



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

Produced by NWI Oilmen Media Relations - Contact Brandon Vickrey (219) 771-7504  
Email: brandon@nwioilmen.com - Website: www.nwioilmen.com

**SATURDAY'S GAME:**  
Joliet Generals (8-15)  
at NWI Oilmen (17-13)

GAME  
**31**

July 7 - 6:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Oil City Stadium  
Broadcast: Facebook Live



## 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
7/5	@ Crestwood Panthers	ppd
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 4-3
7/7	JOLIET GENERALS	6:10 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	1 p.m.
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	4 p.m.
7/10	@ Joliet Generals (DH)	4 p.m.
7/10	@ Joliet Generals (DH)	to follow
7/11	@ Bloomington Bobcats	6 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	3 p.m.
7/12	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/13	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS (DH)	4 p.m.
7/13	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS (DH) G2	
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	7:10 p.m.
7/16	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/17-7-22	IBC#	TBD
7/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
7/25	JOLIET GENERALS	7:10 p.m.
7/26	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/27	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	Noon
7/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	3 p.m.
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 will look to sustain the momentum they started on Friday night with a dramatic 4-3 victory over Southland that snapped a three-game losing streak. Facing a 3-1 deficit in the seventh, the Oilmen scored single runs in each of the final three innings, culminating with a walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth by Chris Baker. Cory Krolikowski ripped his second home run of the season in the seventh inning before Nick Figus belted his second in the eighth to tie the game at three. Figus and Baker were the stars of the night, as Figus roped an RBI triple to go along with his homer, and Baker cut a runner down trying to score with an outfield assist to preserve a 1-0 lead long before ending the night with his clutch base hit. The win allowed the Oilmen to bump their record to 5-0 in one-run games this season.

### Inside the Oilmen

Nine Oilmen were named to the Midwest Collegiate League East All-Star team on Saturday - four pitchers and five position players. Seven will be making their first appearance in the annual mid-summer showcase, while Nick Figus and Christian Howell have each garnered their second MCL All-Star selection. The Oilmen slugged two more home runs on Friday, lifting their team total to 16. The 2018 Oilmen are already in sole possession of second place in franchise history for team home runs in a single season. The next time an Oilmen player homers, it will tie the record established in 2015. The Oilmen will turn to Howell, already the team's all-time wins leader with 14 in his four-year career, against the Generals on Saturday. He is 4-0 for the season with a 1.75 ERA and has earned the win in every game he's started this summer. The Oilmen ace has struck out 32 and walked eight over 25 2/3 innings. He's logged 160 2/3 innings in his Oilmen career, by far the most by any pitcher in franchise history. Howell was named the MCL Pitcher of the Week after beating the Generals with six shutout innings of three-hit ball on Sunday, July 1.

### Inside the Generals

Joliet will also have an All-Star pitcher on the mound on Saturday night, as Ryan Czajowski was named to the West squad for next week's game. Czajowski owns a sparkling 1.59 ERA in five outings, four starts. He has walked 14 and struck out 19 in 28 1/3 innings and holds a 1-1 mark. The right-hander pitched four shutout innings against the Oilmen on Sunday, July 1. He has only given up an earned run in one of his five outings (five on June 27 vs. DuPage County). The Generals are led by one of the league's most impressive hitters in Jeremiah Lebron, who is hitting .351 with four home runs and 19 RBIs in 22 games. Joliet's other All-Stars are Ranko Stevanovic, Bryce Cross, Jack Kraus, Carter Lawler and Alex Herbst.

### About the Matchup

This marks the first season of Joliet Generals baseball. After the Oilmen dropped each of the first two meetings, they've won four consecutive head-to-head showdowns. Most recently, the Oilmen rode quality starting pitching to a 3-2 and 5-2 doubleheader sweep of Joliet on Sunday, July 1. The two teams will play again on Tuesday, July 10 at Joliet.

## 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.....198-120 (.623)  
 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

<b>THURSDAY:</b> Oilmen at Panthers, ppd Vikings at Hounds, ppd	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Bobcats 8, Hounds 4 Generals 16, Panthers 2 Oilmen 4, Vikings 3
<b>SATURDAY:</b> Hounds at Panthers, noon (DH) Vikings at Bobcats, 6 p.m. Generals at Oilmen, 6:10 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Vikings at Panthers, noon (DH) Generals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Bobcats at Oilmen, 1 p.m. (DH)

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	19	9	.679	---	L2
Southland Vikings	15	8	.652	1.5	L1
NWI Oilmen	17	13	.567	3	W1
Bloomington Bobcats	14	14	.500	5	W3
Joliet Generals	9	15	.375	8	W2
Crestwood Panthers	5	20	.200	12.5	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

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 Joliet Generals

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Mitchell Schroll	L/L	5-8	155	Benedictine	Inverness, Ill.
4	Joe Santos	L/L	6-0	165	Vincennes	Hobart, Ind.
5	Ryan Czajkowski	R/R	5-7	165	Moraine Valley CC	Summit, Ill.
6	Alex Herbst	R/R	6-0	175	Trinity College	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
12	Jordan Baker	L/R	5-10	185	McKendree	Chicago Heights, Ill.
16	Jacob Diaz	R/R	5-10	205	Moraine Valley CC	Oak Lawn, Ill.
17	Brock Budzielek	R/R	6-0	150	Calumet College	Hobart, Ind.
18	Mike Santerelli	R/R	6-1	200	Benedictine	Homer Glen, Ill.
25	Carter Lawler	L/R	6-2	180	Illinois Springfield	Hampshire, Ill.
31	Logan DeWulf	R/R	6-0	160	Upper Iowa	Huntley, Ill.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Josh Nowak	L/R	5-7	165	Arkansas Little Rock	Palos Hills, Ill.
8	Brendan Krob	R/R	5-10	195	Evansville	Justin, Ill.
14	Freddie March	R/R	6-0	215	Elmhurst College	Itasca, Ill.
28	Jack Kraus	R/R	6-1	225	Milwaukee	Neenah, Wis.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Bryce Cross	R/R	6-0	185	Milwaukee	Greenville, Wis.
10	Harrison Hayes	R/R	6-3	210	Santa Clara	Western Springs, Ill.
13	Braden Menini	R/R	6-0	190	Calvin College	St. Charles, Ill.
15	Tyler Woynerowski	R/R	6-2	215	Benedictine	Burbank, Ill.
19	Jimmy Day	R/R0	6-0	205	Evansville	Barrington, Ill.
22	Ranko Stevanovic	R/R	6-1	220	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
27	Brett Stratinsky	L/R	6-4	210	Middle Tennessee State	Palos Hills, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Scott Wojcik	R/R	5-7	150	Aurora	Sleepy Hollow, Ill.
9	Joe Scaffidi	L/L	5-9	185	Milwaukee	New Berlin, Wis.
11	Thomas Larson	R/R	6-1	190	Oliver Nazerene	Joliet, Ill.
21	Matt Rosko	L/R	6-2	185	Benedictine	Sugar Grove, Ill.
23	Ben Jung	R/R	5-8	165	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Downers Grove, Ill.
24	Jeremiah Lebron	R/R	6-1	250	Illinois	Bolingbrook, Ill.

Manager - Joe Hernandez