



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:
Southland Vikings (8-18)
at NWI Oilmen (17-12)

July 16 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

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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	L 8-6
7/13	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 4-3
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	PPD
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 8-4
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

After going 1-6 in a seven-game stretch, the Oilmen appear to be back on track with back-to-back wins over Lexington and Joliet. Keith Mahler picked up the win in relief on Wednesday against the Admirals to improve to 4-0. He has allowed only one run in his last 20 innings of work. Mahler now leads the team with a 1.97 ERA. Enrique Zamora is Thursday's starting pitcher. The Calumet College right-hander is 3-1 with a 2.46 ERA and leads the team in strikeouts with 32.

Inside The Oilmen

Fred Smart, who started the season 1-for-17, has lifted his average above .300 for the first time all year. He collected two more hits and drove in a pair in Wednesday's win over Joliet. Smart was hit by a pitch again on Wednesday, increasing his team lead to seven. He is two shy of Elliot Bajda's single-season Oilmen hit by pitch record of nine set in 2012. Sam Geraci has 17 walks this season to lead the team, but is still 13 away from Jack Czeszewski's team record. Czeszewski also holds the team's stolen base record with 22 in 2013. Tyler Sroczynski stole his team-leading 12th base on Wednesday.

Inside the Vikings

Southland continued to struggle on Tuesday night, incurring a doubleheader sweep at the hands of the Lexington Snipes. They dropped the opening game 4-0 and the nightcap 7-1. The Vikings have not scored more than two runs in any one game since the 7-5 victory over the Oilmen on July 9. That game is also Southland's most recent win, as a five-game losing streak has followed. The Vikings are 1-7 in their last eight games, with that lone win coming against the Oilmen. Justin Freeman, son of former big league pitcher and Vikings pitching coach Marvin Freeman, gets the start on Wednesday. He has a 2.05 ERA in eight game this year. He pitched a scoreless inning of relief against the Oilmen on June 3.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen have won two of the three games against Southland this season. The all-time series favors the Vikings, with the Oilmen 16-18 through the years against Southland. Jake Hickey hit a grand slam and Matt Sandoval pitched the Vikings to victory with six innings of two-run ball on July 9, as Southland topped NWI 7-5.

Around the MCL

The Oilmen remain three games in back of DuPage County, as the Hounds blanked the Lakers 3-0 on Wednesday in Lemont. Ryan Taylor heaved a complete game three-hitter to pick up the win and improve to 1-2. All six teams in the MCL are scheduled to be in action on Thursday, as the Hounds again host the Lakers and the Snipes clash with the Admirals.

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.....107-61, 91-58 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 68-30
 Road Record.....39-31
 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

TUESDAY: Oilmen at Admirals, ppd. Snipes 4, Vikings 0 Snipes 7, Vikings 1	WEDNESDAY: Hounds 3, Lakers 0 Oilmen 8, Admirals 4
THURSDAY: Admirals at Snipes, 5 p.m. Lakers at Hounds, 5 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY: Lakers at Snipes, 5 p.m. Hounds at Admirals, 5 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	20	9	.690	---	W5
Lexington Snipes	18	12	.600	2.5	W2
NWI Oilmen	17	12	.586	3	W2
Joliet Admirals	10	14	.417	7.5	L1
Michigan City Lakers	11	19	.367	9.5	L2
Southland Vikings	8	18	.308	10.5	L5

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.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

2015 Southland Vikings Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Jose Romero	L/L	6-0	225	South Suburban	Reavis
3	John Swisher	L/L	5-10	165	Roosevelt University	Manhattan, Ill.
10	Michael Shereyk	L/R	6-0	205	SIU Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
11	Joseph Plaud	R/R	6-0	180	UW-Parkside	Chicago, Ill.
12	Dan Jankowski	L/L	6-4	195	South Suburban	Lansing, Ill.
17	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
18	Jordan Young	R/R	6-2	215	Vincennes	Lafayette, Ind.
19	Colton Lopez	L/L			Beloit	Chicago, Ill.
26	Trevor Henderson	L/L	6-4	230	Ball State	Plainfield, Ill.
27	Jalen Purchase	R/R			Joliet Junior College	Chicago, Ill.
28	Mitch Prickett	R/R	6-2	185	Purdue North Central	Yorkville, Ill.
32	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois University	Crete, Ill.
34	Matt Sandoval	R/R	6-1		Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
45	Brian Henry	R/R	6-4	265	Illinois Wesleyan	Morris, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Jake Hickey	R/R	6-0	199	South Suburban College	Frankfort, Ill.
29	Jesse Forestell	L/R	6-0	190	Western Michigan	Flossmoor, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
15	Jacob Lane	R/R	6-4	190	Kankakee / Purdue North Central	Indianapolis, Ind.
5	Jeff Cardenas	L/R	5-11	185	Kankakee	Fort Wayne, Ind.
9	Kendall King	R/R	5-11	160	Western Illinois	Homewood, Ill.
6	Sanford Hunt	R/R	6-0	170	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
13	Louis Avila	R/R	5-8	150	South Suburban College	Flossmoor, Ill.
35	Chris Stevens	R/R	6-4	220	Eastern Mexico	Bolingbrook, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Cody Haver	R/R	6-0	195	Purdue North Central	Valparaiso, Ind.
20	Jordan Jackson	R/R	6-2	160	Oakland University	Chicago, Ill.
21	Tyler Johnson	R/R	5-9	160	Texas Southern	Chicago, Ill.
22	Matt Cole	R/R	6-1	195	Madison Tech	
24	Chris Pikoulas	R/R	6-2	235	Lewis	Frankfort, Ill.
38	Clark Brinkman	R/R	6-3	185	University of Dayton	Addison, Ill.

Manager - Tony Sanchez | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman