



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (15-17)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (20-15)

July 14 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM
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2016 Schedule

5/27	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 3-0
5/28	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 9-3
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	L 9-7
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	W 7-5
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-2
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-0
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 6-4
6/4	@ Southland Vikings	W 12-1
6/5	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-3
6/7	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 8-6
6/8	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-5
6/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 15-4
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-5
6/11	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 10-9
6/12	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-2
6/15	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 4-3
6/16	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 17-1
6/17	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 13-2
6/18	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 9-5
6/19	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 14-6
6/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 8-5
6/24	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 7-6
6/25	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-0
6/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 9-3
6/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 7-4
6/28	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 13-4
6/29	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-3
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 5-1
7/1	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 3-2
7/2	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 2-0
7/4	U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS*	L 4-3
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	W 8-5
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	W 6-1
7/7	@ Bloomington Bobcats	W 7-3
7/8	@ DuPage County Hounds	W 7-1
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	W 16-0
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	5 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	7:20 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/31	@ Joliet Admirals	1 p.m.
8/2-8/4	MCL Semifinal Series	TBD
8/5-8/7	MCL Championship Series	TBD

*- denotes exhibition game
CAPS- denotes home game

For Starters

The Oilmen return to the diamond after four straight days off. The All-Star Break was extended by a day since Wednesday's game was postponed by rain. The Oilmen enter Thursday looking to extend their winning streak to six after a perfect 5-0 road trip. The Oilmen are just ½ game behind first-place DuPage County. NWI can move into first place with a win and help from the Bobcats, who host the Hounds on Thursday. The last time the Oilmen owned sole possession of first place in the MCL was July 7, 2015. The Oilmen have never won a regular-season MCL title. The Hounds won the regular season-season crown in 2013 and 2015, while the Vikings (2014), DeKalb County Liners (2012) and Rockford Foresters (2011) also own league titles. The Oilmen had 11 participants in Tuesday's MCL All-Star Game, but the White All-Stars fell to Blue 10-2. Hunter Clark retired the side in order while throwing only seven pitches in the eighth inning. Clay Keltner and Braden Niksich also worked scoreless frames, while Tommy Szczasny had two hits.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen will look to uphold their team-wide strong pitching as Sam Geraci takes the ball on Thursday. Geraci was the starting pitcher for the Blue All-Stars in Tuesday's MCL All-Star Game. He has the best ERA of any starting pitcher in the MCL at 1.11 in four starts. Geraci owns a spotless 4-0 record in 24 1/3 innings. He has issued five walks and struck out 15. To put into perspective how good Oilmen pitching has been, Max Siedlecki's ERA of 2.73 ranks seventh on the team, and would be first on the Bobcats, first on the Vikings, second on the Lakers, third on the Hounds and second on the Admirals. The Oilmen lead the league in team ERA at 2.89, well ahead of second-place DuPage at 4.10. The Oilmen pitching staff also leads the league in strikeouts with 235 and WHIP at 1.50. In addition, the Oilmen lead the league in hitting at .296. Stefano Belmonte (.398) and Tommy Szczasny (.395) rank one and two in the league in batting average.

Inside the Vikings

Southland starter Phil Madvek enters Thursday night with revenge on his mind after allowing 12 runs (10 earned) on 14 hits in three innings against the Oilmen on July 9 to take the loss. He beat the Oilmen earlier in the season, yielding four runs on nine hits in six innings on June 23. Overall, this will be Madvek's fourth start of the season. He's 2-1 with a 10.29 ERA in 14 innings. The Vikings have dropped three straight games and are now ½ game in back of Bloomington for the final playoff spot.

About the Matchup

This is the ninth meeting of the year between the two teams with the Oilmen and Vikings splitting the first eight right down the middle. The Oilmen lead the all-time series 26-22. NWI dominated the most recent meeting, matching the most lopsided victory in Oilmen history with a 16-0 win on July 9. After Thursday, there are still four more Oilmen/Vikings matchups this season.

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
 All-Time Team Record.....136-83, 120-79 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 88-43
 Road Record.....49-39
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 Playoff Record.....7-6
 Playoff Home Record.....3-4
 Playoff Road Record.....4-2
 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, he'll be joined in the booth by Nathan Dickinson. David Bork, Payton Ball and Drew Guth will also make contributions to the Oilmen radio broadcasts. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

SUNDAY: Bobcats 7, Vikings 0 Bobcats 12, Vikings 1	WEDNESDAY: Lakers at Oilmen, ppd.
THURSDAY: Lakers at Admirals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Bobcats, 5:30 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	FRIDAY: Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m. Vikings at Lakers, 7:20 p.m. Admirals at Bobcats, 7:30 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	19	13	.594	---	W1
NWI Oilmen	20	15	.571	0.5	W5
Joliet Admirals	16	15	.516	2.5	L2
Bloomington Bobcats	13	14	.481	3.5	W3
Southland Vikings	15	17	.469	4	L3
Lakers	10	19	.345	7.5	L3

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Reggie Johnson	R/R	6-2	175	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
10	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland / Trinity Christian	New Lenox, Ill.
11	Luke Jaksich	L/L	6-1	160	Saint Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
13	Jay Gutierrez	R/R	6-1	200	Olney Central / McKendree	Oak Lawn, Ill.
16	Jamary McKinney	R/R	6-1	200	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
18	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland / Illinois Springfield	Steger, Ill.
25	Jordan Petty	R/R	6-2	175	Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
26	Josh Mutter	L/L	6-3	150	Northern Illinois	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Max Siedlecki	R/R	6-4	210	New Mexico Highlands	Chicago, Ill.
29	Braden Niksich	R/R	6-3	190	Illinois State	Hobart, Ind.
31	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
33	Clay Keltner	R/R	6-1	205	Cornerstone	Highland, Ind.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ill.
43	James Whiteman	R/R	6-2	194	Triton College	Lakeville, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Blake Cleveland	R/R	5-11	197	Central Michigan	Nappanee, Ind.
19	Jake Perreira	R/R	5-9	200	University of Indianapolis	Grant Park, Ill.
27	Zack Forney	R/R	5-10	170	Eastern Illinois	Cary, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Cory Krolkowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.
14	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	5-10	190	St. Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
21	Tyler Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
23	Jordan Flint	R/R	6-4	190	Eastern Illinois	Bartlett, Ill.
24	Chris Baker	L/R	6-0	185	University Illinois-Chicago	South Holland, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Chase Dawson	L/R	5-10	170	Valparaiso	Chesterton, Ind.
7	Bo Fletcher	R/R	6-0	180	Alcorn State	Chicago, Ill.
9	Tommy Szczyński	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, Ill.
17	Alex Nisle	R/R	6-0	185	Saint Joseph's College	Schererville, Ind.
20	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	205	Florida Gulf Coast	Munster, Ind.
30	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.
45	Jimmy Govern	R/R	5-11	175	Eastern Illinois	Libertyville, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

2016 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Jaylin Davis	L/L	5-8	160	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
10	Michael Shereryk	L/L	6-1	220	SIU-Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
21	Collin Brauer	R/R	5-11	170	College of DuPage	New Lenox, Ill.
22	Xavier Luna	R/R	6-2	180	Goshen	Logansport, Ind.
26	Parker Coleman	R/R	5-11	180	Roosevelt	Flossmoor, Ill.
27	Mario Samuel	L/L	6-0	195	Wisconsin Parkside	Bollingbrook, Ill.
29	Wade Davis	R/R	6-5	220	St. Joseph College	New Lenox, Ill.
31	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois	Crete, Ill.
31	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Southern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	175	Rend Lake College	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Phil Madvek	R/R	6-4	200	Purdue Calumet	Hobart, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-10	160	Purdue Calumet	Portage, Ind.
19	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	209	Georgia Gwinett	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Jalin McMillan	R/R	6-2	195	University of Illinois	Chicago, Ill.
9	Austin Lorenz	R/R	5-10	180	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.
11	Austin Blazevic	L/R	6-3	185	Kaskaskia	Plainfield, Ill.
12	Mitch VanKoevering	R/R	6-1	170	Kalamazoo College	La Grange Park, Ill.
24	Lucas Karz	R/R	6-2	220	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Raphe Gross	S/L	5-11	172		Simeon, Ill.
2	Tyler Crussen	L/R	5-8	160	Purdue Calumet	Valparaiso, Ind.
15	Amir Wright	L/L	5-11	160	St. Joseph's College	Griffith, Ind.
20	Nick Wheeler	R/R	6-0	205	Grambling State	Mount Carmel, Ill.
23	A.J. Fuller	R/R	6-0	195	John A. Logan College	New Lenox, Ill.

Manager - John Ely | Assistant Coach - Jabari Brown

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Stefano Belmonte	.398	88	35	1	21	19	.489	.459	5
Tommy Szczasny	.395	76	30	2	23	19	.592	.484	5
Chase Dawson	.368	87	32	0	13	22	.471	.471	7
Tyler Sroczyński	.344	93	32	4	19	35	.634	.436	9
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.311	73	21	0	11	19	.338	.475	2
Chris Baker	.311	74	23	1	17	18	.392	.448	3
Zack Forney	.311	74	23	0	11	24	.392	.453	4
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Cory Krolkowski	.279	61	17	0	7	11	.328	.362	1
Marshawn Taylor	.279	43	12	0	9	7	.326	.333	2
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Jordan Flint	.267	86	23	0	14	20	.326	.354	5
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Alex Nisle	.243	70	17	0	12	14	.303	.393	4
Josh Mutter	.233	30	7	0	3	5	.267	.361	1
Jake Perreira	.224	76	17	2	14	10	.368	.344	5
Bo Fletcher	.212	52	11	0	4	8	.231	.226	1
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Blake Cleveland	.184	38	7	0	3	2	.184	.311	0
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.296	1167	345	11	216	249	.391	.402	62

PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	0	2	18.1	0.00	12	15	1.20	.154
Sam Geraci	3	0	0	24.1	1.11	5	15	1.03	.213
Richard Yelnick	2	1	0	28.0	1.29	9	26	1.18	.222
Clay Keltner	3	2	0	34.2	1.30	10	25	1.10	.215
Braden Niksich	0	1	1	13.0	1.39	9	12	1.39	.191
Jordan Petty	1	0	1	17.0	2.65	7	16	1.29	.243
Max Siedecki	2	1	0	33.0	2.73	15	20	1.52	.261
Christian Howell	3	1	0	36.2	2.95	21	29	1.33	.201
James Whiteman	0	1	2	11.2	3.09	7	16	1.80	.275
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	10.0	3.60	6	5	1.70	.256
Luke Jaksich	3	0	0	23.1	3.86	19	20	1.76	.232
Eric Frontzak	1	2	0	13.1	5.40	7	9	2.03	.313
Reggie Johnson	0	4	0	23.1	5.79	16	20	2.14	.346
Jamary McKinney	0	0	0	7.1	7.36	14	6	3.14	.300
Josh Mutter	0	1	0	2.0	31.50	6	1	4.50	.300
TEAM STATS	20	15	6	296.0	2.89	163	235	1.50	.238

SOUTHLAND VIKINGS STATS

HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Jabari Brown	.444	9	4	0	2	0	.556	.444	1
Amir Wright	.368	68	25	0	8	14	.412	.458	3
Jaylin Davis	.333	27	9	0	4	1	.333	.438	0
Raphe Gross	.321	28	9	0	4	7	.357	.444	0
Hunter Thorn	.309	68	21	1	13	16	.412	.429	4
Tyler Crussen	.301	83	25	0	9	16	.313	.376	1
Jalin McMillian	.299	107	30	1	15	17	.393	.385	3
Austin Blazevic	.288	104	30	0	15	9	.337	.413	5
Greg Alexander	.286	14	4	0	1	2	.357	.267	1
Kyle Van Koevering	.286	56	16	0	4	7	.321	.379	2
Nick Wheeler	.269	104	28	0	18	15	.327	.325	4
Alex Lugo	.231	26	6	0	3	1	.269	.289	0
Aaron Fuller	.218	110	24	0	16	15	.255	.279	2
Colin Brauer	.206	34	7	0	3	6	.265	.300	0
Xavier Luna	.188	16	3	0	0	3	.188	.278	0
Austin Lorenz	.160	81	13	0	12	12	.173	.281	1
Lucas Karz	.108	65	7	0	5	15	.169	.363	2
Brock Crews	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Jake Hickey	.000	6	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.261	1007	263	2	132	156	.310	.361	33

PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Brian Musidak	2	1	0	8.0	0.00	1	6	1.13	.258
Alex Lesiak	0	0	2	6.0	1.50	4	7	1.00	.100
Josh Hart	0	0	1	9.0	3.00	8	9	1.50	.176
Lucas Karz	0	0	0	4.0	4.50	2	7	1.25	.200
Parker Coleman	0	0	0	6.0	4.50	4	4	1.83	.269
Mario Samuel	1	1	0	23.0	4.70	10	15	1.57	.277
Robbie Nunn	2	4	0	34.1	4.72	25	16	1.57	.186
Colin Brauer	2	1	0	26.1	5.13	12	21	1.67	.296
Michael Shereyk	2	3	0	37.0	5.84	15	17	1.95	.324
John Swisher	0	1	0	7.0	6.43	4	10	1.86	.300
Xavier Luna	2	1	0	22.2	8.34	19	23	2.25	.311
Matt Ittersagen	1	0	0	8.0	9.00	7	5	1.75	.241
Wade Davis	0	2	0	18.0	9.00	23	8	2.61	.320
Phil Madvek	2	1	0	14.0	10.29	4	5	2.14	.426
Jaylin Davis	0	1	1	12.2	12.08	12	11	2.76	.383
Ty Towers	0	0	0	2.0	13.50	1	1	3.00	.500
Brock Crews	0	0	0	1.0	27.00	1	2	5.00	.500
TEAM STATS	15	16	2	251.0	6.17	160	173	1.85	.290