



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2016 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (1-6)
at Southland Vikings (3-4)

June 4 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Chicago Heights, Ill.
Radio: NWIOilmen.com (12:40 pregame)
Location: Hap Bruno Field

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2016 Schedule

5/26	@ Bloomington Bobcats	ppd.
5/27	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 3-0
5/28	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 9-3
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	L 9-7
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	W 7-5
6/1	@ Michigan City Lakers	ppd.
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-2
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-0
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 6-4
6/4	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
6/5	@ Joliet Admirals	1 p.m.
6/7	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/8	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
6/11	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/12	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
6/15	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/16	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	7:20 p.m.
6/17	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
6/18	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/19	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
6/22	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/24	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
6/25	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
6/28	JOLIET ADMIRALS	1:20 p.m.
6/29	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/1	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/2	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/4	U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS*	2:30 p.m.
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	6:15 p.m.
7/7	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/8	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/12	MCL ALL-STAR GAME*	7:30 p.m.
7/13	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
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7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/31	@ Joliet Admirals	1 p.m.
8/2-8/4	MCL Semifinal Series	TBD
8/5-8/7	MCL Championship Series	TBD

*- denotes exhibition game
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

The Oilmen have already lost the season series with the Bloomington Bobcats, following four losses in Bloomington this past week. The Oilmen held a 4-0 lead on Friday night, but Bloomington eventually rallied for a 6-4 victory. The Bobcats have a 0.25 team ERA (1 ER in 36 innings) against the Oilmen. Sam Geraci will make his first pitching start in an Oilmen uniform on Saturday. He was the team's primary shortstop last season and batted .292 with two home runs and 11 RBIs in 32 Midwest Collegiate League games. The Illinois Lutheran High School graduate just finished his sophomore year at Parkland, where he was used only as a pitcher this season. Geraci has committed to Division-II Illinois Springfield for his junior season. Geraci made one pitching appearance last summer, working the final 3 1/3 innings of a 9-2 win over Michigan City and allowing one run on three hits to earn the save. This spring at Parkland, Geraci yielded two runs (one earned) on five hits in eight innings, good for a 1.13 ERA.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen have lost six of their first seven games and plummeted to five below .500 for the first time in franchise history. Before this season, the Oilmen had never been more than one game below the break-even precipice. However, the Oilmen play 22 consecutive home games beginning on Tuesday night, a stretch the figures to be prosperous for NWI. The Oilmen have two former Southland Vikings on their roster in Stefano Belmonte and Chase Fieldhouse. Both were members of the 2014 MCL Championship squad.

Inside the Vikings

The Vikings missed the playoffs for the first time in franchise history last season, finishing the regular season 12-29, in sixth place in the MCL. Southland hopes to restore its tradition of success after winning back-to-back league titles in 2013 and 2014. Former Major League Baseball player John Ely takes over as the manager of the Southland Vikings this season, replacing Tony Sanchez. Ely, who was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the third round of the 2007 Major League Baseball Draft, made 39 appearances (29 starts) over three big league seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers before Tommy John surgery cut his playing career short. The Vikings are coming off a 6-4 win over the Lakers on Friday.

About the Matchup

A classic Midwest Collegiate League matchup renews on Saturday as the Oilmen and Vikings hook up for the first time in 2016. The two teams will meet six times in the month of June, with the next five coming at Oil City Stadium. They will see a lot of each other this year as Saturday marks the first of 13 meetings. The Oilmen hold a 22-18 lead in the all-time series with Southland after winning eight of the nine showdowns last season.

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 (1,300)
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
 Manager.....Adam Enright (28-21)
 All-Time Team Record.....119-73, 103-70 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....76-34
 Road Record.....43-39
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 Playoff Record.....7-6
 Playoff Home Record.....3-4
 Playoff Road Record.....4-2
 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, he'll be joined in the booth by Nathan Dickinson. David Bork, Payon Ball and Drew Guth will also make contributions to the Oilmen radio broadcasts. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

THURSDAY: Bobcats 3, Oilmen 2 Bobcats 2, Oilmen 0 Hounds 6, Vikings 3	FRIDAY: Admirals 10, Hounds 6 Bobcats 6, Oilmen 4 Vikings 6, Lakers 4
SATURDAY: Oilmen at Vikings, 1 p.m. Hounds at Admirals, 1 p.m.	SUNDAY: Oilmen at Admirals, 1 p.m. Hounds at Lakers, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Vikings, 1 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
Bloomington Bobcats	5	1	.800	---	W4
DC Hounds	4	2	.666	1	L1
MC Lakers	2	1	.666	1.5	L1
Southland Vikings	3	4	.429	2.5	W1
Joliet Admirals	3	4	.429	2.5	W1
NWI Oilmen	1	6	.143	4.5	L3

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
	Braden Niksich	R/R	6-3	190	Illinois State	Hobart, Ind.
	Luke Jaksich	L/L	6-1	160	Saint Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
	Jordan Petty	R/R	6-2	175	Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland / Illinois Springfield	Steger, Ill.
	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland / Trinity Christian	New Lenox, Ill.
1	Reggie Johnson	R/R	6-2	175	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
13	Jay Gutierrez	R/R	6-1	200	Olney Central College	Oak Lawn, Ill.
16	Jamary McKinney	R/R	6-1	200	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
26	Josh Mutter	L/L	6-3	150	Northern Illinois	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Max Siedlecki	R/R	6-4	210	New Mexico Highlands	Chicago, Ill.
33	Clay Keltner	R/R	6-1	205	Cornerstone	Highland, Ind.
36	Eric Frontzak	R/R	6-0	190	Alma College	Naperville, Ill.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ill.
43	James Whiteman	R/R	6-2	194	Triton College	Lakeville, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Blake Cleveland	R/R	5-11	197	Central Michigan	Nappanee, Ind.
19	Jake Perreira	R/R	5-9	200	University of Indianapolis	Grant Park, Ill.
27	Zack Forney	R/R	5-10	170	Eastern Illinois	Cary, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Tyler Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
14	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	5-10	190	St. Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
23	Jordan Flint	R/R	6-4	190	Eastern Illinois	Bartlett, Ill.
24	Chris Baker	L/R	6-0	185	University Illinois-Chicago	South Holland, Ill.
41	Cory Krolkowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Chase Dawson	L/R	5-10	170	Valparaiso	Chesterton, Ind.
	Tommy Szczyński	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, Ill.
7	Bo Fletcher	R/R	6-0	180	Alcorn State	Chicago, Ill.
15	Brad Bohlen	R/R	5-10	190	Northern Kentucky	Chicago Heights, Ill.
17	Alex Nisle	R/R	6-0	185	Saint Joseph's College	Schererville, Ind.
20	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	205	Florida Gulf Coast	Munster, Ind.
22	Josh Fewell	L/R	6-2	210	Heartland CC	Kokomo, Ind.
45	Jimmy Govern	R/R	5-11	175	Eastern Illinois	Libertyville, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

2016 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Southern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
	Nelson Munoz	R/R		205	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.
	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	175	Rend Lake College	Frankfort, Ill.
	Mario Samuel	L/L	6-0	195	Wisconsin Parkside	Bollingbrook, Ill.
	Brandon Williams	R/R	6-3	190	Northern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
	Phil Madvek	R/R	6-4		Purdue Calumet	Hobart, Ind.
	Joey Callahan	R/R	5-11	170	Rose Huleman	Plainfield, Ill.
5	Jaylin Davis				Triton College	
10	Michael Shereryk	L/L	6-1	220	SIU-Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
21	Collin Bauer					
22	Xavier Luna	R/R	6-2	180	Goshen	Logansport, Ind.
29	Wade Davis	R/R	6-5	220	St. Joseph College	New Lenox, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-10	160	Purdue Calumet	Portage, Ind.
14	Brock Crews	R/R	6-0	175	Purdue Calumet	Manteno, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Mike McGee	R/R	5-9	168	Oakland	Plainfield, Ill.
	Greg Wymer	R/R	6-2	215	St. Ambrose	New Lenox, Ill.
8	Jalin McMillan	R/R	6-2	195	University of Illinois	Chicago, Ill.
11	Austin Blazevic	L/R	6-3	185	Kaskaskia	Plainfield, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Amir Wright	L/L	5-11	160	St. Joseph's College	Griffith, Ind.
2	Tyler Crussen	L/R	5-8	160	Purdue Calumet	Valparaiso, Ind.
4	Raphe Gross	S/L	5-11	172		Simeon, Ill.
20	Nick Wheeler	R/R	6-0	205	Grambling State	Mount Carmel, Ill.
23	Aaron Fuller	R/R	6-0	195	John A. Logan College	New Lenox, Ill.

Manager - John Ely | Assistant Coach - Marvin Freeman

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

HITTING STATS									
NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Cory Krolikowski	.364	22	8	0	2	2	.409	.440	1
Chase Fieldhouse	.313	16	5	0	1	3	.313	.421	0
Bo Fletcher	.300	10	3	0	0	1	.300	.300	0
Brad Bohlen	.300	10	3	0	0	0	.300	.364	0
Jimmy Govern	.273	22	6	0	7	3	.364	.360	2
Josh Fewell	.263	19	5	0	0	1	.316	.417	1
Stefano Belmonte	.250	4	1	1	2	2	1.000	.250	0
Zack Forney	.222	9	2	0	0	2	.222	.462	0
Jordan Flint	.176	17	3	0	3	3	.176	.211	0
Josh Mutter	.167	6	1	0	0	1	.167	.375	0
Jake Perreira	.158	19	3	0	2	2	.263	.375	2
Chris Baker	.143	7	1	0	0	1	.143	.261	0
Alex Nisle	.091	22	2	0	1	2	.091	.333	0
Blake Cleveland	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.200	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Tyler Sroczyński	.000	5	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Tommy Szczasny	-	---	-	-	-	-	---	---	-
Chase Dawson	-	---	-	-	-	-	---	---	-
TEAM STATS	.222	229	43	1	18	23	.268	.323	6

PITCHING STATS								
NAME	W	L	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	0	1	2.0	0.00	4	3	2.50	.125
James Whiteman	0	0	3.0	0.00	2	5	1.33	.182
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	1.1	0.00	2	2	1.50	.000
Christian Howell	1	0	8.0	1.13	4	7	1.00	.148
Max Siedecki	0	1	11.0	2.46	2	8	1.00	.220
Clay Keltner	0	1	9.2	3.72	3	10	1.45	.289
Reggie Johnson	0	2	9.0	4.00	4	11	1.56	.278
Jamary McKinney	0	0	1.2	5.40	4	1	4.20	.375
Eric Frontzak	0	1	2.0	9.00	2	3	4.00	.400
Josh Mutter	0	1	1.1	33.75	2	1	3.75	.429
Jordan Petty	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Luke Jaksich	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Richard Yelnick	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Eric Frontzak	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Sam Geraci	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
TEAM STATS	1	6	49.0	3.68	29	51	1.59	.251