



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (1-2)
at Joliet Generals (1-2)

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June 2 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Joliet, Ill.
Wayne L. King Jr. Field
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	1 p.m.
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
6/5	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
6/6	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	6:10 p.m.
6/7	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
6/8	JOLIET GENERALS	7:10 p.m.
6/9	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	6:10 p.m.
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	1 p.m.
6/12	@ Crestwood Panthers	1 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 will begin a new head-to-head series on Saturday as they face off with the Joliet Generals for the first time. NWI enters the contest looking to avoid a three-game skid, while the Generals are fresh off their first win and have hopes of building that momentum into a .500 mark through four games.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen will look to scratch out more than six hits in a game for the first time this season on Saturday. They are being led offensively by Nick Figus, who became the first Oilmen player with a three-hit game this season in Friday's 7-1 loss at Southland. He accounted for three of the team's six hits. Figus is batting .571 in two games and also owns a .727 on-base percentage. The Oilmen started the season with 22 walks on Monday at Crestwood, but Friday at Southland was quite the opposite, as they had no bases on balls. The Oilmen would prefer to avoid falling to 1-3 on Saturday afternoon, but it's worth noting that the worst start in franchise history was 2016, when the Oilmen began the year 1-6. NWI went on to win its second MCL title that season. The Oilmen will go with Chad Patrick for his NWI debut on Saturday. The Hebron High School graduate just finished his freshman year at Division-II Purdue Northwest, where he earned three wins and one save while striking out 39 in 11 appearances and six starts spanning 32 innings.

Inside the Generals

The Generals are in their first season as a member of the Midwest Collegiate League. The club's inaugural manager is Joe Hernandez, who has nearly 40 years of baseball experience. He's spent the last 12 years running his own baseball training business - Total Pro Baseball Lessons. He was a scout with the Montreal Expos in the late 1990s, served as a spring training coach for the Tampa Bay Rays in 2003 and has worked with the Colorado Rockies as an amateur adviser since 2015. After a high-scoring 15-11 loss to DuPage County and a low-scoring 3-0 setback to Bloomington to start the season, the Generals picked up their first win as a franchise by beating Crestwood 13-6 on Friday. The 13 runs on 13 hits helped Joliet bounce back offensively after Bloomington's Clifton Slagel threw a one-hitter and struck out 17 while issuing no walks against the Generals on Thursday. The hit came with two outs in the ninth inning as Ranko Stevanovic broke up the no-hit bid. RHP Jake Diaz, a 2016 St. Laurence graduate who has spent the last two seasons at Moraine Valley CC, will get the ball for the Generals on Saturday.

About the Matchup

This marks the first ever meeting between the two teams as the Generals have joined the Midwest Collegiate League, replacing the now defunct Joliet Admirals. The Oilmen are very familiar with Wayne L. King Junior Field, however, as the Generals become the fifth different team the Oilmen have played at that venue. The Admirals and Illinois Lincolns are former MCL teams that hosted the Oilmen there, while the Oilmen also played on this field in Game 3 of the 2016 MCL Championship against the DuPage County Hounds. The Will County CrackerJacks called Wayne L. King Junior Field home in 2011, so this surface has seen no shortage of MCL baseball.

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.....183-109 (.627)
 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: Hounds 9, Vikings 2 Bobcats 3, Generals 0	FRIDAY: Hounds 10, Bobcats 4 Vikings 7, Oilmen 1 Generals 13, Panthers 6
SATURDAY: Oilmen at Generals, 1 p.m. Panthers at Hounds, 1 p.m. Vikings at Bobcats, 1 p.m.	SUNDAY: Hounds at Generals, 1 p.m. Oilmen at Bobcats, 1 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	3	0	1.000	---	W3
Bloomington Bobcats	2	1	.667	0.5	L1
Southland Vikings	1	1	.500	1	W1
NWI Oilmen	1	2	.333	1.5	L2
Joliet Generals	1	2	.333	1.5	W1
Crestwood Panthers	0	2	.000	2	L2

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	Nick Wolf	R/R	6-5	220	McHenry County	Valparaiso, Ind.
18	Max Franklin	R/R	6-3	190	Heartland	Chicago Heights, 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.
36	Norman Standish	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban	Highland, Ind.
37	George Sherman	L/L	6-3	245	Dominican	Skokie, Ill.
45	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Trinity Christian	Aurora, Ill.
	Bobby Nowak	R/R	6-4	180	Kankakee CC	Cedar Lake, Ind.
	Jordan Petty	L/L	6-4	205	IU Kokomo	Highland, Ind.
	Alex Voss	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.
	Andrew Hancock	R/R	6-6	190	Evansville	New Lenox, Ill.
	Brendan Kelly	R/R	6-0	190	Purdue Northwest	Grandville, Mich.
	Chad Patrick	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue Northwest	Hebron, 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.
22	Brendan Butler	R/R	6-0	190	Upper Iowa	Oak Lawn, Ill.
43	Eric Yachinich	R/R	6-0	200	Minnesota Duluth	Ashland, Wis.
	Brandon Petkoff	L/R	6-3	185	Texas A&M Corpus Cristi	Frankfort, Ill.
	Jake Plastiak	S/R	6-3	200	Wichita State	Tinley Park, Ill.
	CJ Deshazer	S/R	5-10	170	Heartland	Schaumburg, Ill.
	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Matt Vitulli

2018 Joliet Generals

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Mitchell Schroll	L/L	5-8	155	Benedictine	Inverness, Ill.
4	Joe Santos	L/L	6-0	165	Vincennes	Hobart, Ind.
5	Ryan Czajkowski	L/L				Summit, Ill.
6	Alex Herbst	R/R	6-0	175	Trinity College	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
16	Jacob Diaz	R/R	5-10	205	Moraine Valley CC	Oak Lawn, Ill.
17	Brock Budzielek	R/R	6-0	150	Calumet College	Hobart, Ind.
18	Mike Santerelli	R/R	6-1	200	Benedictine	Homer Glen, Ill.
25	Carter Lawler	L/R	6-2	180	Illinois Springfield	Hampshire, Ill.
31	Logan DeWulf	R/R	6-0	160	Upper Iowa	Huntley, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Josh Nowak	L/R			Arkansas Little Rock	Palos Hills, Ill.
8	Brendan Krob	R/R	5-10	195	Evansville	Justin, Ill.
14	Freddie March	R/R	6-0	215	Elmhurst College	Itasca, Ill.
28	Jack Kraus	R/R	6-1	225	Milwaukee	Neenah, Wis.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Bryan Maldonado	R/R	5-9	170	Triton College	Lincolnwood, Ill.
	Harrison Hayes	R/R	6-3	210	Santa Clara	
7	Bryce Cross	R/R	6-0	185	Milwaukee	Greenville, Wis.
13	Braden Menini	R/R	6-0	190	Calvin College	St. Charles, Ill.
15	Tyler Woynerowski	R/R	6-2	215	Benedictine	Burbank, Ill.
19	Jimmy Day		6-0	205	Evansville	Barrington, Ill.
22	Ranko Stevanovic	R/R	6-1	220	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Joe Scaffidi	L/L	5-9	185	Milwaukee	New Berlin, Wis.
2	Scott Wojcik	R/R	5-7	150	Aurora	Sleepy Hollow, Ill.
11	Thomas Larson	R/R	6-1	190	Oliver Nazarene	Joliet, Ill.
21	Matt Rosko	L/R	6-2	185	Benedictine	Sugar Grove, Ill.
24	Jeremiah Lebron	R/R	6-1	250	Illinois	Bolingbrook, Ill.

Manager - Joe Hernandez