



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2018 Game Notes

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WEDNESDAY'S GAME:
Southland Vikings (0-1)
at NWI Oilmen (1-0)

Aug. 1 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Oil City Stadium | MCL Semifinal Series
Broadcast: Facebook Live

GAME

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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	W12-7
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

Game 1 belonged to the Oilmen as NWI posted a five-run seventh inning to take the 12-7 lead over Southland that stood for the game's duration on Tuesday. Max Franklin was the winning pitcher as he struck out eight over five scoreless innings of relief. The Oilmen have played nine playoff series in their first six seasons, and in all nine the winner of Game 1 has gone on to win the series. They'll hope to keep that trend going as they need to capture one win in the next two games at Oil City Stadium. With a win on Wednesday, the Oilmen would secure their fourth trip to the MCL Championship Series as they've previously been one of the last two teams standing in 2012, 2013 and 2016 - winning the title in 2012 and 2016.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen stole an eye-popping nine bases on Tuesday night, led by four from Amir Wright. The four tied an Oilmen single-game record set by on July 23, 2017, when Chris Baker swiped four bags against the Crestwood Panthers. Nate Montgomery crushed his first home run of the postseason and his eighth combined between the postseason and the regular season. Like Major League Baseball, MCL single-season and career statistics registered in the postseason don't count toward the record book. However, Tyler Sroczynski had one postseason home run in 2016, so Montgomery is now even with Sroczynski for the most home runs in a year combined between the regular season and postseason with eight apiece. The Oilmen have elected to go with Brendan Kelly for Wednesday's Game 2. In six games during the regular season, the right-hander compiled a 3.57 ERA and 2-0 record while issuing 10 walks and striking out 14 in 22 2/3 innings. He faced the Vikings just once, tossing two scoreless innings in relief on July 12 at Hap Bruno Field. The top five batters in the Oilmen order all had multiple hits on Tuesday, led by Wright and Jackson Dvorak with three apiece. Montgomery drove in four runs in his MCL postseason debut.

Inside the Vikings

The Vikings used a five-run fifth to bounce Christian Howell from the game and take the lead on Tuesday, but Franklin outdid Hunter Kraynak in what turned into a battle of the bullpens. Now, Southland will utilize the pitcher with the most starts against the Oilmen of any hurler in the MCL this season - right-hander John Hendry. A college teammate of Jake Perreira's at the University of Indianapolis, Hendry finished the regular season with a 3-2 record and 4.71 ERA over eight games while walking eight and striking out 20 in 42 innings of work. The son of former Cubs general manager Jim Hendry, John Hendry started four times against the Oilmen, all in the month of June. Hendry thrived when the Oilmen visited Hap Bruno Field, going 15 scoreless innings, but was not as dominant at Oil City Stadium, where he allowed 10 runs (nine earned) in 2 1/3 innings on June 7. Southland enjoyed multi-hit days for Dashon Moore, Andy Lopez and Joe Curci on Tuesday.

About the Matchup

The two teams split the season series 4-4. The Oilmen lead the all-time set 35-32.

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.....206-125 (.622)
 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

TUESDAY: Hounds 14, Bobcats 5 Oilmen 12, Vikings 7	WEDNESDAY: Hounds at Bobcats, 6:30 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.
THURSDAY: Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m. (if nec.) Vikings vs. Oilmen, 7:10 p.m. (if nec.)	FRIDAY: MCL Championship Game 1, TBD

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.

INFIELDERS

#	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.

OUTFIELDERS

#	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