



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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MONDAY'S GAME:
DuPage County Hounds (18-7)
at NWI Oilmen (16-10)

July 2 - 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	7:10 p.m.
7/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	4 p.m.
7/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	to follow
7/5	@ Crestwood Panthers	4 p.m.
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS (DH)	4 p.m.
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS (DH)	7:10 p.m.
7/7	JOLIET GENERALS	6:10 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	1 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	4 p.m.
7/10	@ Joliet Generals (DH)	4 p.m.
7/10	@ Joliet Generals (DH)	to follow
7/11	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	3 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/13	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS (DH)	4 p.m.
7/13	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS (DH) G2	
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	7:10 p.m.
7/16	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/17-7-22	IBC#	TBD
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

A busy stretch of baseball keeps going for the Northwest Indiana Oilmen, who will continue a stretch of nine games in seven days without a day off. Monday's game is a makeup from a rainout on June 22, the first of four makeup games over the next eight days and six over the next two weeks. However, staying active may not be a bad thing for an Oilmen team that has won four straight games and holds a 12-2 record after starting 4-8. Monday is a big game in the standings as the Oilmen are one game behind Southland for second place and 2 1/2 in back of the first-place Hounds. Pitching reigned supreme in Sunday's doubleheader sweep of Joliet, as the Oilmen held the Generals to two runs in each game, and all four tallies on the day were unearned. Christian Howell delivered Northwest Indiana's most dominant start of the season, racking up 11 strikeouts (one shy of Max Franklin's single-game Oilmen record) in six scoreless innings while yielding just three hits and no walks. Howell has been the winning pitcher in all four of his starts this season. The Oilmen struck out 24 Joliet batters over the two seven-inning contests.

Inside the Oilmen

NWI will turn to right-hander Connor Spear for Monday's game against DuPage County. Spear has logged 16 innings and owns a 3.94 ERA over six games this season. He has yet to pitch against the Hounds. This will mark his second start of the year and first since June 3, when he allowed six earned runs on four hits and four walks while striking out eight in 5 2/3 innings at Bloomington. Spear has issued 13 walks and struck out 13 this summer. Jackson Dvorak has entered a tie for the league lead in doubles with seven. He's joined by a pair of Hounds - Dane Toppel and David Guiliano. Chris Baker is the league leader in walks with 21, while Nate Montgomery still owns a one-bomb edge on Joliet's Jeremiah Lebron for the league lead in long balls.

Inside the Hounds

DuPage County leads the league in team batting average at .302, while the Oilmen are second at .278. The Hounds boast the league's leading hitter in David Guiliano, who has his average up to .451 with a .521 OBP and 22 RBIs. Guiliano has strung together seven straight multi-hit games. Dane Toppel leads the league with 26 RBIs, while NWI's Nate Montgomery is second with 23. The MCL's Top 5 in RBIs will participate in Monday's game, with four of them coming from DuPage County. The Hounds will send out Brett Taucher, who is 3-1 with a 5.59 ERA in five games, four starts. He has walked 18 and struck out 25 in 19 1/3 innings.

About the Matchup

These two teams will see a lot of each other down the stretch, as they've played just three times thus far. This is the first of four makeup games between the Oilmen and Hounds in the month of July. All three meetings have taken place at Oil City Stadium, with DuPage County winning two of the first three. Most recently, the Hounds handed the Oilmen a 5-2 defeat last Thursday with DuPage's Danny Gleaves and NWI's Jake Plastiak notching three hits apiece. That victory allowed the Hounds to cause a 29-29 stalemate in an all-time series that dates back to 2012.

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.....197-117 (.627)
 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

SATURDAY: Bobcats 13, Hounds 1 Oilmen 5, Vikings 4	SUNDAY: Vikings 10, Bobcats 9 Panthers 10, Hounds 9 Oilmen 3, Generals 2 Oilmen 5, Generals 2
MONDAY: Hounds at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	TUESDAY: Oilmen at Bobcats, 4 p.m. (DH) Generals at Hounds, 5 p.m. Panthers at Vikings, 5 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	18	7	.720	---	W1
Southland Vikings	15	7	.682	1.5	W1
NWI Oilmen	16	10	.615	2.5	W3
Bloomington Bobcats	11	14	.440	7	L1
Joliet Generals	7	15	.381	9.5	L6
Crestwood Panthers	5	19	.208	12.5	L1

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.
10	Brandon Hickey	L/L	5-10	170	Robert Morris	Monee, Ill.
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.
36	Norman Standish	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban	Highland, 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
	Amir Wright	L/L	5-10	185	St. Leo	Griffith, Ind.
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.
29	Tom Kelley	R/R	6-1	210	Miami (OH)	Orland Park, Ill.
35	Zaid Walker	R/R	6-2	115	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