



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2014 Game Notes

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TONIGHT'S GAME: Veterans Benefit Game
Southland Vikings (10-8)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (14-7, 12-6)

July 1 - 7:30 p.m. - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB (7 p.m. Pregame)
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Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

There is one night each year where the baseball comes secondary to a more important cause at Oil City Stadium. Tuesday is the annual Veterans Benefit Game with 60 percent of all ticket revenue benefiting the Veterans Build Project, a joint effort between Habitat for Humanity and the Northwest Indiana Veterans Action Council to build a home for a veteran family in need. Ceremonial first pitches will be thrown out by former World War II Marine Bill Wellman, Gold Star Mother Patti Nowaczyk and U.S. Military All-Stars General Manager Karl Seiter. Hammond police officer and Desert Storm veteran Sean Garrison will perform the National Anthem. In addition, the 20th Indiana Volunteer Infantry will be on hand for the pregame festivities.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen are seeking their fourth consecutive victory on Tuesday night. They were scheduled to play Southland at Homewood-Flossmoor High School in a makeup game on Monday, but that game was again rained out. It will now be played on Monday, July 14 as part of a doubleheader with the first game beginning at 5 p.m. The Oilmen defeated the Joliet Admirals 12-4 on Sunday as Nick Nauracy tossed five strong innings, allowing one earned run on three hits to pick up the win. The Oilmen banged out 17 hits including five doubles and were aided by four Admirals' errors. Starting pitching has been a strong point for the Oilmen all season long. Northwest Indiana's starting pitcher has gone at least five innings and allowed one earned run or fewer in 13 of the team's 21 games this season. Bishop Noll graduate and right-handed pitcher Danny Pobereyko is expected to start Tuesday's game for the Oilmen.

Inside the Vikings

While the Oilmen have relied on their pitching staff this season, Southland has hit for the highest batting average in the league at .293. The Vikings' offense thrived this weekend as it exploded for 19 runs in a 19-8 rout of DuPage on Saturday before downing Lexington 10-3 on Sunday. The Vikings are expected to send St. Xavier University right-hander Dan Wetzel to the mound Tuesday against the Oilmen.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen had Southland's number in the month of June, capturing all three games in the season series. The Oilmen now lead the all-time series with the Vikings 13-12. The most recent meeting between the two teams was a 3-2 Oilmen victory on June 23. Danny Pobereyko pitched five shutout innings of three-hit ball to earn the win.

Around the MCL

The DuPage County Hounds dropped back-to-back games to the Oilmen and Vikings on Saturday and Sunday, before having off days Sunday and Monday. The first-place Hounds have seen their lead over the Oilmen diminish to 2.5 games.

2014 Schedule

05/28	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 2-1
05/30	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-2
05/31	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 8-1
06/01	@ Lexington Snipes	L 17-5
06/03	@ Southland Vikings	W 2-0
06/05	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-3
06/06	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	L 3-1
06/07	@ Michigan City Lakers*	W 5-4
06/12	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 5-4
06/13	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 2-1
06/14	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	W 8-0
06/15	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 6-3
06/17	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	W 5-3
06/20	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 1-0
06/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 2-1
06/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 3-2
06/25	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	L 11-2
06/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 8-2
06/27	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-0
06/28	@ Chicago Zephyrs	W 7-1
06/29	@ Joliet Admirals	W 12-4
07/01	VETERANS BENEFIT GAME	7:30 PM
07/03	@ Lexington Snipes	5:30 PM
07/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	3:30 PM
07/05	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/06	@ Chicago Zephyrs	12:00 PM
07/08	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:10 PM
07/09	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7:30 PM
07/11	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/12	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/13	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
07/14	@ Southland Vikings	5:10 PM
07/14	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
07/15	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	7:10 PM
07/16	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:00 PM
07/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
07/18	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	4:10 PM
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	6:10 PM
07/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	7:10 PM
07/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/25	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	1:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	3:30 PM
07/28	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
07/29	MCL Playoffs	TBD
07/30	MCL Playoffs	TBD
07/31	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/01	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/02	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/03	MCL Playoffs	TBD

*- denotes nonleague game
CAPS- denotes home game

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owners.....Don Popravak, Kim Payne, Ron Kittle
 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.....Justin Huisman (third season)
 All-Time Team Record.....74-38, 67-35 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....51-18 (47-17 in MCL)
 Road Record.....26-19
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Playoff Record.....6-2
 Playoff Home Record.....3-1
 Playoff Road Record.....3-1
 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 will handle play-by-play duties for every Oilmen game this season. Joey Gelman joins Brandon for all home games, while David Bork provides color commentary when the team is on the road. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

SUNDAY: Chicago Zephyrs 5, Joliet Admirals 4 NWI Oilmen 12, Joliet Admirals 4 Southland Vikings 10, Lexington Snipes 3	MONDAY: NWI Oilmen @ Southland Vikings ppd.
TUESDAY: Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen DuPage County Hounds @ Chicago Zephyrs	WEDNESDAY: DuPage County Hounds @ Southland Vikings Lexington Snipes vs. Buckley Dutchmasters* *= non-MCL game

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DuPage County Hounds	16	5	0.762	---	L2
NWI Oilmen	12	6	0.667	2.5	W2
Lexington Snipes	12	8	0.600	3.5	L1
Southland Vikings	9	9	0.500	4.5	W2
Chicago Zephyrs	4	15	0.211	11.5	W1
Joliet Admirals	4	16	0.200	12	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
10	Andrew Jackson	L/L	6-5	210	Wabash College	Wheatfield, Ind
21	Nick Nauracy	R/R	6-1	185	Ohio University	Crown Point, Ind
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan	Dyer, Ind.
26	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Butler University	Munster, Ind.
27	Andrew Lowe	R/R	6-2	220	UW-Whitewater	Whiting, Ind.
28	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland Community College	Highland, Ind.
29	Anthony Gomez	L/L	6-0	200	Ball State	Munster, Ind.
30	Aaron Glatt	R/R	6-2	190	University of Dayton	Schererville, Ind.
35	Garrett Sherrell	R/R	6-4	185	Arkansas Little Rock	New Albany, Ind.
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso	Munster, Ind.
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan	Munster, Ind.
43	Cameron Linck	R/R	6-2	175	Hill College	Kingwood, Texas

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian College	Park Forest, Ill.
23	Andrew Ray	R/R	6-1	195	Northern Illinois University	Michigan City, Ind.
33	Alec Ornelas	R/R	6-1	197	Central Michigan University	Mokena, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Ryan Burvan	R/R	5-11	165	Purdue University	Dyer, Ind.
3	Kevin DeFilippis	R/R	6-0	170	University of Notre Dame	Homer Glen, Ill.
13	Nick Vogelmeier	R/R	5-11	165	Western Michigan University	Lake Orion, Mich.
14	James Meeker	R/L	6-4	180	Akron University	Wexford, Penn.
15	Anthony Colosimo	L/L	6-0	185	Purdue Calumet	Lake Forest, Ill.
22	Nate Schneider	R/R	6-2	210	Western Michigan University	Portage, Mich.
24	Brodie Meyer	R/R	6-0	180	Butler University	Palos Heights, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Craig Dedelow	L/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Munster, Ind.
7	Larry Crisler	R/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Gary, Ind.
9	Rob Blissitt, Jr.	R/R	6-3	165	University of Cincinnati	Markham, Ill.
17	Jason Gasser	L/R	6-0	195	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.

Manager - Justin Huisman | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright, Mike Coles

2014 Southland Vikings Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Brandon White	R/R	6-3	195	Hill Community College	Chicago, Ill.
12	Kevin Halberg	R/R	6-4	200	Grand Valley State University	Lansing, Ill.
14	Richard Fordon	L/L	6-4	215	Northweset University	Flossmoor, Ill.
18	Mike Poulos	R/R	6-5	220	Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.
21	Anthony Spangler	R/R	5-11	185	Purdue Calumet	Lansing, Ill.
22	Connor Ryan	R/R	6-1	175	Prairie State College	Homer Glen, Ill.
25	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Parkland College	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	190	Western Illinois University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
34	Dan Wetzal	R/R	6-2	160	St. Xavier University	Tinley Park, Ill.
38	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
44	Zac Miller	R/R	6-2	200	Purdue Calumet	White Pigeon, Mich.
45	Tyler House	L/L	6-5	215	University of Missouri	Chicago, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
11	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	210	Western Oklahoma State	Chicago, Ill.
14	Jake Hickey	R/R	6-0	185	South Suburban College	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Nate Ruzich	R/R	6-2	200	Northern Illinois University	Joliet, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Kendall King	R/R	5-10	145	Western Illinois University	Flossmoor, Ill.
6	Micah Rooke	R/R	5-10	185	Purdue Calumet	Whiting, Ind.
10	Bobby Shepard	R/R	5-11	180	University of Buffalo	Orland Park, Ill.
19	Stefano Belmante	R/R	6-0	200	South Suburban / Purdue	Chicago, Ill.
20	Jeff Boehm	L/L	6-1	215	University of Illinois-Chicago	Lansing, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Rob Ciffelli	L/L	5-6	160	John Carroll University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
3	Steve Letz	R/R	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.
5	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	6-0	185	Kaskaskia College	St. John, Ind.
15	Brandon Mallder	L/L	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Bridgeview, Ill.
22	Chris Sujka	R/R	5-10	190	Indiana University	Oak Forest, Ill.
27	Dan Potempa	R/R	5-11	230	University of Iowa	Tinley Park, Ill.

Manager - Chris Cunningham | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

Batting												
Player	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SB
Gasser	.364	15	55	6	20	7	1	0	8	8	0	1
Dedelow	.341	10	41	8	14	6	0	0	7	4	0	4
Schneider	.300	18	60	7	18	5	0	0	10	8	3	6
Burvan	.288	17	66	8	19	3	0	0	3	9	0	2
Meeker	.263	15	57	6	15	1	0	1	5	7	0	1
Blissitt	.232	16	56	6	13	1	0	0	4	5	1	2
Ornelas	.208	15	48	4	10	2	0	0	7	4	4	0
DeFilippis	.200	18	65	15	13	5	0	0	4	7	2	6
Ray	.186	14	43	2	8	0	0	1	4	8	2	0
Jones	.178	14	45	6	8	2	1	0	6	12	0	2
Vogelmeier	.175	19	57	13	10	2	0	0	2	15	1	4
Colosimo	.154	13	39	3	6	0	0	0	4	9	1	1
Crisler	.143	5	14	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	2	2

Pitching									
Pitchers	IP	R	ER	BB	K	W	L	SV	ERA
Jackson	5.2	0	0	4	8	1	0	0	0.00
Jerge	14.2	2	1	4	7	0	0	0	0.61
Pobereyko, M	11.2	1	1	3	20	0	0	8	0.77
Linck	29	5	5	14	27	4	0	0	1.55
Mahler	29	7	5	5	22	2	3	0	1.55
Pobereyko, D	16.1	5	5	3	17	2	1	0	2.75
McNamara, J	21.1	12	9	1	21	2	1	0	3.79
Lowe	9	6	5	5	14	0	0	0	5.00
Nauracy	20.1	18	12	8	27	2	2	9	5.31
Gomez	11.2	9	7	7	10	1	0	1	5.40
Sherrell	11.2	8	7	9	10	0	0	0	5.40
Glatt	5.2	7	6	3	4	0	0	0	9.52