



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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**MONDAY'S GAME:**  
Lexington Snipes (1-1)  
at NWI Oilmen (1-1)

August 3 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB  
Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

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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	----
7/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 7-5
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 5-4
7/11	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 13-4
7/12	@ Lexington Snipes	L 8-6
7/13	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 4-3
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	PPD
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 8-4
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 4-3
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 1-0
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-1
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 8-1
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	L 4-1
7/23	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 5-4
7/24	@ Joliet Admirals	L 10-0
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	W 10-0
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	W 13-1
7/26	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 6-2
7/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-4
7/29	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-1
7/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-2
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)	W 12-2
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)	W 13-2
8/1	LEXINGTON SNIPES	L 11-4
8/2	@ Lexington Snipes	W 5-4
8/3	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 p.m.
TBD	MCL Championship Game 1	TBD
TBD	MCL Championship Game 2	TBD
TBD	MCL Championship Game 3	TBD

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home game

### For Starters

There have been 185 games in the four-year history of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen, but none have had stakes quite as high as the one that will take place on Monday night at Oil City Stadium. For the first time in team history, the Oilmen will partake in a decisive Game 3 in a best-of-three playoff series. The Snipes clubbed the Oilmen 11-4 on Saturday in Whiting, but the Oilmen responded to erase a two-run, seventh-inning deficit and edge the Snipes 5-4 on Sunday. The Snipes stranded the tying run at second in the ninth.

### Inside The Oilmen

After batting a smidge under .400 in the regular season, Tyler Sroczynski hasn't missed a beat since the calendar flipped to August. He is 4-for-8 and has a .600 on-base percentage in this series. Josh Turnock (3-for-6), Sam Geraci (3-for-7) and Fred Smart (3-for-8, 3 RBIs) are also off to strong starts to the postseason. Since Christian Howell was used out of the bullpen on Saturday and Sunday, the Oilmen will depend on Hobart graduate and South Carolina right-hander Brandon Murray to start Monday's Game 3. Murray has made four starts since joining the Oilmen midseason and holds a 6.70 ERA. He has issued 16 walks and hit five batters in only 15 2/3 innings. In his most recent start, Murray (1-2) allowed six runs (five earned) on two hits, eight walks and two hit batters in 2 2/3 innings at Michigan City on July 26. Murray has not faced the Snipes yet this season.

### Inside the Snipes

Parkland left-hander Ross Learnard gets the ball for Monday's game. He faced the Oilmen once this season, yielding one run on five hits in six innings on July 12 to pick up the win. Learnard went 4-2 with a 3.75 ERA in 36 innings during the regular season, issuing 12 walks and striking out 28. Neil Tyrell (4-for-10), Cully Day (3-for-8) and Jared McCunn (3-for-8) have been Lexington's most productive players in the series. The Snipes are hitting .324 as a team through the first two games. Manager Billy DuBois will return to the dugout for Monday's game. He was suspended for Sunday's Game 2 after being ejected Saturday.

### Around the League

After all three postseason series resulted in sweeps for three consecutive years, both MCL first-round sets hinge on Game 3 this season. In the league's history, which dates back to 2010, no team has ever come back to win a series after losing the opening game. Both the Oilmen and Hounds are attempting to accomplish that feat on Monday night. The Hounds stayed alive with a come-from-behind 4-3 victory in Joliet on Sunday. DuPage County scored four times in the eighth inning, with all of the runs charged to reliever Yianni Pavlopoulos, who failed to record an out. The Admirals let seven shutout innings from starter Nick Allgeyer go to waste. Joliet scored a run in the bottom of the ninth to make it a one-run game, but stranded the tying run at third. DuPage starter Nick Alfini threw 8 1/3 innings and allowed three runs on seven hits to get the win. Game 3 between the Hounds and Admirals will take place on Monday at 5 p.m. at the Lemont Sports Complex.

## 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.....119-67, 102-64 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....76-33  
     Road Record.....42-34  
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015  
 Playoff Record.....7-5  
 Playoff Home Record.....3-3  
 Playoff Road Record.....4-2  
 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>FRIDAY (REGULAR SEASON):</b> Oilmen 12, Snipes 2 (five innings) Oilmen 13, Snipes 2 Admirals 13, Lakers 5	<b>SATURDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS):</b> Admirals 14, Hounds 13 Snipes 11, Oilmen 4
<b>SUNDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS)</b> Hounds 4, Admirals 3 Oilmen 5, Snipes 4	<b>MONDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS):</b> Admirals at Hounds, 5 p.m. Snipes at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
XY DC Hounds	31	14	.689	---	W2
XY NWI Oilmen	27	17	.614	3.5	W5
X Lexington Snipes	25	16	.610	4	W3
X Joliet Admirals	16	23	.410	12	W1
E MC Lakers	13	25	.342	14.5	L2
E Southland Vikings	12	29	.293	17	L3

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

# 2015 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
7	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, Ind.
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	Highland, Ind.
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.
45/28	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.

## 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 Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Wabash Valley / Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
22	Donovan Chandler	R/L	5-8	155	Parkland College	Schererville, Ind.
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.
16	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland	Steger, Ill.
17	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	197	South Suburban	Munster, Ind.
29	Kyle VanKalker	R/R	6-1		Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

# 2015 Lexington Snipes

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Kody Silverthorn	R/R	6-0	175	Parkland College	
6	Brett Fanning	R/R	5-10	160	Upper Iowa	
11	Kolton Vermillion	R/R	6-2	215	Heartland	
14	Travis Auer	R/R	6-0	175	Heartland	
16	Jack Rettig	L/L	6-3	185	Illinois State (commit)	
23	Ross Learnard	R/L	6-1	170	Parkland	
26	Matt Jenkins	L/L	6-3	195	Parkland	
27	Noah Lamboley	R/R			Parkland	
29	Kyle Jenkins	R/R	6-0	195	IVCC	
30	Ian Hall	L/L	5-9	165	Heartland	
34	Tim Smyk	R/R	6-2	210	Illinois Wesleyan (commit)	
35	Nick Barnhill	R/R	6-2	205	Concordia	
37	Jake Sale	R/R			Illinois State	

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Cale Robinson	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	
20	Jason Priest	R/R	6-0	195	Illinois Central College	

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Tanner Russell	R/R	6-0	170	Parkland	
7	Jared McCunn	R/R	6-3	206	Illinois Lincoln College	
8	Neal Tyrell	R/R	6-1	185	Lewis	
13	Reid Birlingmair	L/R	6-1	185	University of Chicago (commit)	
15	Owen Miller	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois State (commit)	
24	Chris Maranto	R/R	5-10	180	Butler	
28	Deion Thompson	R/R	6-2	190	Western Illinois (commit)	

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Tyler Horchem	R/R	6-0	190	John A. Logan	
10	Cully Day	L/L	6-1	170	Parkland	
12	Ryan Frye	R/L	6-2	175	Evangel	
21	Matt Rave	R/R			Carthage	
33	Alex Smith	R/R	5-9	175	Northern Illinois	

Manager - Billy DuBois | Assistant Coach - Darrin Frye