



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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SUNDAY'S GAMES:

Crestwood Panthers (1-11)
at NWI Oilmen (7-8)

*** DOUBLEHEADER (2 7s) ***

June 17 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Oil City Stadium
Broadcast: Facebook Live

GAMES

16/17



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	W 11-3
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 bad news for the Oilmen is that they hold a sub-.500 record through 15 games for the first time in franchise history. The good news is that the team is trending in the right direction, having won five of the last six games. The Oilmen enter a Father's Day doubleheader with the Crestwood Panthers on a three-game winning streak, the team's longest of the season. A DuPage County team that was averaging over 10 runs per game was held to three runs on five hits on Saturday night at Oil City Stadium. The Oilmen pieced together the victory with three position players combining to allow just one run on two hits over three innings on the mound to round out the game. Tom Kelley needed only nine pitches to send down the side in order in the ninth. That handed the Hounds just their second loss all season.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen have scored eight runs or more in each of their last seven home games. The season is only 15 games old and Nate Montgomery has already joined an elite group of Oilmen who have three home runs or more in a single-season - Bill Miller (2012), Jordan Lewis (2015), Noah Davis (2017) and Tyler Sroczynski (2015, 2016, 2017). Chris Baker continues to extend his franchise record for career walks as he now has 80. Sroczynski is second on the all-time walks list with 51. Nick Figus extended his hitting streak to 11 games on Friday and now has six multi-hit games. The Oilmen will send Christian Howell to the mound for Sunday's first game. He picked up the win with 7 2/3 innings of four-run ball while striking out nine on June 9 against Bloomington after beating Crestwood on Opening Night, allowing just two unearned runs. He's 2-0 in 13 2/3 innings with a 2.63 ERA and 16 strikeouts, second on the team in strikeouts behind Brandon Hickey (22 in 14 IP). Bobby Nowak gets the Game 2 start after a bounce-back outing that saw him throw 2 1/3 scoreless innings at Southland on Wednesday.

Inside the Panthers

The Panthers picked up their first win of the season by beating Southland 11-10 on June 9, but since that point they've dropped four consecutive games. After back-to-back one-sided defeats against Joliet and DuPage County on Wednesday and Thursday, the Panthers suffered a narrow 5-4 setback at Bloomington on Saturday. The Panthers fell despite outhitting the Bobcats 10-5. Crestwood led 4-2 in the seventh inning, but Bloomington scored twice in the seventh to tie it and once in the eighth to take the lead. Cole Blatchford hit his second home run of the season on Saturday and remains the only Panther who has homered. Blatchford also leads the team with a .377 batting average. Dan Cryan (0-1, 5 IP, 7.20 ERA) will start Game 1 before Stephen Gilbertsen (1 G, 6 IP, 7 R, 1 ER, Loss, June 13 at Joliet) gets the ball for Game 2.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen own a 12-2 edge in the all-time series, which began last season when Crestwood joined the MCL. NWI has won each of the first three meetings this year. The most memorable matchup of the year occurred this past Tuesday at Howie Minas Field, a marathon affair that saw the Oilmen pull out a 7-6 win in 15 innings. Sunday is a doubleheader, but if both games go the scheduled seven innings, there will be fewer innings on Sunday than there were on Tuesday.

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.....189-115 (.621)
 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

FRIDAY: Hounds 8, Generals 4 Oilmen 11, Bobcats 5	SATURDAY: Vikings 1, Generals 0 Bobcats 5, Panthers 4 Oilmen 11, Hounds 3
SUNDAY: Hounds at Vikings, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Generals, 1 p.m. Panthers at Oilmen (DH), 1 p.m.	TUESDAY: Generals at Panthers, 4 p.m. Oilmen at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Bobcats, 5 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	12	2	.857	---	L1
Southland Vikings	9	3	.750	2	W3
NWI Oilmen	7	8	.467	5.5	W3
Joliet Generals	6	8	.429	6	L3
Bloomington Bobcats	6	9	.400	6.5	W1
Crestwood Panthers	1	11	0.83	10	L4

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.
14	Anthony Robles	L/L	6-1	195	College of DuPage	Oak Lawn, 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.

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.
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 Crestwood Panthers

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Stephen Gilbertsen	R/L	5-10	155	Illinois State	Chesterton, Ind.
8	Peyton Bizarri	L/L	6-0	180	Indian Hills CC	Taylor Ridge, Ill.
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.
27	Justin Ruehl	R/R	5-11	180	Benedictine	Chicago, Ill.
29	Malik Binns	R/R	6-7	240	Waubonsee 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.
	Jamary McKinney	R/R	6-1	210	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.

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