



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:

Michigan City Lakers (7-13)
at NWI Oilmen (12-6)

VETERAN'S BENEFIT GAME

July 1 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

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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	W 13-0
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 6-5
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

Wednesday marks the fourth annual Veterans Benefit Game at Oil City Stadium. A special pregame ceremony will be held to recognize the brave men and women who have given so much for the country's freedom. The Oilmen enter the game locked in a first-place tie with the DuPage County Hounds. Tyler Loesher was lifted after one inning in which he walked four and yielded three runs. The Oilmen played without run producers Brad Wood and Stefano Belmonte, who had Tuesday off. Five of the six Oilmen losses have come by one run, with the other setback featuring a two-run margin.

Inside The Oilmen

Christian Howell will get the nod from Adam Enright on Wednesday night. In his last outing, Howell earned the win by allowing one run (unearned) on six hits and two walks in 7 2/3 innings against Michigan City on June 25. He is the only Oilmen pitcher to earn a win against the Lakers this season. He also took no decision at Michigan City in his Oilmen debut, surrendering three runs on eight hits in six innings. Alec Olund and Tyler Sroczynski both had rare hitless games on Tuesday, as each saw a five-game hitting streak snapped. Sam Geraci drew two more walks in Tuesday's game to lift his season total to 14.

Inside the Lakers

The Michigan City Lakers send Portage graduate Shane Prance to the mound for Wednesday's game. The Lakers offense has been strong, as they've scored 98 runs in 20 games. However, their pitching staff holds a team ERA of 7.88. All three Laker pitchers that worked against the Oilmen on Tuesday made were making their Midwest Collegiate League debuts. Max Kerr and incoming Valparaiso freshman Scott Kapers each had two hits.

About the Matchup

The Lakers are the only team in the Midwest Collegiate League that leads its season series with the Oilmen. Michigan City has won three of the team's first four games against NWI this year. Half of the six Oilmen losses have come at the hands of the Lakers. Three of Michigan City's seven wins have come against the Oilmen. Wednesday's game is the second of three trips to Oil City Stadium for the Lakers this week. After this week, the Lakers will not come back to Whiting until July 30. The Oilmen are 8-6 all-time against Michigan City.

Around the MCL

The DuPage County Hounds visit Lexington on Wednesday night, before coming to Oil City Stadium on Wednesday. The Snipes and Southland Vikings split a doubleheader on Tuesday with the Snipes scoring twice in the bottom of the seventh to walk off with a 3-2 win in the opener.

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.....102-55, 88-52 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 63-28
 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

SUNDAY: Oilmen 13, Vikings 0 Lakers 5, Snipes 2 Snipes 11, Lakers 0 Lakers 11, Snipes 0 (tripleheader)	TUESDAY: Lakers 6, Oilmen 5 Snipes 3, Vikings 2 Vikings 6, Snipes 5
WEDNESDAY: Vikings at Admirals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Snipes, 7 p.m. Lakers at Oilmen, 7 p.m. (Veterans Benefit Game)	THURSDAY: Admirals at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 7 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
NWI Oilmen	12	6	.667	---	L1
DC Hounds	12	6	.667	---	W1
Lexington Snipes	11	9	.550	2	L1
Joliet Admirals	5	8	.384	4.5	L4
Michigan City Lakers	7	13	.350	6	W1
Southland Vikings	5	10	.333	6.5	W1

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.
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.
	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, Ind.

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 Michigan City Lakers

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
10	Casey Young	R/R				
11	Jake Povlock	R/R				Michigan City, Ind.
^{13/32}	Tom Fitzgerald	R/R				Australia
14	Will Rudolphi	R/R				
15	Bobby Humphreys	R/R	6-2	188	Indiana	Chesterton, Ind.
16	Collin Arnold	L/L	6-1	165	Purdue	Lafayette, Ind.
17	Kyle Marburger	R/R			William Woods University	
18	Aery Pratt	R/L				Chesterton, Ind.
20	Christian Bokich	R/R			Miami of Ohio	
26	Adam Dressler	R/R			Purdue	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
32	Jim Catanzarite	R/R				Mishawaka, Ind.
	John Cristo	L/R			Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
12	Spencer Sutton	R/R	5-9	175	Trine	Chesterton, Ind.
16	Jay Resendez				Purdue North Central	Rensselaer, Ind.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	RJ Zambrano	R/R			Purdue North Central	Merrillville, Ind.
3	Andy Kovarik	R/R	6-3	220	Elgin CC	Crystal Lake, Ill.
4	Chase Clarkson	R/R	5-10	185	Wabash College (commit)	Michigan City, Ind.
5	Jerry Hodges	R/R				Michigan City, Ind.
6	Chris Delgadillo	R/R	5-8	165	IPFW	Schererville, Ind.
7	Anthony Olund				Purdue North Central	Schererville, Ind.
^{7/14}	Tom Bell	R/R				Australia
8	Scott Capers	R/R			Valparasio (commit)	
25	Max Kerr	R/R	6-2	265	Purdue North Central	Chesterton, Ind.
50	KJ Zelenika	R/R				

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Colin Willis	L/R	6-1	190	Purdue North Central	Sheboygan, Wis.
9	Greg Fadell	L/L				Valparaiso, Ind.
21	Devin Bafia	L/L			Prairie State	
23	Judah Zickafoose	R/R			Arizona Western College	Westview, Ind.
24	Zeke White	R/R	5-8	165	IPFW	South Bend, Ind.
27	Joe Kennedy	L/L	6-0	170	Eastern Michigan	St. John, Ind.
59	Josh Henderson					
30	Alex VanDam					

Manager - Tim Jahnz | Assistant Coaches - Mike Einstein, Carl Swenson