



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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MONDAY'S GAME:  
DuPage County Hounds (28-11)  
NWI Oilmen (21-17)

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July 23 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Oil City Stadium  
Broadcast: Facebook Live



## 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	W 4-3
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	----
7/16	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 7-0
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

ALL CAPS = Home Games, Played at Oil City Stadium

# = special event, hosted at Oil City Stadium

### For Starters

After spending the past week facing international competition in the IBC and finishing as the tournament runner-up, the Northwest Indiana Oilmen return to regular season play on Monday as they welcome the DuPage County Hounds to Oil City Stadium. This starts a Hound-heavy final week of the regular season that will see the Oilmen and Hounds face off four times. The Oilmen enter the week 6 ½ games behind the first-place Hounds, but still have mathematical hope for the MCL regular-season title. They would likely have to win all four head-to-head matchups this week and have additional results go in their favor. The Oilmen are also battling Southland for second place in the MCL standings and the home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs that comes along with it. The Oilmen enter the week 1 ½ games behind the Vikings.

### Inside the Oilmen

Nick Figus leads the league in triples with three, while Nate Montgomery has the MCL lead with five home runs and Jackson Dvorak is tied for the league lead with nine doubles. The Oilmen have already set the team record for home runs in a single season with 19. Figus is tied for fourth in Oilmen history for doubles in a single season with three. Montgomery's five homers rank second to Tyler Sroczynski's seven in 2016. Montgomery's .544 slugging percentage is third in franchise history. Figus has been hit by a pitch 11 times, already second to only Noah Davis, who was nailed 17 times last year. Figus has an on-base percentage of .507. If he can keep it above .500, he'll shatter a record that has stood since Cody Dykema and John Loeffler shared the team lead in 2012. Max Franklin gets the nod on Monday for his seventh start of the year. He is 3-1 with a 3.54 ERA and has walked 18 while striking out 35.

### Inside the Hounds

The Oilmen received no help from the rest of the MCL during their week away from league competition, as DuPage County went 3-0 to extend a winning streak that started a week ago against the Oilmen to four. After blanking NWI 7-0 on Monday, the Hounds picked up close wins over Southland, Bloomington and Joliet to continue to pad their cushion atop the MCL standings. The Hounds and Vikings were slated to oppose one another on Sunday, but unplayable field conditions at Hap Bruno led to the contest's cancellation. The Hounds boast the top two players in the league in RBIs - Dane Toppel (36) and Kennedy Phillips (32). DuPage County's David Giuliano (26) is tied for third with Nate Montgomery (26). The Hounds also have the top four players in run scored in Stephen Mogged (35), Dane Toppel (33), Danny Gleaves (32) and Matt Collins (32). Lefty Alex Luka has a 3.20 ERA and spotless 5-0 record in seven games this summer. He has worked 25 1/3 innings and walked seven while striking out 18.

### About the Matchup

The Hounds have won four of the first six meetings between the two teams this season, but the season series will ride on the four matchups this week. The Oilmen will travel to Lemont on three of the final four days of the regular season - visiting the Hounds on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. The all-time series favors the Hounds 31-30.

## 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.....201-124 (.618)  
 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

<b>FRIDAY:</b> Hounds 7, Generals 6 Vikings 2, Panthers 0	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Hounds at Vikings, ppd Generals 6, Bobcats 3 Bobcats 4, Generals 0
<b>MONDAY:</b> Hounds at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	<b>TUESDAY:</b> Panthers at Generals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Bobcats, 6 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds X	28	11	.718	---	W4
Southland Vikings X	19	12	.613	5	L1
NWI Oilmen	21	17	.553	6.5	L1
Bloomington Bobcats	19	20	.487	9	W1
Joliet Generals	14	20	.412	11.5	L1
Crestwood Panthers E	6	27	.182	19	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.
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