



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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TUESDAY'S GAME:
DuPage County Hounds (5-0)
at NWI Oilmen (1-4)

June 5 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Oil City Stadium
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	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

It's Opening Night at Oil City Stadium as the Northwest Indiana Oilmen begin their seventh season of baseball in Whiting. The Oilmen are 3-3 all-time in home openers, most recently suffering a 7-4 loss to the Southland Vikings on Opening Night a year ago. The Oilmen and Hounds have both been members of the MCL since the two teams began in 2012, but this marks the first time the two squads have faced off in the Oilmen home opener.

Inside the Oilmen

A team that has been an MCL powerhouse since its inception seven years ago finds itself in an unfamiliar position entering this week - toward the bottom of the standing. The Oilmen dropped four of the five games on the season-opening road trip, most recently falling 12-7 at Bloomington on Sunday. The Oilmen led in both games this weekend before big innings allowed the Generals and Bobcats to garner come-from-behind, high-scoring victories. Although the Oilmen are on a whole not used to being toward the bottom of the standings, they have been here at this juncture of the season before. In fact, they started 2016 at 1-6 and went on to win the MCL title. The Oilmen are led by Nick Figus, who is hitting a robust .538 and has an even better on-base percentage of .684. Southpaw Brandon Hickey takes the mound on Tuesday. In his first start of the summer, he went four shutout innings and yielded just two hits while striking out seven and walking two on Tuesday, May 29 at Bloomington. He received no decision.

Inside the Hounds

Ben Caple is back for his fourth season at the helm of the Hounds, a team that has been traditionally one of the league's strongest clubs. DuPage County is up to its old winning ways this season, starting the year with a 5-0 record. Stephen Mogged was named the MCL Batter of the Week on Tuesday after racking up seven RBIs and scoring eight runs while hitting .400 and posting a .538 on-base percentage over the first week of the season. Matt Verdun (7-for-14), and Danny Gleaves (7-for-15) are also hitting .400 or better through the first week of the season. Verdun is a two-way player who will get the start on the mound on Tuesday. He allowed two runs on three hits and one walk while striking out six over four innings in his season debut against Joliet on Tuesday, May 29.

About the Matchup

This is the first meeting of the 2018 season between the Oilmen and the Hounds. The last time these two teams met was on July 25, 2017 at Oil City Stadium. At the time, both teams were in a race for first place heading into the MCL playoffs. DuPage grabbed a 5-1 victory, but was unable to get the top spot in the league and entered the postseason as the No. 2 seed. Both teams ended the regular season with 34-18 records, but lost their first-round playoff matchups. One historically notable series between the two teams was the 2016 MCL Championship. Northwest Indiana won Game 3 7-1 over the Hounds to clinch their second MCL title in franchise history. The Oilmen also hold a slight edge head-to-head overall against DuPage County at 28-27 in an evenly-matched all-time series.

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.....183-111 (.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 6, Bobcats 2 Generals 14, Oilmen 12 Hounds 10, Panthers 8	SUNDAY: Hounds 14, Generals 11 Bobcats 12, Oilmen 7
TUESDAY: Generals at Vikings, 5 p.m. Bobcats at Panthers, 7 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	WEDNESDAY: Bobcats at Generals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Vikings, 5 p.m. Panthers at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	5	0	1.000	---	W5
Bloomington Bobcats	3	2	.600	2	W1
Southland Vikings	2	1	.667	2	W2
Joliet Generals	2	3	.400	3	L1
NWI Oilmen	1	4	.200	4	L4
Crestwood Panthers	0	3	.000	4	L3

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.
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.
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.
42	Chad Patrick	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue Northwest	Hebron, Ind.
45	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Trinity Christian	Aurora, Ill.
	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.

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.
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.
43	Eric Yachinich	R/R	6-0	200	Minnesota Duluth	Ashland, Wis.
	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 DuPage County Hounds

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Nate Madej	L/L	6-0	200	Florida Southwestern St.	Lemont, Ill.
	Ethan Willett	R/R	6-2	170	Rollins College	West Springs, Ill.
	Travis Pelton	L/R	5-11	195	Lorris	
9	Andrew Padilla	R/R	6-0	180	Webster	Burbank, Ill.
10	Jake Anderson	R/R	6-1	165	Webster	Bollingbrook, Ill.
13	James Raffauf	R/R	6-3	185	Heartland CC	Richmond, Ill.
14	Brett Taucher	R/R	6-4	220	Southern Illinois	Elk Grove Village, Ill.
15	Matt Verdun	R/R	5-8	145	Lewis	Homer Glen, Ill.
16	Jesse Wainscott	R/R	6-1	180	Eastern Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.
19	Jack Weller	R/R	6-3	205	Washburn	Wauconda, Ill.
28	Ryan Reeder	R/R	6-1	200	Grand Rapids CC	Palatine, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	170	Rend Lake CC	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Jordan Walden	R/R	6-6	200	Parkland CC	Braidwood, Ill.
33	Alex Luka	L/L	6-4	200	Babson University	Downers Grove, Ill.
42	Zac Bianucci	L/L	6-3	200	Michigan State	Naperville, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Michael Bieterman	R/R	6-1	195	Heartland	Wood Dale, Ill.
8	Kennedy Phillips	L/R	6-0	215	Regis	Arvada, Colo.
45	Joe Swanson	R/R			Webster	Park Ridge, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Austin Tittle	R/R	6-3	200	Lewis	Lemont, Ill.
3	Nick Bellina	R/R	6-0	175	Louisiana State-Eunice	Donaldsonville, La.
7	Dane Toppel	R/R	5-9	150	Eastern Illinois	South Elgin, Ill.
11	Matt Collins	R/R	6-0	185	Cornell	Hawthorn Wood, Ill.
21	Angel Salinas	L/R	6-0	168	Triton JC	Woodridge, Ill.
28	Kyle Kane	L/R	6-2	175	Lewis	Westchester, Ill.
37	Matt Bottcher	L/R	5-10	180	UIC	Romeoville, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Wyll Woods	R/R	6-0	185	Eastern Illinois	Matteson, Ill.
4	Bren Faulk	L/L	5-8	145	Louisiana State - Eunice	Abbeville, La.
6	David Guiliano	L/R	6-0	185	Cornell	Downers Grove, Ill.
12	Danny Gleaves	R/R	6-0	180	Michigan State	Homer Glen, Ill.
32	Stephen Mogged	R/R	5-11	175	Southern Illinois	Lindenhurst, Ill.

Manager - Ben Caple