



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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FRIDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (20-15)
at Joliet Admirals (13-20)

GAME
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July 24 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Joliet, Ill.
Radio: None
Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

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
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 4-3
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 1-0
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-1
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 8-1
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	L 4-1
7/23	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 5-4
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

With Lexington's sweep of Southland in a doubleheader on Thursday, the Oilmen have clinched a playoff spot for the fourth consecutive year. The Oilmen have lost seven straight road games and enter Friday seeking their first win away from Oil City Stadium since June 20. The Oilmen are 8-9 in the month of July. They have not finished an individual month below .500 in team history. Sam Geraci played first base on Thursday for the first time since high school, when he played there for one game. Joe Jumonville played first on Tuesday for the first time since youth baseball. The Oilmen have used eight different first basemen this season: Jumonville, Geraci, Fred Smart, Zack Jones, Stefano Belmonte, Alec Olund, Jordan Lewis and Josh Turnock.

Inside The Oilmen

Enrique Zamora notched nine strikeouts on Thursday in Joliet to match the single-season franchise record of 52 set by Danny Pobereyko last summer. He needs one strikeout in his final start of the year to own the Oilmen record. Jimmy Skiff gets the ball for the Oilmen on Friday. He hasn't pitched since July 13, when he allowed three runs on nine hits in six innings against Lexington and got the win. Skiff was scheduled to pitch on July 18 against Michigan City, but the game was rained out. Skiff came away unharmed after a scary car accident on his way to the game on July 18. The Andrean alum tossed seven shutout innings against the Admirals on June 24.

Inside the Admirals

The Admirals have opened up a two-game lead over Michigan City for the final playoff spot courtesy of a doubleheader sweep of the Lakers on Wednesday. The Admirals have a challenging schedule for the next four days, as they play five games in that span, four of which are against teams ahead of them in the standings. Chris Hipchen (.366) and Micah Coffey (.310) are the team's most productive offensive players. Starting pitcher Chris Hawks has not yet faced the Oilmen this season.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen have a 21-4 all-time record against the Joliet franchise, including games played when the team was known as the Rockford Foresters. NWI has been more successful against Joliet this season than any other opponent, as the Oilmen are 6-1 against the Admirals. The Oilmen captured an 8-4 win in the most recent meeting, which took place on July 15 at Oil City Stadium.

Around the MCL

The Oilmen are now two games behind Lexington for second place in the Midwest Collegiate League. The Snipes, Oilmen and Hounds have all clinched spots in the MCL playoffs. The Snipes defeated the Vikings 8-5 and 7-5 on Thursday, scoring eight runs in 2 2/3 innings against Matt Sandoval in Game 1.

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.....110-64, 94-61 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 71-32
 Road Record.....39-32
 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

WEDNESDAY: Vikings 8, Hounds 6 Admirals 3, Lakers 0 Admirals 10, Lakers 2 Snipes 4, Oilmen 1	THURSDAY: Snipes 8, Vikings 5 Snipes 7, Vikings 5 Hounds 5, Oilmen 4
FRIDAY: Hounds at Lakers, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Admirals, 5 p.m.	SATURDAY: Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Oilmen at Vikings, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
X DC Hounds	27	11	.710	---	W1
Lexington Snipes	23	14	.333	3.5	W1
NWI Oilmen	20	15	.571	5.5	L2
Joliet Admirals	13	20	.394	11.5	W2
MC Lakers	11	22	.333	13.5	L5
Southland Vikings	11	23	.324	14	L2

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	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.
30	Joe Bryant	R/R			South Suburban	Munster, Ind.

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.
29	Kyle VanKalker	R/R	6-1		Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

2015 Joliet Admirals Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
14	Tyler Paulsen	R/R	6-5	210	Illinois State (commit)	Channahon, Ill.
16	Dave Schurr	R/L	6-4	180	St. Joseph's College	Plainfield, Ill.
18	Nate Tholl	R/R	5-10	170	John A. Logan College	Tinley Park, Ill.
19	Mike Miller	R/R	6-1	165	SIU Edwardsville	Tinley Park, Ill.
20	Yianni Pavlopoulos	R/R	6-1	205	Ohio State	Homer Glen, Ill.
21	Ryan Van Volkenberg	R/L	5-11	180	Maryville	Lisle, Ill.
22	Julian Langford	R/R	6-2	220	Maryville	Naperville, Ill.
23	Nick Allgeyer	L/L	6-3	200	University of Iowa	St. Louis, Mo.
24	Steven Skolarz	R/R	6-6	210	Uncommitted	New Lenox, Ill.
25	Steve Waldrop	R/R	6-1	200	College of DuPage	Bolingbrook, Ill.
27	Brendan Miller	R/R	6-3	185	SIU Edwardsville	Plainfield, Ill.
28	Sean Renzi	R/R	6-3	245	Central Michigan	Plainfield, Ill.
30	Zach Thomas	L/L	5-11	160	Chicago State	Joliet, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Alex Wolanski	R/R	5-11	190	Eastern Michigan	Naperville, Ill.
3	JT Sole	R/R	5-8	175	University of Iowa	Cedar Falls, Iowa

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Micah Coffey	L/R	6-1	190	Minnesota	Batavia, Ill.
4	Anthony Bragg	R/R	6-3	230	Elgin CC	Geneva, Ill.
6	Jack Martin	R/R	6-5	210	Eastern Illinois	Carmel, Ind.
7	Danny Kelly	R/R	5-10	165	Illinois Wesleyan	Chicago, Ill.
15	Matt Sullivan	R/R	5-10	170	Chicago State	Lake in the Hills, Ill.
26	Josh Bergbreiter	R/R	5-9	160	Kankakee CC	Elk Grove Village, Ill.
31	Ryan Hutchinson	R/R	6-3	200	Illinois State	Edwardsville, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Brad Groleau	L/L	6-0	190	McKendree	Peru, Ill.
9	John Thomas	R/R		190	Indianapolis	Dixon, Ill.
10	Justin Kovalsky	R/R		190	Benedictine	Bolingbrook, Ill.
11	Mark Brown	L/L	6-3	210	Akron	Indianapolis, Ind.
12	Troy Payton	R/R	5-9	170	Maryville	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Tom Barry | Assistant Coach - Nick Filetti