



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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FRIDAY'S GAME:
DuPage County Hounds (24-10)
NWI Oilmen (20-16)

July 13 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Oil City Stadium
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	W 20-3
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

For Starters

The Oilmen and Hounds will begin a stretch of frequent face-offs on Friday night as the Oilmen have only 10 regular season games remaining on the schedule and six of them are against DuPage County. The first-place Hounds own a five-game lead over the Oilmen in the MCL standings, but this stretch could give the Oilmen an opportunity to make up ground. However, a Hound-heavy stretch makes for a challenging slate against a perennial MCL power. On Thursday night, the Oilmen pounded out 20 runs on 22 hits, tying a franchise record for single-game hits that had stood since Game 2 of the MCL Semifinal Series against the Lexington Snipes in 2013. Thursday was the 324th game in Oilmen history, and the Oilmen enjoyed their most lopsided win of all-time by downing the Vikings 20-3. The previous record for margin of victory was 16, reached three times.

Inside the Oilmen

Zaid Walker has been on a tear at the plate, as he's racked up six multi-hit games in a row. The stretch started with back-to-back two-hit days, continued with consecutive three-hit outputs and most recently has featured four hits in each of the last two games. Walker is 18-for-25 (.720 AVG) during this six-game stretch. CJ Deshazer had a big offensive day on Thursday, racking up a season-high four hits. He has strung together consecutive multi-hit outputs, going 6-for-10 over the last two games after starting the season 7-for-42 (.167) in his first 13 contests. All-time Oilmen wins king Christian Howell will toe the rubber on Friday night. He has a 2.51 ERA and 4-1 record in 32 1/3 innings this season over six games and five starts. Howell is the team leader in innings pitched. He has racked up a team-high 37 strikeouts against 11 walks.

Inside the Hounds

The Hounds are 2 1/2 games clear of second-place Southland and would like nothing more than to expand the cushion to three games entering the All-Star Break. They boast the league's most prolific offense with a team batting average of .305. The league's top two run producers both play for DuPage County with Dane Toppel leading the way with 33 RBIs and Kennedy Phillips not far behind with 31. Toppel is in the conversation for MCL MVP honors as he has driven in 33 runs and scored 31. DuPage also leads the league with 97 stolen bases, led by Danny Gleaves (17), Toppel (15) and Bren Faulk (12). Starting pitcher Andrew Padilla is 1-1 with one save in eight games, two starts. He has a 5.32 ERA and has racked up 21 strikeouts while issuing 18 walks. This will mark his first outing against the Oilmen.

About the Matchup

The Hounds have won three of the first four meetings between the two teams this season, but the season series will ride on the six matchups down the stretch. Friday's game is a makeup of a prior rainout, as is Monday at DuPage County. The Hounds won the most recent meeting 13-5 on July 2 at Oil City Stadium. This is the fifth matchup between the two teams this season, and all five have occurred at Oil City Stadium. eighth. Voss did not allow an earned run over six innings.

ALL CAPS = Home Games, Played at Oil City Stadium
= special event, hosted at Oil City Stadium

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.....201-123 (.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 and Dan Harty. 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

WEDNESDAY: Vikings 9, Panthers 0 Hounds 14, Generals 9 Oilmen 7, Bobcats 5	THURSDAY: Oilmen 20, Vikings 3 Hounds 14, Bobcats 10 Generals 5, Panthers 3
FRIDAY: Hounds at Oilmen, 7 p.m.	SATURDAY: MCL All-Star Game, 7:10 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	24	10	.706	---	W3
Southland Vikings	18	9	.667	2.5	L1
NWI Oilmen	20	16	.556	5	W2
Bloomington Bobcats	15	18	.455	8.5	L4
Joliet Generals	13	16	.448	8.5	W1
Crestwood Panthers	5	26	.161	17.5	L8

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 DuPage County Hounds

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Nate Madej	L/L	6-0	200	Florida Southwestern St	Lemont, Ill.
	Ethan Willett	R/R	6-2	170	Rollins College	Western Springs, Ill.
	Travis Pelton	L/R	5-11	195	Loras	Hinsdale, Ill.
9	Andrew Padilla	R/R	6-0	180	Webster University	Burbank, Ill.
10	Jake Anderson	R/R	6-1	165	Webster University	Bollingbrook, Ill.
13	James Raffauf	R/R	6-3	185	Heartland CC	Richmond, Ill.
14	Brett Taucher	R/R	6-4	220	SIU Edwardsville	Elk Grove Village, Ill.
15	Matt Verdun	R/R	5-8	145	Lewis University	Homer Glen, Ill.
16	Jesse Wainscott	R/R	6-1	180	Eastern Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.
19	Jack Weller	R/R	6-3	205	Washburn University	Wauconda, Ill.
28	Ryan Reeder	R/R	6-1	200	Grand Rapids CC	Palatine, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	170	Rend Lake CC	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Jordan Walden	R/R	6-6	200	Parkland CC	Braidwood, Ill.
33	Alex Luka	L/L	6-4	200	Babson University	Downers Grove, Ill.
42	Zac Bianucci	L/L	6-3	200	Michigan State	Naperville, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Michael Bieterman	R/R	6-1	195	Heartland CC	Wood Dale, Ill.
8	Kennedy Phillips	L/R	6-0	215	Regis University	Arvada, Colo.
45	Joe Swanson	R/R			Webster University	Park Ridge, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Austin Tittle	R/R	6-3	200	Lewis University	Lemont, Ill.
3	Nick Bellina	R/R	6-0	175	Louisiana State Eunice	Donaldsonville, La.
7	Dane Toppel	R/R	5-9	150	Eastern Illinois	South Elgin, Ill.
11	Matt Collins	R/R	6-0	185	Cornell University	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.
21	Angel Salinas	L/R	6-0	170	Triton JC	Woodridge, Ill.
28	Kyle Kane	L/R	6-2	175	Lewis University	Westchester, Ill.
37	Matt Bottcher	L/R	5-10	180	UIC	Romeoville, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Wyll Woods	R/R	6-0	185	Eastern Illinois	Matteson, Ill.
4	Bren Faulk	R/R	5-8	145	Louisiana State Eunice	Abbeville, La.
6	David Guiliano	L/R	6-0	185	Cornell University	Downers Grove, Ill.
12	Danny Gleaves	R/R	6-0	180	Michigan State	Homer Glen, Ill.
32	Stephen Mogged	R/R	5-11	175	Southern Illinois	Lindenhurst, Ill.

Manager - Ben Caple | Assistant Coach - Rick Panek