



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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TUESDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (9-8)
at Southland Vikings (10-3)

June 19 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Chicago Heights, Ill.
Hap Bruno Field
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	W 11-3
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-0
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 6-5
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 enter Tuesday's game at Southland riding a five-game winning streak, but they'll look to snap a four-game head-to-head losing streak to the Vikings that dates back to July 21 of last season including an 0-3 record in 2018 meetings. The Oilmen have climbed above .500 for the first time this season after sweeping Crestwood in a doubleheader on Sunday. The 17 games were the longest it has ever taken the Oilmen to climb above the .500 line in a campaign. Southland, the only team in the MCL the Oilmen have not beaten this year, enters Tuesday with a four-game winning streak of its own.

Inside the Oilmen

Nick Figus was named the MCL Player of the Week on Monday for his efforts during a 6-1 week for the Oilmen. He becomes the first NWI player to win an MCL weekly award this season. Figus hit .381 last week highlighted by four hits and a home run in a victory over his former team, the Bloomington Bobcats. He leads the MCL in batting average at .444 and ranks second in on-base percentage at .583. Nate Montgomery ripped his fourth home run of the season in NWI's come-from-behind win over Crestwood on Sunday in the second game of the doubleheader. That allowed him to move into sole possession of the MCL lead with four home runs, overtaking Joliet's Jeremiah Lebron (3). The only other players with multiple are Crestwood's Cole Blatchford and NWI's Tyler Kenjic, who hit his second on Sunday. On only June 17, Nate Montgomery already moved into sole possession of second in franchise history for home runs in both a single season and in a career. Only Tyler Sroczynski (13, 2015-2017) has more career home runs than Montgomery, and Sroczynski also holds the single-season record with seven in 2016. The Oilmen have 10 home runs in the first 17 games of the season. The franchise record for home runs by the team in a season is 17 in 2015. The Oilmen have already hit more home runs than they did in the 2013 and 2014 seasons and have equaled their home run total from 2012. The Oilmen lead the league with 10 home runs, while the other five teams have 13 combined. Brandon Hickey (0-1, 0.64 ERA) will take the ball for his fourth start of the summer. He has allowed just one earned run in 14 innings while racking up a league-leading 22 strikeouts. He has struck out seven or more in each of his three starts.

Inside the Vikings

Remarkably, Southland's starting pitcher has hurled a complete-game shutout in three of the last four games. John Hendry started the trend in the 6-0 win over NWI on Wednesday, then Chase Pearce kept it going despite no room for error in a 1-0 win at Joliet on Saturday. Perhaps the most impressive outing of all came on Sunday, when Justin Rios went all nine to shutout first-place DuPage County 5-0 and move the Vikings within a game of the Hounds. Rios struck out six and walked just one while scattering seven hits against an offense that entered the weekend averaging over 10 runs per game. The effort earned Rios the MCL Pitcher of the Week award, making him the second straight Viking to earn the honor. Anthony Rogers (1-0, 3.32 ERA) will look to sustain Southland's recent pitching prowess 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.....190-115 (.622)
 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: Vikings 1, Generals 0 Bobcats 5, Panthers 4 Oilmen 11, Hounds 3	SUNDAY: Oilmen 8, Panthers 0 Oilmen 6, Panthers 5 Bobcats 8, Generals 5 Vikings 5, Hounds 0
TUESDAY: Generals at Panthers, 4 p.m. Oilmen at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Bobcats, 5 p.m.	WEDNESDAY: Oilmen at Generals, 5 p.m. Bobcats at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Panthers, 7 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	12	3	.800	---	L2
Southland Vikings	10	3	.769	1	W4
NWI Oilmen	9	8	.529	4	W4
Bloomington Bobcats	7	9	.438	5.5	W2
Joliet Generals	6	9	.400	6	L4
Crestwood Panthers	1	13	.071	10.5	L6

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 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Anthony Rogers	L/L	6-2	205	Concordia	Bolingbrook, Ill.
	Chase Pearce	R/R	6-0	185	Oakton CC	Kokomo, Ind.
6	Ben Jacobs	R/R	5-10	175	Milikin University	Naperville, Ill.
11	Kyle Hallberg	L/L	5-10	175	South Suburban	Lansing, Ill.
12	Robert Keating	R/R	5-5	155	Moraine Valley CC	Orland Park, Ill.
15	Mike Rios	R/R	5-9	165	St. Rita HS	
17	Justin Ruthrauff	L/L	5-9	165	Mesa CC	Chicago, Ill.
25	John Hendry	R/R	6-3	225	University of Indianapolis	Park Ridge, Ill.
32	Justin Rios	L/R	5-8	175	North Central College	

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Victor Perez	R/R	5-10	175	Heartland CC	Gurnee, Ill.
21	Jake Zylman	R/R	5-10	185	Heartland CC	Blue Island, Ill.
28	Will Smithey	R/R	6-0	175	University of Indianapolis	Greenwood, Ind.
30	Andy Lopez	R/R	6-0	200	Lincoln Land	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Shakur Jackson	R/R	5-10	180	Heartland CC	Rock Island, Ill.
4	PJ Raines	R/R	5-9	150	IMG Academy	Chicago, Ill.
5	Dashon Moore	R/R	5-8	160	South Suburban	Dolton, Ill.
8	Kellen Quigley	L/R	5-11	185	Webster	Bolingbrook, Ill.
12	Nick McAlister	R/R	5-9	150	South Suburban	Homewood, Ill.
18	Angel Figueroa	S/R	5-8	165	Carl Sundburg	East Chicago, Ind.
19	Frank Napleton	R/R	6-3	190	St. Leo	Chicago, Ill.
29	Jon Jungr	R/R	6-1	180	Eastern Illinois	Yorkville, Ill.
29	Logan Anderson	R/R	6-1	210	South Suburban	Chicago, Ill.
31	Dylan Smith	R/R	6-1	215	Kishwaukee CC	Farina, Ill.
35	Joe Curci	R/R	6-3	205	Rollins College	Chicago, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
9	Jarrett Lopez	R/R	6-0	170	Indiana Tech	St. John, Ind.
16	David Gleaves	R/R	6-0	165	South Suburban	Chicago, Ill.
23	Thomas Smith	R/R	6-0	165	Bethel	Merrillville, Ind.
26	Gabe Yearian	L/R	6-1	175	Kishwaukee CC	Pickneyville, Ill.
27	Matt Colomes	R/R	5-10	210	University of Antelope Valley	Griffith, Ind.

Manager - Dave Letourneau