



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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SUNDAY'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (4-8)
at NWI Oilmen (11-5)

June 28 - 4:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

GAME

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2015 Schedule

6/1	@ Joliet Admirals	W 5-2
6/3	@ Southland Vikings	W 5-3
6/4	@ Joliet Admirals	W 5-3
6/5	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 7-5
6/6	@ DuPage County Hounds	W 7-1
6/7	@ Lexington Snipes	W 7-4
6/10	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 7-6
6/11	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-3
6/13	FORT WAYNE JACKERS*	W 5-1
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 6-5
6/18	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 4-3
6/20	@ Lexington Snipes (DH)	W 6-1
6/20	@ Lexington Snipes (DH)	L 5-4
6/21	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 13-12
6/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 1-0
6/25	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 12-3
6/27	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 10-0
6/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	4 p.m.
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/1	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7 p.m.
7/3	@ Lexington Snipes	5 p.m.
7/4	@ Michigan City Lakers	1 p.m.
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7 p.m.
7/8	@ Fort Wayne Jackers*	6:30 p.m.
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	5 p.m.
7/12	@ Lexington Snipes	1 p.m.
7/13	LEXINGTON SNIPES	6 p.m.
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7 p.m.
7/16	@ Southland Vikings	7 p.m.
7/17	@ Southland Vikings	7 p.m.
7/18	@ Michigan City Lakers	7 p.m.
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	4 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
7/23	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	1 p.m.
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	3:30 p.m.
7/26	@ Michigan City Lakers	1 p.m.
7/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/29	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7 p.m.
7/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)	TBD
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
8/1	MCL Playoffs Game 1	TBD
8/2	MCL Playoffs Game 2	TBD
8/3	MCL Playoffs Game 3	TBD
8/6	MCL Championship Game 1	TBD
8/7	MCL Championship Game 2	TBD
8/8	MCL Championship Game 3	TBD

*- denotes exhibition game
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

The Oilmen entered Saturday's game without a home run all season at Oil City Stadium. They launched three in a 10-0 win over Joliet. It was the first time the Oilmen hit three home runs in a single game since July 16, 2012. When Brad Wood and Alec Olund drilled back-to-back jacks in the seventh inning, it was also the first time since July 16, 2012 that the Oilmen had consecutive long balls. In that game, Chris Rudenga and Bill Miller went back-to-back in the first inning of an eventual 11-5 loss to Southland at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Rudenga was in attendance for Saturday's game as part of the 2012 Oilmen reunion. Saturday's rout was NWI's most lopsided victory since May 30, 2014, a 13-2 win over Joliet.

Inside The Oilmen

Tyler Sroczyński leads the Midwest Collegiate League in batting average among those who have enough at-bats to qualify at .447. Sam Geraci leads the league in walks with 12. Jordan Lewis has an MCL-leading three home runs. Stefano Belmonte is the league leader in the RBI department with 15. The Oilmen rank first in the MCL in team batting average at .299. They have seven players hitting .300 or better. Jimmy Skiff leads the league in ERA at 0.47. Starting pitcher Brian Jestice will make his first start since June 20, when he was touched for four runs on four hits and four walks in 4 2/3 innings at Lexington. He is 1-0 with a 5.14 ERA in three games.

Inside the Vikings

The two-time defending Midwest Collegiate League champions are attempting to get back on track and avoid a down season. They suffered a 2-1, 10-inning loss in Lexington on Saturday night. Southland sits in fifth place in the Midwest Collegiate League with a 4-8 record. Southland is batting .261 as a team and has a team ERA of 4.67. Joey Plaud will make his second Southland start. He went four innings without yielding an earned run on June 6, receiving no decision after being touched for one unearned tally on six hits.

About the Matchup

Sunday marks the first time the Vikings have visited Oil City Stadium this season. The two teams have not seen each other since June 3, when the Oilmen prevailed 5-3 at Hap Bruno Field. The Oilmen will see plenty of the Vikings late in the season, with seven meetings jammed in a three-week span starting on July 9. The Oilmen are 15-17 all-time against Southland, and 11-10 in games played at Oil City Stadium.

Around the MCL

The Snipes and Lakers will play a tripleheader on Sunday at Marquette Athletic Complex in Michigan City. The two teams were already scheduled to play two, and the third game will make up a game that was rained out on the opening weekend of the season. The Hounds, who downed the Lakers 9-0 on Saturday, visit Joliet on Sunday.

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owner.....Don Popravak (2012-present)
 Address.....500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394
 Phone.....219-659-1000
 Website.....nwioilmen.com
 Colors.....Black and Gold
 Home Field (Capacity).....Oil City Stadium (1,300)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager..... Adam Enright
 All-Time Team Record.....101-54, 88-51 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 62-27
 Road Record..... 39-26
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014
 Playoff Record.....6-4
 Playoff Home Record.....3-2
 Playoff Road Record.....3-2
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Midwest Collegiate League Titles.....2012

NWI Oilmen Radio Network

Can't make it out to the game? Catch all the action this season over the airwaves on 1230 AM WJOB and online via Ustream on NWIOilmen.com. Brandon Vickrey is back to handle play-by-play duties again this season. This year, Brandon Pavlina joins Brandon to provide color commentary for road games, while a rotating cast of color commentators will handle home games. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

FRIDAY: Admirals at Lakers, ppd Snipes at Oilmen, ppd	SATURDAY: Hounds 9, Lakers 0 Snipes 2, Vikings 1 Oilmen 10, Admirals 0
SUNDAY: Snipes at Lakers, 1 p.m. Vikings at Snipes, 4 p.m. Admirals at Oilmen, 7 p.m.	TUESDAY: Vikings at Snipes, doubleheader at IWU Lakers at Oilmen, 7 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
NWI Oilmen	11	5	.688	---	W3
DC Hounds	12	6	.667	---	W1
Lexington Snipes	9	6	.600	1.5	W4
Joliet Admirals	5	8	.384	4.5	L4
Southland Vikings	4	8	.333	5	L1
Michigan City Lakers	4	12	.250	7	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2015 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Brandon Barnes	R/R	6-1	185	Paradise Valley CC	Hobart, Ind.
7	Matt Dvorscak	R/R	5-9	155	Shawnee State	Whiting, Ind.
13	Brian Jestice	R/R	6-2	215	Evansville	Hoffman Estates, Ill.
14	Enrique Zamora	R/R	6-3	285	Calumet College	Hammond, Ind.
20/35	Sam Bell	R/R	6-3	215	Marian	Munster, Ind.
27	Christian Sullivan	R/R	6-2	240	Franklin College	Schererville, Ind.
28	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland CC / Cumberland	Highland, Ind.
30	Tyler Loesher	R/R	6-11	245	Kishwaukee CC	Woodstock, Ill.
33	Jimmy Skiff	R/R	6-1	160	Purdue Calumet	Dyer, Ind.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
45 / 25	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Josh Turnock	L/R	5-10	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian	Park Forest, Ill.
24	Joe Jumonville	R/R	5-11	190	Northern Illinois	Munster, Ind.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1 / 10	Alec Olund	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue	Schererville, Ind.
21	Tyler Sroczynski	R/R	6-2	205	Wabash Valley / Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
22	Donovan Chandler	R/L	5-8	155	Parkland College	Schererville, Ind.
23	Jordan Lewis	L/R	6-2	205	Purdue	Escondido, Calif.
25	Xavier Warren	R/R	5-9	175	Parkland / Central Oklahoma	Granville, Ill.
26	Fred Smart	R/R	6-4	220	Siena College	Evanston, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Brian Seymour	R/R	5-8	151	South Suburban College	Lansing, Ill.
15	Jeremy Wright	R/R	6-0	184	South Suburban / UW Milwaukee	Munster, Ind.
16	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland	Steger, Ill.
17	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	197	South Suburban	Munster, Ind.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Pobereyko, Mike Coles, Aaron Furman

2015 Southland Vikings Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
17	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
	Matt Sandoval	R/R	6-1		Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
19	Colton Lopez	L/L			Beloit	Chicago, Ill.
	Mike Poulos	R/R	6-5		Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.
	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois University	Crete, Ill.
	Mitch Prickett	R/R	6-2	185	Purdue North Central	Yorkville, Ill.
	Jalen Purchase	R/R			Joliet Junior College	Chicago, Ill.
3	John Swisher	L/L	5-10	165	Roosevelt University	Manhattan, Ill.
10	Michael Shereyk	L/R	6-0	205	SIU Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
45	Brian Henry	R/R	6-4	265	Illinois Wesleyan	Morris, Ill.
21	Trevor Henderson	L/L	6-4	230	Ball State	Plainfield, Ill.
12	Dan Jankowski	L/L	6-4	195	South Suburban	Lansing, Ill.
	Joseph Plaud	R/R	6-0	180	UW-Parkside	Chicago, Ill.
18	Mark Chemello	R/R	6-0	200	St. Joseph's College	Frankfort, Ill.
20	Jordan Jackson	R/R	6-2	170	Oakland	Chicago, Ill.
23	Nelson Munoz	R/R			Grambling State	
26	Jose Romero	L/L	6-0	225	South Suburban	Reavis

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Jesse Forestell	L/R	6-0	190	Western Michigan	Flossmoor, Ill.
2	Jake Hickey	R/R	6-0	199	South Suburban College	Frankfort, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Chris Stevens	R/R	6-4	220	Eastern Mexico	Bolingbrook, Ill.
15	Jacob Lane	R/R	6-4	190	Kankakee / Purdue North Central	Indianapolis, Ind.
5	Jeff Cardenas	L/R	5-11	185	Kankakee	Fort Wayne, Ind.
9	Kendall King	R/R	5-11	160	Western Illinois	Homewood, Ill.
6	Sanford Hunt	R/R	6-0	170	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
13	Louis Avila	R/R	5-8	150	South Suburban College	Flossmoor, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Cody Haver	R/R	6-0	195	Purdue North Central	Valparaiso, Ind.
38	Clark Brinkman	R/R	6-3	185	University of Dayton	Addison, Ill.
24	Chris Pikoulas	R/R	6-2	235	Lewis	Frankfort, Ill.

Manager - Tony Sanchez | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman