



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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FRIDAY'S GAMES:

Southland Vikings (8-18)

at NWI Oilmen (17-12)

DOUBLEHEADER

July 17 - 4:30 & 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

GAMES

31/32



2015 Schedule

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| 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 |
| 7/17 | SOUTHLAND VIKINGS | 4:30 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

Thursday's scheduled meeting between the two teams was washed out, so the Vikings and Oilmen will engage in a doubleheader on Friday. The first game begins at 4:30 and will be seven innings in length. The originally scheduled 7:10 game will be a full nine innings. 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 the game one starter. 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. 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 in game one on Friday. 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. Sandoval starts the second game of Friday's twin bill.

Around the MCL

On Thursday, the Hounds bested the Lakers 7-2, winning a rain-shortened game behind five innings of five-hit, two-run ball from Joe Palasiewicz. Lexington prevailed in a wacky game against Joliet 12-8. The Admirals scored five times in the eighth to tie the game, and the Snipes responded for four in the bottom of the inning to regain the lead.

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

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| WEDNESDAY: Hounds 3, Lakers 0 Oilmen 8, Admirals 4 | THURSDAY: Snipes 12, Admirals 8 Hounds 7, Lakers 2 |
| FRIDAY: Lakers at Snipes, 5 p.m. Hounds at Admirals, 5 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 4:30 & 7:10 p.m. | SATURDAY: Vikings at Admirals, 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. Snipes at Hounds, 4 p.m. Lakers at Oilmen, 7 p.m. |

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

| TEAM | W | L | % | GB | STR |
|----------------------|----|----|------|------|-----|
| DC Hounds | 21 | 9 | .700 | --- | W6 |
| Lexington Snipes | 19 | 12 | .613 | 2.5 | W3 |
| NWI Oilmen | 17 | 12 | .586 | 3.5 | W2 |
| Joliet Admirals | 10 | 15 | .400 | 8.5 | L2 |
| Michigan City Lakers | 11 | 20 | .355 | 10.5 | L3 |
| Southland Vikings | 8 | 18 | .308 | 11 | 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. |

INFELDERS

| # | 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