



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:  
Crestwood Panthers (0-4)  
at NWI Oilmen (1-5)

GAME  
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June 6 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Oil City Stadium  
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	L 14-12
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 12-7
6/5	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 10-4
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 a battle of teams looking to get the early portion of their season turned around on Wednesday night at Oil City Stadium. Both teams are in need of a win as the Crestwood Panthers have started their 2018 campaign with four consecutive defeats, while the Northwest Indiana Oilmen find themselves in the midst of a five-game losing streak and at just 1-5 on the season. The Oilmen need to win on Wednesday to avoid matching the worst seven-game start in franchise history, a mark previously set in 2016. The Oilmen dropped six of their first seven that season before rebounding to win the MCL title.

### Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen have lost five consecutive games, their longest losing streak since late June 2012, also a season the Oilmen went on to win the MCL title. They need to beat Crestwood on Wednesday to avoid equaling that 2012 stretch for the longest skid in franchise history. Throwing strikes has been an early-season obstacle for the Oilmen pitching staff, as Oilmen pitching has issued 44 walks in 50 innings, the second most in the league behind only the Panthers. NWI's team ERA of 6.48 also ranks ahead of only Crestwood. The Oilmen were hurt by 12 walks and one error in Tuesday's 10-4 loss to DuPage County. NWI has allowed the opposition to score seven runs or more in an inning in three consecutive games. One bright spot for the Oilmen has been Nick Figus (.563 AVG, .708 OBP), who leads the league in both of those categories. Brandon Petkoff has cranked out three straight multi-hit outputs to start his Oilmen career, including two hits on Tuesday. He is hitting .438 and has driven in two. Chris Baker has four of the team's eight extra-base hits (all doubles). No other Oilman has more than one. Max Franklin starts on the mound on Wednesday after taking the loss in his first outing when he allowed five runs (two earned) on five hits and five walks in four innings at Southland on Friday, June 1.

### Inside the Panthers

The good news for the Oilmen is that the one team they've defeated this year comes to Oil City Stadium on Wednesday, after NWI started the campaign by beating Crestwood 15-4 at Howie Minas Field on Monday, May 28. The bad news, however, is that the Panthers come in hungry for a win after a pair of close losses. They fell 10-8 at DuPage County on Saturday before suffering a 3-2 setback at home to Bloomington on Tuesday. That game saw both teams do all of their scoring in the seventh inning. Reggie Brock Jr. and Christian Poulsen had three hits apiece. Poulsen will get the start on the mound on Wednesday, his second start of the summer. He received no decision after giving up four runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out six in his debut on May 29 at Southland, a game that was suspended due to darkness with the two teams tied 6-6. Crestwood has a .230 team batting average and 7.98 ERA.

### About the Matchup

The Oilmen own a 10-2 edge in the all-time series, which began last season when Crestwood joined the MCL. NWI won the first meeting of the year. After Wednesday, the two teams will meet again on June 12 in Crestwood.

## 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.....183-112 (.620)  
 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

<b>SUNDAY:</b> Hounds 14, Generals 11 Bobcats 12, Oilmen 7	<b>TUESDAY:</b> Vikings 6, Generals 5 Bobcats 3, Panthers 2 Hounds 10, Oilmen 4
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Bobcats at Generals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Vikings, 5 p.m. Panthers at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	<b>THURSDAY:</b> Hounds at Bobcats, 6 p.m. Generals at Panthers, 7 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	6	0	1.000	---	W6
Southland Vikings	3	1	.750	2	W2
Bloomington Bobcats	4	2	.666	2	W2
Joliet Generals	2	4	.333	4	L2
NWI Oilmen	1	5	.167	5	L5
Crestwood Panthers	0	4	.000	5	L4

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.
28	Andrew Hancock	R/R	6-6	190	Evansville	New Lenox, 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.
	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 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.

## INFELDERS

#	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.
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.
43	Eric Yachinich	R/R	6-0	200	Minnesota Duluth	Ashland, Wis.
	Jake Plastiak	S/R	6-3	200	Wichita State	Tinley Park, Ill.
	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Matt Vitulli

# 2018 Crestwood Panthers

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Dan Cryan	R/R	6-2	190	South Suburban	Orland Park, Ill.
13	Kyle Ostrowski	L/L	6-4	220	John A. Logan	Tinley Park, Ill.
23	Ethan Klay	R/R	6-7	180	Lincoln Land CC	Springfield, Ill.
29	Jake Miller	R/R	6-2	210		Plainfield, Ill.
30	Justin Ruehl	R/R	5-11	180	Benedictine	Chicago, Ill.
31	JP Massey	R/R	6-3	185	Minnesota	Chicago, Ill.
	Stephen Gilbertsen	R/L	5-10	155	Illinois State	Chesterton, Ind.
	Ryan Green	R/R	6-4	190	Savannah State	Port Royal, S.C.
	Malik Binns	R/R	6-7	240	Waubonsee CC	Bolingbrook, Ill.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Tyler Gordon	R/R	5-7	178	Prairie View A&M	Chicago, Ill.
3	Blake Soria	R/R	6-0	176	Mesa CC	Homer Glen, Ill.
19	Johnny Steinwart	R/R	5-7	175	Lincoln Land CC	Pleasant Plains, Ill.
45	Brian Vance	R/R	5-11	180	Saint Joseph's (PA)	Chicago, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Pat Mayo	R/R	6-1	155	Spring Hill College	Oak Lawn, Ill.
7	Michael Ruffolo	R/R	5-7	155	Rockhurt	Norridge, Ill.
11	Cole Blatchford	R/R	5-10	175	Air Force Academy	Highland Ranch, Colo.
12	Christian Poulsen	R/R	5-9	165	Harper College	Schaumburg, Ill.
16	Maurey Garrett	R/R	5-5	150	Heartland CC	Flossmoor, Ill.
22	Michael Jahnke	R/R	6-1	190	Coe College	Lansing, Ill.
35	John Plattner	R/R	6-1	200	Lincoln Land CC	Chatham, Ill.
44	Pat McGowan	R/R	6-3	175	Kalamazoo Valley CC	Frankfort, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Jackson Shepherd	R/R	5-11	170	Mesa CC	Channahon, Ill.
6	Reggie Brock, Jr.	R/R	6-0	190	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
9	Evan Bell	R/R	5-9	190	Memphis	Oak Park, Ill.
15	Shane Peisker	L/R	5-11	205	John A. Logan	Hammond, Ind.
33	Colton Rydlewski	L/R	6-0	195	Albion College	Schererville, Ind.
42	Will Thomas	R/R	5-10	185	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.

Manager - Isaac Valdez | Assistant Coach - Rich Ruffolo