



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (23-18)
at DuPage County Hounds (30-12)

July 26 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Lemont, Ill.
Lemont Sports Complex
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	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	W 14-5
7/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 15-4
7/25	JOLIET GENERALS	W 19-6
7/26	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/27	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	Noon
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

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen won their final regular season home game for the fourth consecutive season and the sixth time in seven years on Wednesday, batting around in two of the first three innings and scoring 11 times in the opening frame on their way to a 19-6 win over the Generals. A day that started with Jordan Baker lasting only 1/3 of an inning on the mound for Joliet and featured Chris Baker racking up three hits including two doubles ended with the Oilmen winning by a baker's dozen. The 11-run frame equaled the most prosperous inning in Oilmen history, matching a record that was set on July 23, 2013 against the Rockford Foresters. Thursday will begin a stretch of four consecutive road games to round out the regular season, three of them against the Hounds at the Lemont Sports Complex.

Inside the Oilmen

With their win over Joliet on Wednesday, the Oilmen clinched both their seventh consecutive playoff berth and their seventh straight winning season. NWI has put together a winning team in every season it has been in existence. Jackson Dvorak has had quite the week, launching his first home run of the season on Monday before nailing down his first save of the year on Wednesday. Dvorak, normally a position player, saw action on the mound in the blowout win over the Generals and finished the game with three quality innings of relief. That was the fourth save of the year by an Oilmen pitcher as Dvorak is now tied for second on the team with Pedro Rodriguez. George Sherman leads the club with two saves. Nobody is touching the Oilmen record of 13 in a single season and 18 in a career set by Matt Pobereyko, who is currently pitching in Class High-A in the Mets organization. Brendan Kelly will make his sixth appearance of the season. He owns a 2.55 ERA and has struck out 11 while walking seven in 17 2/3 innings. Kelly (1-0) will make his fourth start of the season and first since June 29. He last saw action in MCL play on July 16, when he threw two innings of scoreless relief at DuPage County.

Inside the Hounds

For the third time in the last four games, a left-handed pitcher will start on the mound against the Oilmen. This time it's Zac Bianucci, who has a 2.52 ERA in 39 1/3 innings while compiling a 3-1 record and walking 20 against 31 strikeouts. He allowed three runs, all unearned, in three innings against the Oilmen on Monday night at Oil City Stadium. He also started against the Oilmen on July 16 and went eight scoreless innings. The Hounds beat the Panthers 18-2 on Thursday, in the process clinching the MCL regular season title. DuPage County has won the MCL regular season crown in three of the last four years and four of the last six. The Hounds have won the regular season title four times - 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2018.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen are 3-4 against DuPage County and the season series will ride on the three matchups this weekend, all taking place at the Lemont Sports Complex. The Oilmen visit the Hounds on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. The all-time series is dead even at 31 wins apiece.

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.....203-125 (.619)
 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

TUESDAY: Panthers at Generals, ccd Hounds 8, Bobcats 5 Vikings 15, Oilmen 4	WEDNESDAY: Vikings 10, Bobcats 5 Hounds 18, Panthers 2 Oilmen 19, Generals 6
THURSDAY: Vikings at Generals, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Hounds, 5 p.m. Panthers at Bobcats, 6 p.m.	FRIDAY: Generals at Vikings, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Hounds, 5 p.m. Panthers at Bobcats, 6 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds XYZ	30	12	.714	---	W2
Southland Vikings X	21	12	.636	4.5	W2
NWI Oilmen X	23	18	.561	6.5	W1
Bloomington Bobcats	19	22	.463	10.5	L2
Joliet Generals	14	21	.400	12.5	L2
Crestwood Panthers E	6	28	.176	20	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round | Z = Clinch Regular Season Title

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