-115 (.620)
 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

THURSDAY: Oilmen 8, Generals 4 Hounds 13, Panthers 2 Vikings 7, Bobcats 6	FRIDAY: Hounds 8, Generals 4 Oilmen 11, Bobcats 5
SATURDAY: Vikings at Generals, 1 p.m. Panthers at Bobcats (DH), 1 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 6 p.m.	SUNDAY: Hounds at Vikings, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Generals, 1 p.m. Panthers at Oilmen (DH), 1 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	12	1	.923	---	W6
Southland Vikings	8	3	.727	3	W2
Joliet Generals	6	7	.462	6	L2
NWI Oilmen	6	8	.429	6.5	W2
Bloomington Bobcats	5	9	.357	7.5	L1
Crestwood Panthers	1	10	.091	10	L3

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.
30	Alex Voss	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.
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.

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 Krolikowski	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.

INFELDERS

#	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.
7	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, 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.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Vitulli, Frank Podkul

2018 DuPage County Hounds

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Nate Madej	L/L	6-0	200	Florida Southwestern St	Lemont, Ill.
	Ethan Willett	R/R	6-2	170	Rollins College	Western Springs, Ill.
	Travis Pelton	L/R	5-11	195	Loras	Hinsdale, Ill.
9	Andrew Padilla	R/R	6-0	180	Webster University	Burbank, Ill.
10	Jake Anderson	R/R	6-1	165	Webster University	Bollingbrook, Ill.
13	James Raffauf	R/R	6-3	185	Heartland CC	Richmond, Ill.
14	Brett Taucher	R/R	6-4	220	SIU Edwardsville	Elk Grove Village, Ill.
15	Matt Verdun	R/R	5-8	145	Lewis University	Homer Glen, Ill.
16	Jesse Wainscott	R/R	6-1	180	Eastern Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.
19	Jack Weller	R/R	6-3	205	Washburn University	Wauconda, Ill.
28	Ryan Reeder	R/R	6-1	200	Grand Rapids CC	Palatine, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	170	Rend Lake CC	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Jordan Walden	R/R	6-6	200	Parkland CC	Braidwood, Ill.
33	Alex Luka	L/L	6-4	200	Babson University	Downers Grove, Ill.
42	Zac Bianucci	L/L	6-3	200	Michigan State	Naperville, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Michael Bieterman	R/R	6-1	195	Heartland CC	Wood Dale, Ill.
8	Kennedy Phillips	L/R	6-0	215	Regis University	Arvada, Colo.
45	Joe Swanson	R/R			Webster University	Park Ridge, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Austin Tittle	R/R	6-3	200	Lewis University	Lemont, Ill.
3	Nick Bellina	R/R	6-0	175	Louisiana State Eunice	Donaldsonville, La.
7	Dane Toppel	R/R	5-9	150	Eastern Illinois	South Elgin, Ill.
11	Matt Collins	R/R	6-0	185	Cornell University	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.
21	Angel Salinas	L/R	6-0	170	Triton JC	Woodridge, Ill.
28	Kyle Kane	L/R	6-2	175	Lewis University	Westchester, Ill.
37	Matt Bottcher	L/R	5-10	180	UIC	Romeoville, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Wyll Woods	R/R	6-0	185	Eastern Illinois	Matteson, Ill.
4	Bren Faulk	R/R	5-8	145	Louisiana State Eunice	Abbeville, La.
6	David Guiliano	L/R	6-0	185	Cornell University	Downers Grove, Ill.
12	Danny Gleaves	R/R	6-0	180	Michigan State	Homer Glen, Ill.
32	Stephen Mogged	R/R	5-11	175	Southern Illinois	Lindenhurst, Ill.

Manager - Ben Caple | Assistant Coach - Rick Panek