



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (24-18)
at Crestwood Panthers (6-28)

July 28 - Noon (CT) - Midlothian, Ill.
Howie Minas Field
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	W 16-6
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	Noon
7/31	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
8/1	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
8/2	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS (if nec)	7:10 p.m.

ALL CAPS = Home Games, Played at Oil City Stadium

= special event, hosted at Oil City Stadium

For Starters

The regular season ends the same place it started for the Northwest Indiana Oilmen as they visit the Crestwood Panthers on Saturday afternoon. Howie Minas Field was the site of an opening night affair between the Oilmen and Panthers that occurred way back on Memorial Day. The Oilmen prevailed 15-4 in a game that saw Panther pitching issue 22 walks. Saturday's finale serves primarily as a tune up for the postseason, which will start with a best-of-three series with the Southland Vikings. Oil City Stadium will host the entire series, but the Oilmen still have a chance to pass the Vikings in the standings and garner last at-bats for Games 1 and 3. To keep that hope alive, the Oilmen need to win and root for DuPage County to beat Southland on Saturday. However, all eyes in the MCL will be on Wayne L. King Junior Field, where the Bobcats need to at least split a doubleheader with the Generals to clinch a playoff spot. Joliet still controls its own destiny as the Generals can win out this weekend and earn the right to play at DuPage County on Tuesday.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen will send Chad Patrick to the mound for a postseason tune-up. He has worked 18 1/3 innings and owns a 1.47 ERA and 2-1 record. Patrick has racked up 31 strikeouts against 14 walks over his five outings. Statistics registered in the postseason do not count in the Oilmen record book, so Saturday will mark the final day for Oilmen players to climb the all-time lists in a variety of categories. The Oilmen have scored 14 runs or more in three of their last four games. They are coming off a 16-6 trouncing of the DuPage Hounds on Thursday. The Oilmen are 3-3 all-time in regular season finales.

Inside the Panthers

The season ends for the Crestwood Panthers on Saturday afternoon at Howie Minas Field. Crestwood has scuffled to a 6-28 record through 34 games in its second MCL season. The Panthers are attempting to get up to seven wins, the number both the Chicago Zephyrs and Rockford Foresters finished with in 2013. No MCL team has won fewer than eight games since. As they attempt to end a trying season on a high note, the Panthers will turn to Wabash Valley right-hander Chris Torres, a local to Northwest Indiana who hails from Chesterton. If Wabash Valley sounds familiar to diehard Oilmen fans, that's because NWI inked two Wabash Valley players prior to the 2015 season. One of them never played a game in an Oilmen uniform - Josh Van Beek, who suffered an injury preventing him from throwing that summer. The other did play in an Oilmen uniform - in fact, he set the record for games played with the Oilmen: Tyler Sroczyński. Torres has logged 20 innings and is 0-1 with an 8.10 ERA.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen hold a perfect 7-0 record against the Crestwood Panthers this season. They have nipped Crestwood on two occasions by winning one-run games. The Oilmen own a 15-game head-to-head winning streak with the Panthers dating back to June 18, 2017. NWI leads the all-time series 16-2.

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.....204-125 (.620)
 Playoff Appearances... 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
 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

THURSDAY: Vikings 13, Generals 8 Oilmen 16, Hounds 6	FRIDAY: Generals 9, Vikings 2
SATURDAY: Oilmen at Panthers, noon Hounds at Vikings, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Generals, 1 p.m. (DH)	SUNDAY: Vikings at Generals, 1 p.m. (DH)

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds XYZ	30	13	.698	---	L1
Southland Vikings X	22	13	.629	4	L1
NWI Oilmen X	24	18	.571	5.5	W2
Bloomington Bobcats	19	22	.463	10	L2
Joliet Generals	15	22	.405	12	W1
Crestwood Panthers E	6	28	.176	19.5	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 Crestwood Panthers

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Stephen Gilbertsen	R/L	5-10	155	Illinois State	Chesterton, Ind.
8	Peyton Bizarri	L/L	6-0	180	Indian Hills CC	Taylor Ridge, Ill.
13	Kyle Ostrowski	L/L	6-4	220	John A. Logan	Tinley Park, Ill.
18	Andrew Stone	R/R	5-10	160	---	Chicago Heights, Ill.
24	Tyler Zarembka	R/L	6-2	185	Joliet JC	Plainfield, Ill.
29	Malik Binns	R/R	6-7	240	Waubonsee CC	Bolingbrook, Ill.
47	Jake Miller	R/R	6-2	210	Concordia	Plainfield, Ill.
50	Chris Torres	R/R	6-4	190	Wabash Valley CC	Chesterton, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Blake Soria	R/R	6-0	176	Mesa CC	Homer Glen, Ill.
5	Ben DeYoung	R/R	6-0	175	Olivet Nazarene	Thorton, Ill.
34	Dan Cryan	R/R	6-2	190	South Suburban	Orland Park, Ill.
45	Brian Vance	R/R	5-11	180	Saint Joseph's (PA)	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Michael Ruffolo	R/R	5-7	155	Rockhurt	Norridge, Ill.
4	Pat Mayo	R/R	6-1	155	Spring Hill College	Oak Lawn, Ill.
11	Cole Blatchford	R/R	5-10	175	Air Force Academy	Highland Ranch, Colo.
12	Christian Poulsen	R/R	5-9	165	Harper College	Schaumburg, Ill.
16	Maurey Garrett	R/R	5-5	150	Heartland CC	Flossmoor, Ill.
22	Michael Janke	R/R	6-1	190	Coe College	Lansing, Ill.
25	Alex Dobrzeniecki	R/R	5-10	180	Olivet Nazarene	Lowell, Ind.
42	Trey Romay	R/R	6-0	170	College of DuPage	Downers Grove
44	Pat McGowan	R/R	6-3	175	Kalamazoo Valley	Frankfort, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Jackson Shepherd	R/R	5-11	170	Mesa CC	Channahon, Ill.
6	Reggie Brock, Jr.	R/R	6-0	190	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
9	Evan Bell	R/R	5-9	190	Memphis	Oak Park, Ill.
15	Shane Peisker	L/R	5-11	205	John A. Logan	Hammond, Ind.
33	Colton Rydlewski	L/R	6-0	195	Albion College	Schererville, Ind.
46	Brandon Simon	R/R	5-10	170	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Chicago, Ill.
49	Charlie Harrigan	L/R	6-1	175	Miami (Ohio)	Lagrange, Ill.

Manager - Isaac Valdez | Assistant Coach - Rich Ruffolo