



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAMES:

NWI Oilmen (20-16)

at Southland Vikings (11-23)

* DOUBLEHEADER *

July 25 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Chicago Heights

Radio: None

Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

GAMES

38/39



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	L 10-0
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

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen saw their impressive streak of scoring at least one run in every game that lasted exactly two calendar years come to an end on Friday. The Oilmen were blanked by Joliet 10-0, the first time the team was shutout since July 23, 2013, a 1-0 defeat to the Zephyrs. Joliet pitcher Chris Hawks sent down 17 straight Oilmen as Zack Jones' second-inning single was the only NWI hit of the game. Joliet's Alex Wolanski increased his league-high total to 22 hit by pitches on Friday by being nailed twice in the game against the Oilmen. Wolanski has been hit by a pitch 22 times in only 28 games this season. No other player in the league has been hit by a pitch more than eight times.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen need at least three wins over their final eight games to secure their fourth consecutive winning season. The Oilmen need to sweep Saturday's doubleheader to get back to .500 within the month of July. They are currently 8-10 since the calendar flipped. The Oilmen enter Saturday looking to snap an eight-game road losing streak. Stefano Belmonte (.350) and Tyler Srocynski (.347) are vying for the team's best batting average entering the final week. Belmonte is also trying to nail down the league's RBI title. He has driven in 26 runs to lead the league, with Lexington's Jared McCunn (25) and DuPage County's Trent Carrier (23) right behind. Srocynski and Belmonte each have 10 doubles, tied for second in the league. Joliet's Chris Hipchen ranks first with 13. Srocynski is tied for second in the league with 12 stolen bases, as DuPage County's Joe Duncan leads the MCL with 19.

Inside the Vikings

The Vikings need to finish strong to overtake Joliet for the final playoff spot. Saturday's doubleheader will go a long way in determining Southland's playoff fate. The Vikings are in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in the team's six-year history.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen lead the all-time series over Southland 19-18. The Oilmen have already nailed down the season series by winning five of the first six meetings. The most recent matchup came on Tuesday, when the Oilmen cruised to an 8-1 win. Saturday marks the first time the Oilmen have visited Hap Bruno Field since June 3. Brandon Barnes was the starting pitcher that day, leaving with a season-ending injury after 15 pitches. After Saturday, the two teams will meet one more time, Tuesday night at Oil City Stadium.

Around the MCL

The Hounds need two more wins to clinch their second Midwest Collegiate League regular season title. They entertain Joliet at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Snipes, Oilmen and Hounds have all clinched playoff berths, with the Admirals in good position to capture the final postseason spot. The postseason begins on Saturday, August 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.....110-65, 94-62 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 71-32
 Road Record.....39-33
 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

THURSDAY: Snipes 8, Vikings 5 Snipes 7, Vikings 5 Hounds 5, Oilmen 4	FRIDAY: Hounds over Lakers Admirals 10, Oilmen 0 (seven innings)
SATURDAY: Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Oilmen at Vikings, 1 p.m. (doubleheader)	SUNDAY: Hounds at Snipes, 1 p.m. Admirals at Vikings, 1 p.m. Oilmen at Lakers, 1 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
X DC Hounds	28	11	.718	---	W2
X Lexington Snipes	23	14	.621	4	W1
X NWI Oilmen	20	16	.556	6.5	L3
Joliet Admirals	14	20	.412	11.5	W3
MC Lakers	11	23	.324	14.5	L6
Southland Vikings	11	23	.324	14.5	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.
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 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.