



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:  
NWI Oilmen (19-16)  
at Southland Vikings (18-8)

July 12 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Flossmoor, Ill.  
Hap Bruno Field  
Broadcast: Facebook Live

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## 2018 Schedule

5/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 15-4
5/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 5-0
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	W 13-4
6/7	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 13-10
6/8	JOLIET GENERALS	L 16-11
6/9	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 13-4
6/12	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 7-6
6/13	@ Southland Vikings	L 6-0
6/14	JOLIET GENERALS	W 8-4
6/15	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 11-5
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 11-3
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-0
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 6-5
6/20	@ Joliet Generals	W 13-9
6/23	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-2
6/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 9-3
6/27	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	L 8-0
6/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-2
6/29	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-6
6/30	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 5-4
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS (DH)	W 3-2
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS (DH)	W 5-2
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 13-5
7/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 10-8
7/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 13-3
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 4-3
7/7	JOLIET GENERALS	L 9-5
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	L 8-0
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 6-5
7/10	@ Joliet Generals	L 9-8
7/11	@ Bloomington Bobcats	W 7-5
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/13	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	7:10 p.m.
7/16	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/17	TEAM CROATIA#	4:45 p.m.
7/18	TEAM SERBIA#	7:15 p.m.
7/19	TEAM SLOVAKIA#	4:45 p.m.
7/21	IBC Semifinal#	TBD
7/22	IBC Final/3rd place #	TBD
7/23	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
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

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen enjoyed an extra-inning victory on Wednesday, beating the Bobcats in bonus frames for the second time this week by pulling out a 7-5 victory in 10. Sawyer Allen settled in after a four-run second and sent down 11 straight batters, Connor Spear worked out of a key inherited jam and Pedro Rodriguez picked up the win in relief by limiting the damage to one run in the ninth and putting up a zero in the 10th. The Oilmen slugged their way back into a game again, using homers by Jake Plastiak and Nate Montgomery to help erase a three-run deficit. The Oilmen are up to 19 home runs as a team this season, as the first of their two on Wednesday allowed them to shatter the previous team record of 17 established in 2015.

### Inside the Oilmen

Zaid Walker remained a storyline on Wednesday, as the talented Oilmen outfielder turned in his best performance yet. He racked up a season-high four hits for his fifth straight multi-hit game, all of them against the Bobcats. He is hitting .700 during this five-game stretch of only appearing against Bloomington. Walker has made his way to the top of the Oilmen leaderboard in batting average at .479 in 54 plate appearances. Speaking of success against a specific foe, the pitching equivalent of Walker feasting on Bobcat pitching has been Alex Voss against the Southland Vikings. The young southpaw will face the Vikings for the third straight start on Thursday and has allowed just one earned run in 13 innings over the first two. For the season, Voss has an 0.96 ERA and 2-0 record in 18 2/3 innings over five games, two starts.

### Inside the Vikings

After notching an unorthodox 9-0 victory (win by forfeit) over Crestwood on Wednesday, Southland is up to 10 games over .500. The Panthers played with only nine players, and when one was injured in the fourth inning they were forced to forfeit. With the top three teams in the MCL all winning on Wednesday, Southland is still 1 ½ behind first-place DuPage County and 3 ½ up on the third-place Oilmen. The Vikings will send Hunter Kraynak to the mound on Thursday. The righty from Cedarville was high school teammates with NWI's Hunter Thorn at Portage and also played junior college ball with Nate Montgomery at South Suburban. Kraynak has worked only 2 1/3 innings this season over three games in relief. He holds an ERA of 3.00 and has walked one and struck out two. The Oilmen saw him in his season debut, a scoreless inning with two strikeouts on June 30 at Oil City Stadium.

### About the Matchup

The Oilmen have won three straight head-to-head meetings with the Vikings, with Voss getting the start in each of the last two. NWI holds a 33-31 edge in the all-time series with Southland, while the season series is tied 3-3 with the Oilmen rapping off three wins in a row after starting the year 0-3. The most recent matchup was an instant classic last Friday at Oil City Stadium that saw a Chris Baker walk-off single lift the Oilmen to a 4-3 victory. A Cory Krolikowski home run in the seventh pulled the Oilmen within one before Nick Figus tied it with the long ball in the eighth. Voss did not allow an earned run over six innings.

## 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.....200-123 (.583)  
 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>TUESDAY:</b> Generals 9, Oilmen 8 Vikings 9, Bobcats 8 Hounds 8, Panthers 2	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Vikings 9, Panthers 0 Hounds 14, Generals 9 Oilmen 7, Bobcats 5
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Generals at Panthers, 3 p.m. (DH) Oilmen at Vikings, 3 p.m. (DH) Hounds at Bobcats, 6 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Hounds at Oilmen, 7 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	23	10	.697	---	W2
Southland Vikings	18	8	.692	1.5	W3
NWI Oilmen	19	16	.543	5	W1
Bloomington Bobcats	15	17	.469	7.5	L3
Joliet Generals	12	16	.429	8.5	L1
Crestwood Panthers	5	25	.167	16.5	L7

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.
14	Anthony Robles	L/L	6-1	195	College of DuPage	Oak Lawn, Ill.
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.
26	Brendan Kelly	R/R	6-0	190	Purdue Northwest	Grandville, Mich.
28	Andrew Hancock	R/R	6-6	190	Evansville	New Lenox, Ill.
30	Alex Voss	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.
31	Pedro Rodriguez	R/R	6-0	220	Tusculum	Kissimmee, Fla.
32	Sawyer Allen	L/L	6-0	180	Hillsdale College	Fair Oaks, Ind.
33	Nick Wolf	R/R	6-5	220	McHenry County	Valparaiso, 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.

## 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.
27	Amir Wright	L/L	5-10	185	St. Leo	Griffith, Ind.
29	Tom Kelley	R/R	6-1	210	Miami (OH)	Orland Park, Ill.
35	Zaid Walker	R/R	6-2	215	Michigan State	Flossmoor, 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.
7	Patrick Hayes	R/R	6-0	175	Illinois State	Chicago, 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.
41	Jake Plastiak	S/R	6-3	200	Wichita State	Tinley Park, Ill.
43	Eric Yachinich	R/R	6-0	200	Minnesota Duluth	Ashland, Wis.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Vitulli, Frank Podkul

# 2018 Southland Vikings

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Anthony Rogers	L/L	6-2	205	Concordia	Bolingbrook, Ill.
	Chase Pearce	R/R	6-0	185	Oakton CC	Kokomo, Ind.
6	Ben Jacobs	R/R	5-10	175	Milikin University	Naperville, Ill.
11	Kyle Hallberg	L/L	5-10	175	South Suburban	Lansing, Ill.
12	Robert Keating	R/R	5-5	155	Moraine Valley CC	Orland Park, Ill.
15	Mike Rios	R/R	5-9	165	St. Rita HS	
17	Justin Ruthrauff	L/L	5-9	165	Mesa CC	Chicago, Ill.
25	John Hendry	R/R	6-3	225	University of Indianapolis	Park Ridge, Ill.
32	Justin Rios	L/R	5-8	175	North Central College	

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Victor Perez	R/R	5-10	175	Heartland CC	Gurnee, Ill.
21	Jake Zylman	R/R	5-10	185	Heartland CC	Blue Island, Ill.
28	Will Smithey	R/R	6-0	175	University of Indianapolis	Greenwood, Ind.
30	Andy Lopez	R/R	6-0	200	Lincoln Land	Chicago, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Shakur Jackson	R/R	5-10	180	Heartland CC	Rock Island, Ill.
4	PJ Raines	R/R	5-9	150	IMG Academy	Chicago, Ill.
5	Dashon Moore	R/R	5-8	160	South Suburban	Dolton, Ill.
8	Kellen Quigley	L/R	5-11	185	Webster	Bolingbrook, Ill.
12	Nick McAlister	R/R	5-9	150	South Suburban	Homewood, Ill.
18	Angel Figueroa	S/R	5-8	165	Carl Sundburg	East Chicago, Ind.
19	Frank Napleton	R/R	6-3	190	St. Leo	Chicago, Ill.
29	Jon Jungr	R/R	6-1	180	Eastern Illinois	Yorkville, Ill.
29	Logan Anderson	R/R	6-1	210	South Suburban	Chicago, Ill.
31	Dylan Smith	R/R	6-1	215	Kishwaukee CC	Farina, Ill.
35	Joe Curci	R/R	6-3	205	Rollins College	Chicago, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
9	Jarrett Lopez	R/R	6-0	170	Indiana Tech	St. John, Ind.
16	David Gleaves	R/R	6-0	165	South Suburban	Chicago, Ill.
23	Thomas Smith	R/R	6-0	165	Bethel	Merrillville, Ind.
26	Gabe Yearian	L/R	6-1	175	Kishwaukee CC	Pickneyville, Ill.
27	Matt Colomes	R/R	5-10	210	University of Antelope Valley	Griffith, Ind.

Manager - Dave Letourneau