



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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TUESDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (0-0)
vs. Southland Vikings (0-0)

July 31 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Oil City Stadium | MCL Semifinal Series
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	W 9-6
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 postseason begins on Tuesday as the Northwest Indiana Oilmen and Southland Vikings do battle in Game 1 of a best-of-three semifinal series. The Vikings will be the home team for Tuesday's opening game, but all three contests will occur at Oil City Stadium. This will mark the first time the Oilmen and Vikings have faced off in postseason play since the 2013 MCL Championship Series, which was swept by eventual MCL champion Southland. The Vikings are the defending league champs and are looking to win consecutive league titles for the second time, as they also went back-to-back in 2013 and 2014. The Oilmen were 2016 league champions, but haven't advanced behind the first round of the playoffs in either of the other two seasons under Adam Enright, dropping three-game sets with Lexington in 2015 and Bloomington in 2017. The first game in the series will be large, as the Oilmen have played nine playoff series in franchise history and all nine have resulted in the team that wins Game 1 going on to win the series.

Inside the Oilmen

The man on the mound is someone Oilmen fans will surely recognize - it's the team's all-time leader in career victories, strikeouts and innings pitched: Christian Howell. He gets the ball for what could be the final time at Oil City Stadium. There was little doubt the Oilmen would go with the veteran right-hander, who has been on the Oilmen pitching staff for four full seasons dating back to Adam Enright's first year as manager in 2015. This will be Howell's final summer with the Oilmen as he has just one year of college eligibility remaining. His final start of the regular season came against the Vikings on July 24 as he swallowed a tough-luck loss after permitting three runs on eight hits in six frames. The Oilmen set several significant club records on offense this season. Zaid Walker narrowly reached the minimum at-bats needed to qualify despite not playing the full season, so he has shattered the Oilmen record for single-season batting average by hitting .457. The previous mark was .402, set by Stefano Belmonte in 2016. Nick Figus shattered an on-base percentage record of .500 that had stood since 2012 (Cody Dykema and John Loeffler) by finishing at .510, while Nate Montgomery slugged seven home runs to match the record set by Tyler Sroczynski in 2016. As a team, the Oilmen set the franchise record for home runs with 23 and finished second in hits (433), batting average (.294), runs scored (322) and doubles (80).

Inside the Vikings

Southland has a history of postseason success as they Vikings have won the most MCL titles of any franchise with three - 2013, 2014 and 2017. The two teams facing off in this opening round series have combined to win five of the last six MCL championships. First-year manager Dave Letourneau's squad will take the field first in back of ace left-hander Anthony Rogers on Tuesday. Rogers finished the regular season with a perfect 5-0 record and a 3.06 ERA while racking up 52 strikeouts in 50 innings.

About the Matchup

The two teams split the season series 4-4. The Oilmen lead the all-time set 34-32.

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.....205-125 (.621)
 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. He'll be joined by Dan Harty throughout the playoffs. 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

SATURDAY: Oilmen 9, Panthers 6 Generals 7, Bobcats 5 Generals 16, Bobcats 6	SUNDAY: Vikings 4, Generals 1
TUESDAY: Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m. Oilmen vs. Vikings, 7:10 p.m.	WEDNESDAY: Hounds at Bobcats, TBD Vikings at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds XYZ	30	13	.698	---	L1
Southland Vikings XZ	23	13	.639	3.5	W1
NWI Oilmen X	25	18	.581	5	W3
Bloomington Bobcats X	19	24	.442	11	L4
Joliet Generals E	17	23	.425	11.5	L1
Crestwood Panthers E	6	29	.171	20	L3

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 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Anthony Rogers	L/L	6-2	205	Concordia	Bolingbrook, Ill.
	Chase Pearce	R/R	6-0	185	Oakton CC	Kokomo, Ind.
6	Ben Jacobs	R/R	5-10	175	Milikin University	Naperville, Ill.
11	Kyle Hallberg	L/L	5-10	175	South Suburban	Lansing, Ill.
12	Robert Keating	R/R	5-5	155	Moraine Valley CC	Orland Park, Ill.
15	Mike Rios	R/R	5-9	165	St. Rita HS	
17	Justin Ruthrauff	L/L	5-9	165	Mesa CC	Chicago, Ill.
25	John Hendry	R/R	6-3	225	University of Indianapolis	Park Ridge, Ill.
32	Justin Rios	L/R	5-8	175	North Central College	

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Victor Perez	R/R	5-10	175	Heartland CC	Gurnee, Ill.
21	Jake Zylman	R/R	5-10	185	Heartland CC	Blue Island, Ill.
28	Will Smithey	R/R	6-0	175	University of Indianapolis	Greenwood, Ind.
30	Andy Lopez	R/R	6-0	200	Lincoln Land	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDBERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Shakur Jackson	R/R	5-10	180	Heartland CC	Rock Island, Ill.
4	PJ Raines	R/R	5-9	150	IMG Academy	Chicago, Ill.
5	Dashon Moore	R/R	5-8	160	South Suburban	Dolton, Ill.
8	Kellen Quigley	L/R	5-11	185	Webster	Bolinbrook, Ill.
12	Nick McAlister	R/R	5-9	150	South Suburban	Homewood, Ill.
18	Angel Figueroa	S/R	5-8	165	Carl Sundburg	East Chicago, Ind.
19	Frank Napleton	R/R	6-3	190	St. Leo	Chicago, Ill.
29	Jon Jungr	R/R	6-1	180	Eastern Illinois	Yorkville, Ill.
29	Logan Anderson	R/R	6-1	210	South Suburban	Chicago, Ill.
31	Dylan Smith	R/R	6-1	215	Kishwaukee CC	Farina, Ill.
35	Joe Curci	R/R	6-3	205	Rollins College	Chicago, Ill.

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#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
9	Jarrett Lopez	R/R	6-0	170	Indiana Tech	St. John, Ind.
16	David Gleaves	R/R	6-0	165	South Suburban	Chicago, Ill.
23	Thomas Smith	R/R	6-0	165	Bethel	Merrillville, Ind.
26	Gabe Yearian	L/R	6-1	175	Kishwaukee CC	Pickneyville, Ill.
27	Matt Colomes	R/R	5-10	210	University of Antelope Valley	Griffith, Ind.

Manager - Dave Letourneau