



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

Produced by NWI Oilmen Media Relations - Contact Brandon Vickrey (219) 771-7504  
Email: brandon@nwioilmen.com - Website: www.nwioilmen.com

SUNDAY'S GAME:  
NWI Oilmen (15-11)  
at Lexington Snipes (15-11)

July 12 - 1:30 p.m. (CT) - Lexington, Ill.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB  
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)



GAME

28

### 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	W 11-2
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 4-3
7/3	@ Lexington Snipes	L 7-3
7/4	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 7-5
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-1
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	----
7/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 7-5
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 5-4
7/11	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 13-4
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

Remarkably, the current stretch is the first time the Oilmen have lost three consecutive games since June 22 to July 2, 2012, when they dropped six straight. The Oilmen went on to win the Midwest Collegiate League championship that season. Saturday's nine-run loss was the team's most lopsided defeat since July 5, 2014, when the Oilmen fell 13-3 to Southland. The Oilmen have dropped five of the last six games. The Oilmen made four errors on Saturday and have not played an errorless game since July 1 against Michigan City. The four blunders were the most committed in a game this season.

### Inside The Oilmen

Stefano Belmonte continued to impress by reaching base three times on Saturday. He notched another RBI to lift his league-high total to 24. He has managed to rack up 24 RBIs in only 19 starts this summer. He is in position to threaten the Midwest Collegiate League record of 37 established by NWI's Nick Bartolone in 2013. He is also four doubles away from matching the franchise record of 13 set by Bennett Oliver in 2012. Jordan Lewis has already tied Bill Miller's home run record of three, but he has not gone yard since June 20. In his last start, Keith Mahler provided the only Oilmen win in the last six games with eight innings of one-run baseball. He has pitched against Lexington once this season, yielding four runs in four innings and picking up the win in a rain-shortened game on June 7.

### Inside the Snipes

The Snipes were rained out against Joliet on Saturday. They are looking to bounce back from a 10-6 loss to the Hounds on Friday that snapped a four-game winning streak. Lefty Ross Learnard (2-1, 2.14 ERA) will make his first start against the Oilmen this season. Owen Miller, Jared McCunn, Deion Thompson, Tanner Russell and Neal Tyrell are all hitting above .300 for Lexington.

### About the Matchup

The Oilmen and Snipes have already had three head-to-head meetings rained out this year and a fourth game that was delayed and shortened by rain. Whenever these two teams are scheduled to face off, Mother Nature seems to play a factor. The forecast for Sunday is questionable, as are field conditions at High Desert, creating the possibility that Sunday's game could also be impacted by rain. The Oilmen hold a 14-7 advantage in the all-time series, but the season series is split 2-2.

### Around the MCL

The Hounds will look to continue their success on Sunday at Hap Bruno Field against the Vikings. The Lakers and Admirals clash in a critical game in the race for the fourth and final Midwest Collegiate League playoff spot. The Lakers can pull with ½ game of the Admirals for fourth with a victory on Sunday.

## 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  
 All-Time Team Record.....105-60, 90-57 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....66-30  
     Road Record.....39-29  
 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, a rotating cast of color commentators will handle games, including Brandon Pavlina (road games) and former Oilmen pitcher Andrew Lowe (select home games). To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



## Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

<b>FRIDAY:</b> Admirals 2, Vikings 1 Lakers 5, Oilmen 4 Hounds 10, Snipes 6	<b>SATURDAY:</b> Hounds 13, Oilmen 4 Lakers 3, Vikings 1 Admirals at Snipes, ppd.
<b>SUNDAY:</b> Oilmen at Snipes, 1 p.m. Admirals at Lakers, 1 p.m. Hounds at Vikings, 3 p.m.	<b>MONDAY:</b> Snipes at Oilmen, 6 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	18	9	.667	---	W2
NWI Oilmen	15	11	.577	2.5	L3
Lexington Snipes	15	11	.577	2.5	L1
Joliet Admirals	9	12	.429	6	W2
Michigan City Lakers	11	17	.393	7.5	W2
Southland Vikings	7	15	.318	8.5	L2

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
7	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	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.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
45/28	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.

## 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.
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.
30	Alec Barnhart	L/R	6-0	190	St. Xavier / Trinity Christian	Hometown, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

# 2015 Lexington Snipes

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Kody Silverthorn	R/R	6-0	175	Parkland College	
5	Matthew Dwyer	R/R	6-0	170	Heartland	
6	Brett Fanning	R/R	5-10	160	Upper Iowa	
11	Kolton Vermillion	R/R	6-2	215	Heartland	
14	Travis Auer	R/R	6-0	175	Heartland	
16	Jack Rettig	L/L	6-3	185	Illinois State (commit)	
22	Jeff Lavin	R/R	6-4	185	Parkland	
23	Ross Learnard	R/L	6-1	170	Parkland	
26	Matt Jenkins	L/L	6-3	195	Parkland	
27	Noah Lamboley	R/R			Parkland	
29	Kyle Jenkins	R/R	6-0	195	IVCC	
30	Ian Hall	L/L	5-9	165	Heartland	
34	Tim Smyk	R/R	6-2	210	Illinois Wesleyan (commit)	

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Cale Robinson	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	
20	Jason Priest	R/R	6-0	195	Illinois Central College	

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Tanner Russell	R/R	6-0	170	Parkland	
7	Jared McCunn	R/R	6-3	206	Illinois Lincoln College	
8	Neal Tyrell	R/R	6-1	185	Lewis	
13	Reid Birlingmair	L/R	6-1	185	University of Chicago (commit)	
21	Owen Miller	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois State (commit)	
24	Chris Maranto	R/R	5-10	180	Butler	
26	Matt Jenkins	L/L	6-3	195	Parkland	
28	Deion Thompson	R/R	6-2	190	Western Illinois (commit)	
44	Reed Rogers	R/R	6-5	250	Heartland	

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Tyler Horchem	R/R	6-0	190	John A. Logan	
10	Cully Day	L/L	6-1	170	Parkland	
12	Ryan Frye	R/L	6-2	175	Evangel	
21	Matt Rave	R/R			Carthage	
33	Alex Smith	R/R	5-9	175	Northern Illinois	

Manager - Billy DuBois | Assistant Coach - Darrin Frye