



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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### THURSDAY'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (6-13)

at NWI Oilmen (15-8)

July 9 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.

Radio: None

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

\*LOCATION CHANGE\*

GAME

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### 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 p.m.
7/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	5 p.m.
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	5 p.m.
7/12	@ Lexington Snipes	1 p.m.
7/13	LEXINGTON SNIPES	6 p.m.
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7 p.m.
7/16	@ Southland Vikings	7 p.m.
7/17	@ Southland Vikings	7 p.m.
7/18	@ Michigan City Lakers	7 p.m.
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	4 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7 p.m.
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
7/23	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
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 Oilmen will send South Carolina right-handed pitcher Brandon Murray to the mound for his Midwest Collegiate League debut. The freshman made 20 relief appearances for the Gamecocks this spring, going 5-0 with two saves and a 4.36 ERA in 33 innings. He was selected in the 30th round of the 2014 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft by the Philadelphia Phillies. He will become the second draftee to take the field for the Oilmen in the team's four-year history. He was rated the top high school prospect in Indiana by Perfect Game USA during his senior season. The Hobart High School graduate is on a strict pitch count and is expected to work no more than three innings.

### Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen begin a busy stretch on Thursday after enjoying three consecutive days off. It's the first of 11 straight games without a day off and 18 games in 18 days including a doubleheader against Southland on July 25. Wednesday's exhibition game against the Fort Wayne Jackers was rained out. The Oilmen were well represented in Tuesday's All-Star Game, helping the South to a 10-3 win over the North. Stefano Belmonte had two hits and two RBIs, while Tyler Sroczynski stole an incredible four bases. Sroczynski ranks third in the league in batting average at .375 and second in steals with 10. Belmonte leads the MCL in RBIs with 22, while Jordan Lewis is the league leader in home runs with three. As a team, the Oilmen are hitting .298 to lead the league.

### Inside the Vikings

The Vikings rank last of the six Midwest Collegiate League teams in batting average at .242. Their 4.77 ERA is fifth in the MCL. Southland's Cody Haver played with NWI's Donovan Chandler, Jeremy Wright and Jimmy Skiff at Andean High School. Jake Hickey of the Vikings was teammates with Wright, Brian Seymour and Stefano Belmonte at South Suburban College.

### About the Matchup

The Oilmen have played the Vikings the fewest times of any Midwest Collegiate League opponent, as they recorded wins in both of the June meetings between the two teams. The Oilmen won 5-3 on June 3 at Hap Bruno Field and 13-0 on June 28 at Oil City Stadium. The Oilmen are 16-17 in the all-time series with the Vikings. The two-time defending MCL champs find themselves in the league's cellar.

### Around the MCL

DuPage County defeated Joliet 3-1 in a five-inning game on Wednesday at Wayne L. King Junior Field. Umpires called the game due to darkness after five innings. The Hounds and Oilmen are now locked in a first-place tie, while Lexington is one game off the pace. The Snipes and Hounds both have Thursday off and play each other on Friday, so games against Southland and Michigan City present the Oilmen with an opportunity to build a lead.

## 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.....105-57, 90-54 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....66-29  
     Road Record.....39-27  
 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

<b>MONDAY:</b> Snipes 4, Hounds 3	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Hounds 3, Admirals 1
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Vikings at Oilmen, 5 p.m. Lakers at Admirals, 5 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Admirals at Vikings, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Lakers, 5 p.m. Hounds at Snipes, 5 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
NWI Oilmen	15	8	.652	---	W1
DC Hounds	16	9	.640	---	W1
Lexington Snipes	15	10	.600	1	W4
Joliet Admirals	7	12	.368	6	L3
Michigan City Lakers	9	16	.360	7	W1
Southland Vikings	6	13	.315	7	L3

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
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 / Cumberland	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 / 25	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, Ind.

## 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.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Brian Seymour	R/R	5-8	151	South Suburban College	Lansing, Ill.
15	Jeremy Wright	R/R	6-0	184	South Suburban / UW Milwaukee	Munster, Ind.
16	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland	Steger, Ill.
17	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	197	South Suburban	Munster, Ind.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Pobereyko, 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.

Manager - Tony Sanchez | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman