



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2013 MCL PLAYOFFS Game Notes

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2012 Midwest Collegiate League Champions

TONIGHT'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (27-15, 21-13)
vs Lexington Snipes (20-13)

July 30, 2013 • 7:00 p.m. (CT) • Whiting, IN
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

GAME 1



OILMEN NEWS AND NOTES

NWI Faces Lexington In First Round, Looks To Defend Title

With the Snipes winning four games in a row against the Zephyrs and Foresters to end the season, they were able to overtake Southland for third place, and thus will face off against the Oilmen in the first round. As NWI has home field advantage thanks to being the higher seed, they will host Game 1 and Game 3 (if necessary) at Oil City Stadium in Whiting. Game 2 will take place at Jack Horenberger Field on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, IL. Fans can hear all NWI Oilmen playoff games on nwioilmen.com as well as AM 1230 WJOB.

NWI was able to win the season series between the two clubs 4-3, with five of the seven games decided by three runs or less. NWI won the most recent meeting 5-2 at home on July 22nd, which clinched the season series. NWI went 3-2 against Lexington at home this season, and 1-1 in their only two meetings with the Snipes on the road.

Channeling 2012?

The Oilmen are in the playoffs again, finishing second in the MCL standings for the second year in a row. They are 4-0 in playoff games as a franchise, having swept both DuPage County and the now-defunct DeKalb County Liners last season, the latter of which in the championship round to give the Oilmen their inaugural season title.

Early Runs Send NWI To Defeat In Regular Season Finale

Brian Rodemoyer hit a three-run home run off James Hinkleman (0-3) in the first inning, and the DuPage County Hounds beat the Oilmen 6-2 on Sunday to clinch the MCL regular season title. Kenny Mahala doubled and drove in both NWI runs, while also reaching base three times in the defeat, setting up the current playoff picture.

2013 Schedule

May 29	@ Michigan City*	L, 2-1
May 31	@ Michigan City*	W, 8-3 (6)
June 5	LEXINGTON	L, 5-3
June 6	SOUTHLAND	W, 7-6
June 7	CHICAGO	W, 8-1
June 8	@ DuPage County	W, 5-4
June 9	@ DuPage County	L, 9-5
June 11	ROCKFORD	W, 12-0
June 13	ROCKFORD	W, 12-2
June 14	CHICAGO	W, 9-0
June 16	MICHIGAN CITY*	W, 10-3
June 17	@ Southland	L, 10-7
June 18	SOUTHLAND	W, 5-4
June 19	LEXINGTON	W, 10-5
June 20	LEXINGTON	W, 3-0
June 21	@ DuPage County	W, 9-5 (10)
June 24	@ Michigan City*	W, 9-1 (4)
June 27	LEXINGTON	L, 9-2
June 30	DUPAGE COUNTY	L, 13-12 (15)
July 1	US MILITARY ALL-STAR*	W, 9-6
July 3	@ Michigan City*	W, 3-2
July 6	@ Southland	L, 4-2
July 7	MICHIGAN CITY*	W, 1-0
July 9	2013 MCL All-Star Game	SOUTH 12, North 4
July 11	SOUTHLAND (make-up of 6/2)	W, 2-1
July 12	SOUTHLAND	L, 10-5
July 13	ROCKFORD (make-up of 6/28)	W, 7-6 (8)
	ROCKFORD	W, 2-1 (7)
July 14	@ Lexington	L, 1-0 (7)
	@ Lexington (make-up of 6/12)	W, 5-2 (7)
July 16	SOUTHLAND	L, 6-4
July 17	@ Chicago	L, 8-1
July 18	DUPAGE COUNTY (make-up of 6/29)	W, 6-3 (7)
	DUPAGE COUNTY	L, 7-1 (7)
July 19	@ Chicago	W, 10-4 (6)
July 21	@ Chicago	W, 6-1 (7)
	@ Chicago (make-up of 7/5)	L, 1-0 (7)
July 22	LEXINGTON (makeup of 5/30)	W, 5-2
July 23	ROCKFORD	W, 5-0 (7)
	ROCKFORD (make-up of 6/15)	W, 12-6 (7)
July 24	MICHIGAN CITY*	L, 4-2
July 25	ROCKFORD	W, 5-1
July 26	@ Chicago	CANCELLED
July 28	@DuPage County	L, 6-2

* - denotes exhibition game

CAPS - denotes home game

Italics - denotes US Military All-Star Game

Bold - denotes MCL All-Star Game

Oilmen Quick Hits

Founded/First Season.....2012
Location.....Whiting, Indiana
Owner.....Don Popravak
General Manager.....Jim Taipalus
Address.....1500 119th St. (2nd Floor), Whiting, IN 46394
Phone.....(219) 659-1000
Website.....www.nwioilmen.com
Colors.....Black and Gold
Home Field (Capacity).....Oil City Stadium (1,300)
Stadium Address.....1700 119th St., Whiting, IN 46394
Manager (Year).....Justin Huisman (2nd)
Record W/Team (League Record).....59-31 (53-29)

All-Time Record (League Play).....59-31 (53-29); 2 seasons
Home (League Play).....39-15 (36-14)
Road (League Play).....20-16 (17-15)
Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
Playoff Record.....4-0
Home.....2-0
Road.....2-0
League Titles.....2012
2012 Record (Finish).....28-16 (2nd)
Longest Win Streak.....6 (6/14-6/21/12)
Longest Losing Streak.....8 (6/22-7/4/12)

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USTREAM

2013 Midwest Collegiate League Playoffs Scoreboard

LAST NIGHT:

DuPage County Hounds 13, Rockford Foresters 4

TOMORROW:

DuPage County Hounds @ Southland Vikings (Game 2)
 NWI Oilmen @ Lexington Snipes (Game 2)

TONIGHT:

Lexington Snipes @ NWI Oilmen (Game 1)
 Southland Vikings @ DuPage County Hounds (Game 1)

THURSDAY:

Lexington Snipes @ NWI Oilmen (Game 3)*
 Southland Vikings @ DuPage County Hounds (Game 3)*

** = scoreboard for MCL games only

FINAL 2013 Midwest Collegiate League Standings

Team	MCL						SEASON					
	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
xyz- DuPage County Hounds	24	10	0.706	-	2W	7-3	24	11	0.686	-	2W	7-3
xy- Northwest Indiana Oilmen	21	13	0.618	3	1L	7-3	27	15	0.643	.5	1L	6-4
x- Lexington Snipes	20	13	0.606	3.5	4W	6-4	20	13	0.606	3	4W	6-4
x- Southland Vikings	20	15	0.571	4.5	1L	7-3	20	15	0.571	4	1L	7-3
E- Chicago Zephyrs	7	23	0.233	15	1W	3-7	7	23	0.233	14.5	1W	3-7
E- Rockford Foresters	7	25	0.219	16	6L	2-8	7	25	0.219	15.5	6L	2-8

x = clinched playoff berth
 y = clinched home field advantage (first round)

z = clinched MCL Pennant
 E = eliminated from playoff contention

2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster



Pitchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
26	Joe Cochran	R/R	6-5	190	University of Akron	Sophomore	Tallmadge, OH
24	James Hinkleman	R/R	6-2	192	Triton College	Sophomore	Munster, IN
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso University	Freshman	Munster, IN
22	Nik Mason	R/R	6-1	200	Quincy University	Sophomore	Highland, IN
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan University	Freshman	Dyer, IN
21	Aveeno Nasiloski	R/R	6-3	205	Chicago State University	Sophomore	Hammond, IN
19	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Bishop Noll HS	HS Senior	Munster, IN
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan University	Junior	Munster, IN
33	Brett Schneider	R/R	6-2	200	Dominican College	Freshman	Coral Springs, FL
29	Michael Steensen	R/R	6-2	205	University of Akron	Freshman	Granville, OH
18	Andy Wellwerts	R/R	5-11	175	Chicago State University	Sophomore	Cedar Lake, IN

Catchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
23	Tyler Baar	L/R	6-2	212	University of Toledo	Freshman	Jenison, MI
13	Ty Hogan	R/R	6-1	159	Western Kentucky University	Freshman	Naperville, IL
43	Chris Marras	R/R	6-0	200	Butler University	Freshman	Vernon Hills, IL

Infielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
9	Craig Austgen	R/R	6-1	160	St. Josephs College	Junior	Lowell, IN
15	Leiff Clarkson	R/R	5-11	177	Western Kentucky University	Freshman	Union, KY
3	Joe Houlihan	R/R	6-1	184	Central Michigan University	Sophomore	New Lenox, IL
10	Kenny Mahala	L/R	6-2	210	Heartland CC	Junior	Highland, IN
27	Gerrad Rohan	R/R	6-3	195	University of Akron	Sophomore	Canfield, OH
17	Nick Saldutti	L/R	6-2	185	Butler University	Freshman	Noblesville, IN

Outfielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
2	Nick Bartolone	L/L	6-2	200	Butler University	Freshman	Lafayette, IN
30	Anthony Bova	R/R	6-0	175	University of Akron	Freshman	Brunswick, OH
16	Jack Czeszewski	L/L	5-11	170	Illinois State University	Freshman	Elk Grove, IL
4	Rashawn Tillman	L/R	6-0	170	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Sophomore	El Soberante, CA

Coaches

Justin Huisman (Manager, 2nd Season), Adam Enright (Assistant Coach)

2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Statistics



Batting

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Bartolone, N	OF	.361	30	108	13	39	5	3	1	37	10	2	19	6	0	4	2	1	3
x Dykema, C	IF	.333	2	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Czeszewski, J	OF	.333	39	132	27	44	6	2	0	17	30	5	21	1	2	22	4	1	0
Clarkson, L	IF	.333	39	150	34	50	6	1	1	25	12	3	27	2	0	13	2	3	9
Bova, A	OF	.317	35	104	26	33	2	1	0	14	23	7	26	1	1	16	3	1	1
Hogan, T	C	.296	26	81	19	24	1	0	0	6	7	1	22	0	1	7	0	1	3
Austgen, C	IF	.284	25	81	9	23	4	0	0	10	6	0	8	0	2	5	2	2	8
Rohan, G	IF	.275	36	138	20	38	4	0	0	15	5	2	19	0	2	7	3	3	8
Mahala, K	IF	.266	27	94	16	25	8	1	1	10	16	2	34	0	1	0	0	1	1
Baar, T	C	.246	35	114	11	28	4	0	1	21	15	0	7	2	0	5	1	3	5
Tillman, R	OF	.236	35	106	25	25	3	0	0	15	19	6	27	3	3	15	4	0	2
Houlihan, J	IF	.221	27	77	16	17	3	0	0	11	17	3	27	2	6	10	1	0	13
Saldutti, N	IF	.213	28	89	7	19	4	2	0	7	8	0	26	0	1	0	0	1	1
Marras, C	C	.207	19	58	8	12	3	0	0	6	7	2	11	0	2	1	1	0	2
Nasiloski, A	P	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		.283	42	1339	232	379	53	10	4	195	178	33	275	17	21	105	23	17	57

Pitching

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Mahala, K	1	0	0	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Mason, N	3	0	0	3.2	5	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
Nasiloski, A	17	0	0	21.1	20	2	2	8	17	4	0	1	0	0	0.84
McNamara, J	8	7	0	45.2	36	11	6	7	35	4	0	0	4	0	1.18
Steensen, M	9	8	3	53.1	48	14	11	16	43	4	1	0	8	0	1.85
x Hanchar, M	9	1	0	17.0	21	8	4	3	16	0	0	0	2	0	2.11
Pobereyko, M	16	0	0	16.0	14	4	4	10	18	3	1	5	1	0	2.25
Cochran, J	14	3	2	39.0	35	17	14	11	33	4	1	0	4	1	3.23
Wellwerts, A	7	6	1	38.2	29	22	19	18	40	4	2	0	3	0	4.42
Pobereyko, D	11	4	0	28.2	32	19	16	11	14	0	2	0	3	0	5.02
Schneider, B	8	8	0	41.0	60	33	23	11	27	3	3	0	4	0	5.04
Hinkleman, J	10	2	0	19.2	23	14	14	5	6	0	3	0	3	0	6.40
x Negele, J	1	1	0	4.0	7	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6.75
Jerge, S	8	2	0	17.1	17	15	13	16	7	1	1	0	3	1	6.75
Totals	122	42	6	347.1	349	164	129	122	258	27	15	6	37	2	3.34

2013 Lexington Snipes Roster



Pitchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
44	Nick Barnhill	R/R	6-2	205	Concordia University	Freshman	Normal,IL
8	Chris Beard	R/R	6-4	205	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sophomore	Lexington,IL
21	Ben Brewster	L/L	6-3	219	University of Maryland	Junior	Baltimore,MD
22	Connor Brown	L/L	6-2	195	North Central College	Senior	Bloomington,IL
28	Miles Froese	R/R	5-10	170	Olivet Nazarene University	Freshman	Heyworth,IL
4	JD Learnard	R/R	6-1	195	Illinois State University	Junior	Fairmount,IL
32	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland CC	Freshman	Highland,IN
23	Steven Reynolds	R/R	6-2	175	Kaskaskia CC	Sophomore	Decatur,IL
33	Tyler Sabol	R/R	6-3	175	Kankakee CC	Freshman	Sreator,IL
13	Jake Sale	R/R	5-10	150	Parkland CC	Freshman	Mark,IL
14	Adam Seifert	L/R	5-10	165	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sophomore	Normal,IL
30	Clint Stroud	R/R	6-2	200	Illinois State University	Sophomore	Armington,IL
34	David Suarez	R/R	6-0	180	Illinois State University	Junior	Peru,IL
37	Josh Tonozzi	L/L	5-10	175	McKendree University	Freshman	Mark,IL

Catchers

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
26	AJ Fink	R/R	5-11	185	Heartland CC	Freshman	Carbondale,IL
32	Zach Little	R/R	6-2	190	SIU-Edwardsville	Freshman	Washington,IL
7	Cale Robinson	R/R	6-0	180	Lincoln College	Freshman	Clinton,IL

Infielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
16	Adam Ariola	R/R	6-0	185	Central College	Junior	Bloomington,IL
5	Andy Burns	L/R	5-10	180	Valparaiso University	Junior	Edwardsville,IL
29	Mike Failoni	L/L	6-2	190	Lindenwood University	Junior	Edwardsville,IL
2	Jared Hendren	R/R	5-9	150	Heartland CC	Freshman	Leroy,IL
11	Ryan Montcalm	R/R	5-9	165	Kankakee CC	Freshman	Lincoln,IL
6	Jacob Stewart	R/R	6-2	185	SIU-Edwardsville	Freshman	Mt. Zion,IL

Outfielders

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
1	Bo Banning	R/R	5-10	165	Lincoln College	Sophomore	Forsyth,IL
10	Eric Fight	R/R	6-1	185	Heartland CC	Freshman	Bloomington,IL
27	Eric Phillis	L/R	6-1	170	Kankakee CC	Freshman	Sreator,IL

Other

#	Name	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	College	Class	Hometown
24	Jacob Hendren	L/L	6-2	160	Heartland CC	Freshman	Leroy,IL

Coaches

Billy DuBois (Manager), Brian DuBois (Pitching Coach), Jeff Doll

2013 Lexington Snipes Statistics



Batting

Player	P	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB	CS	DP	E
Reynolds, S	P	.667	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sale, J	P	.500	2	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failoni, M	IF	.342	13	38	5	13	2	0	1	9	5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2
Froese, M	P	.333	5	9	2	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Phillis, E	OF	.323	29	96	14	31	6	1	4	22	4	1	18	2	0	3	1	4	1
Ariola, A	IF	.299	30	107	20	32	4	0	0	7	3	4	8	1	1	15	2	1	7
Montcalm, R	IF	.288	21	59	4	17	3	0	0	2	0	3	16	0	0	1	0	1	3
Hendren, J	IF	.284	25	81	14	23	1	1	0	5	8	4	15	0	2	11	6	0	5
x Hendrian, A	OF	.273	7	22	2	6	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	3	1	0	0
Fink, A	C	.267	15	45	3	12	1	0	0	7	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	3	0
Banning, B	OF	.259	22	54	6	14	0	0	0	4	4	2	15	0	4	2	3	0	0
Robinson, C	C	.253	29	83	13	21	5	0	1	10	9	1	15	0	0	0	1	3	4
x Johansen, T	DH	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Hendren, J	U	.246	21	57	7	14	3	0	0	7	6	0	15	2	0	11	1	0	4
Fight, E	OF	.243	26	74	10	18	2	1	1	5	4	3	15	0	3	2	0	0	2
Burns, A	IF	.233	27	90	17	21	4	0	4	10	12	5	14	1	1	4	1	0	11
Little, Z	C	.222	11	27	3	6	2	0	0	7	2	0	6	1	1	0	1	1	0
Stewart, J	IF	.133	23	60	7	8	1	0	0	0	7	6	15	0	0	1	0	2	4
Brown, C	P	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
x Holt, Z	U	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beard, C	P	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		.266	33	917	127	244	37	3	11	101	67	32	186	7	13	53	17	15	44

Pitching

Player	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	SV	2B	3B	ERA
Phillis, E	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Stroud, C	9	0	0	12.0	6	1	0	1	9	1	0	3	1	0	0.00
Sale, J	13	0	0	17.0	5	0	0	6	17	1	0	3	0	0	0.00
Seifert, A	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sabol, T	6	6	1	36.1	28	4	4	7	29	4	1	0	5	0	0.99
Mahler, K	1	1	0	4.0	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	2.25
Hendren, J	6	6	1	40.0	32	13	11	6	47	3	1	0	4	0	2.47
Suarez, D	3	3	0	14.0	15	7	4	8	13	2	1	0	5	0	2.57
Learnard, J	4	4	1	27.0	24	11	8	14	18	2	0	0	3	2	2.66
Froese, M	5	0	0	6.2	8	2	2	1	7	1	0	1	3	0	2.70
Tonozzi, J	4	4	0	20.2	28	11	8	5	15	1	3	0	6	0	3.48
Reynolds, S	3	3	1	15.0	13	10	6	4	11	1	1	0	1	0	3.60
x Storie, T	2	2	0	10.0	8	4	4	4	9	1	0	0	1	0	3.60
Brown, C	7	1	0	13.2	16	9	8	3	15	0	2	0	5	0	5.26
Beard, C	6	0	0	8.1	12	12	9	3	8	0	0	0	2	0	9.72
x Borre, R	2	0	0	1.2	4	2	2	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	10.80
Barnhill, N	9	0	0	8.2	21	15	13	2	5	0	1	1	0	1	13.50
Totals	82	30	4	237	221	102	80	67	210	18	11	8	37	3	3.04

Meet Your 2013 Northwest Indiana Oilmen!



Justin Huisman

Justin Huisman is in his second summer as the manager of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen, having led the team to the MCL title last summer. He is also the head coach of the Trinity College Trolls baseball team.

Huisman played collegiately at the University of Mississippi from 1997 to 2000, where he earned honors as an infielder and a closer. At Ole Miss he broke the single-season saves record his sophomore year and surpassed his own record the next year. He also broke the career saves mark for UM.

Huisman came out of school after his junior year at Ole Miss, getting drafted in the 15th round of the 2000 MLB draft by Colorado. In four seasons, he jumped four levels with the Rockies, notching 78 combined saves between Low-A, High-A and AA. He was traded to Kansas City in 2004. Though starting out in AAA Omaha for the Royals, Huisman was quickly called up to the big leagues and made his major league debut on April 25th. He went on to pitch 25 innings for Kansas City that season. Before sustaining an arm injury, Huisman posted three more seasons in AAA and one season for the Newark Bears (NJ) in the independent Atlantic League. He currently resides in Crown Point, Indiana, with his wife Julia and step-daughter Isabella.

Manager
Second Year

Overall Record:
59-31
(including playoffs)



Nick Bartolone

Nick Bartolone joins the Oilmen having just completed his freshman season at Butler University.

The Lafayette native saw action in 22 games for Butler, batting .270 in 37 at-bats, ranking 3rd on the team.

At Harrison High School, he set school records for putouts and chances in the outfield, and was all-conference in his sophomore and junior seasons while leading the team in batting. He was also a quarterback and a kicker on the football team.

Outfielder
6-2 / 200 lb.
Freshman - L/L
Lafayette, IN
Butler University



Rashawn Tillman

A tremendous athlete with great speed, Tillman comes to Northwest Indiana from SWAC school Arkansas-Pine Bluff, where he redshirted this past season.

Prior to joining the Golden Lions, Tillman played at Laney College in California. The El Soberante native batted .300 there in 33 games with 16 RBI and 22 runs scored in 2012, his freshman season.

Outfielder
6-0 / 170 lb.
Sophomore - L/R
El Soberante, CA
Univ. of Arkansas-
Pine Bluff



Kenny Mahala

The Highland native had an excellent sophomore year at Heartland Community College, batting .298 with six home runs and 39 RBI, ranking in the top two in both categories on the team.

Mahala was a decorated high school player at Andean HS, leading his team to back-to-back state titles in 2009 and 2010, as well as four straight sectional titles. He also currently holds the Andean career record for home runs and is second in career RBI and walks.

Infielder
6-2 / 210 lb.
Sophomore - L/R
Heartland
Community Col-
lege



Joe Houlihan

Joe Houlihan brings experience to the NWI infield this season, having appeared in almost 70 games in the last two years for Central Michigan.

The Illinois native batted .247 his freshman year in 2012 with 10 RBI and 3 doubles in 36 games played.

Houlihan was also a three-year starter at shortstop in high school at Providence Catholic. A versatile athlete, Houlihan also spent two seasons as the starting quarterback on Providence Catholic's football team.

Infielder
6-1 / 184 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
New Lenox, IL
Central Michigan
University



Craig Austgen

Veteran infielder Craig Austgen returns to the Oilmen for his second go-around. Austgen batted .296 last season for the 2012 MCL championship squad, driving in 22 runs as one of eight Oilmen with over 100 at-bats.

Austgen also paced the Oilmen with four triples on the season.

He just recently completed his junior season at St. Joseph's College (IN), amassing eight multi-hit games and collecting four RBI in a game twice this spring.

Infielder
6-1 / 160 lb.
Junior - R/R
Lowell, IN
St. Joseph's Col-
lege



Ty Hogan

Naperville, Illinois native Ty Hogan joins the Oilmen from Western Kentucky University, the second Hilltopper on the Northwest Indiana roster after Leiff Clarkson.

He redshirted this past season at WKU. Prior to that, he was a three-year starter at Naperville North High School in Illinois, starting each of his three years on varsity. Hogan also played summer baseball with the Illinois Redbirds while in high school.

Catcher
6-1 / 159 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Naperville, IL
Western Kentucky
University

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Leiff Clarkson

Clarkson joins the Oilmen this summer from Western Kentucky University, where he red-shirted this past spring for the Hilltoppers.

Clarkson attended Ryle High School where he helped lead the Raiders to a 27-12 record his senior year in 2012, including a district championship. He lettered four years in baseball, spending three of those years as a starter. In addition to baseball, Clarkson played two years on the varsity soccer team at Ryle.

Infielder
5-11 / 177 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Union, KY
Western Kentucky University



Jack Czeszewski

The polysyllabic outfielder Jack Czeszewski joins the Northwest Indiana roster from Illinois State University.

He saw action in 25 games this season for the Redbirds, making 16 starts. Czeszewski chose to attend ISU following a great senior year at Elk Grove High School in which he batted .381 with 17 doubles and 13 stolen bases.

For his efforts that season, he was named First Team All-Conference and also All-Area by the Chicago Tribune.

Outfielder
5-11 / 170 lb.
Freshman - L/L
Elk Grove, IL
Illinois State University



Nick Saldutti

Nick Saldutti comes to Northwest Indiana from Butler University, where he saw action in 21 games for the Bulldogs.

A decorated high school player, he was a three-year letterwinner at Westfield High, batting .330 as a senior to earn all-conference and all-county recognition. He also earned Westfield's Impact Player and Silver Slugger awards.

In the summer during his high school career, he batted .477 for the Indiana North-Stars with a .571 on-base percentage.

Infielder
6-2 / 185 lb.
Freshman - L/R
Noblesville, IN
Butler University



Andy Wellwerts

NWI's starter in the MCL title game in 2012, Chicago State right-hander Andy Wellwerts returns to the Oilmen roster in 2013 after a sophomore season that saw the Cedar Lake native become one of the top arms for the Cougars' pitching staff.

Wellwerts led Chicago State in ERA, wins and innings pitched this past season, posting a 4.28 ERA and 4 wins in just over 90 frames while tossing seven complete games among his 15 starts. He also led the team with 65 strikeouts this spring.

Pitcher
5-11 / 175 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Cedar Lake, IN
Chicago State University



Danny Pobereyko

Danny Pobereyko will join his older brother this season as the youngest member of the Oilmen roster.

Coming off his senior year at Bishop Noll High School, the Munster, Indiana native has picked Butler as his next destination, where he will play college baseball. He was also recruited by Indiana State, Ohio, Murray State, Harvard, West Point and St. Joseph's College.

He also played basketball and ran cross-country for Noll.

Pitcher
6-5 / 200 lb.
HS Senior - R/R
Munster, IN
Bishop Noll HS



Aveeno Nasiloski

Hammond native Aveeno Nasilowski joins the Oilmen in 2013 as a multi-skilled player that saw time both on the mound and in the field in his sophomore season at Chicago State.

Nasilowski was one of only four players to play in over 50 games this spring for the Cougars, and the local product was second on the team with 16 RBI. He also made just two errors in 135 chances in the field.

On the rubber, Nasilowski made 17 total appearances, mostly as a reliever.

Pitcher
6-3 / 205 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Hammond, IN
Chicago State University



Nik Mason

The winning pitcher in last year's MCL Championship Series Game 1, Mason returns for a second go-around with the Oilmen.

Now a sophomore at Quincy University, Mason had a 2-1 record in 11 appearances last summer out of the bullpen for the 2012 MCL Championship squad, striking out 15 in 23 and 1/3 innings.

Infielder
6-0 / 200 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Highland, IN
Quincy University



Tyler Baar

Baar comes from University of Toledo, where he saw a good deal of time his freshman season for the Rockets.

Baar batted .244 over 38 games with 20 starts for Toledo, with six doubles, a home run and 12 RBI. He was also solid behind the plate, making just 4 errors in 108 chances.

Baar was a three-year letterwinner in baseball at Hudsonville HS, batting .357 with 40 hits, 10 doubles, two triples, six home runs and 33 RBI as senior, earning First-team all-league, area and district honors.

Catcher
6-2 / 212 lb.
Freshman - L/R
Jenison, MI
University of Toledo

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James Hinkleman

Another returnee to the Oilmen roster from their inaugural season championship team, Hinkleman comes in having thrown 25 innings at Triton College in his sophomore year, up from just four frames a year ago.

The right-hander made four starts and seven total appearances for Triton, completing three of the four starts. He also put up a 4.32 ERA, ranking among the leaders in that category for starters.

Last summer, Hinkleman pitched in seven games for Northwest Indiana.

Pitcher
6-2 / 192 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Munster, IN
Triton College



Jimmy McNamara

Jimmy McNamara comes to the Oilmen a highly decorated high school arm and future star at Central Michigan University.

McNamara threw 56 1/3 innings in his freshman season at CMU over 18 appearances and five starts. He posted a 3.67 ERA and one save while walking 17 and striking out 39.

In 2011, the Lake Central HS graduate was named all-state by Prep Baseball Report after going 7-1 with a 0.79 ERA and 71 strikeouts in 51 innings as a junior.

Pitcher
6-2 / 175 lb.
Freshman - L/L
Dyer, IN
Central Michigan University



Joe Cochran

Cochran joins the Oilmen in 2013 looking to get more innings under his belt.

The tall right-hander from Ohio just finished his redshirt sophomore season at the University of Akron, appearing in 13 games out of the bullpen for a total of 20 2/3 innings, and fanning 10 batters.

Pitcher
6-5 / 190 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Tallmadge, OH
University of Akron



Gerrad Rohan

Gerrad Rohan joins several Akron teammates on the Oilmen roster this season.

Rohan saw action in 31 games this season for the Zips. The sophomore got off to a hot start, collecting multiple hits in four of his first 11 games played, including a 2-for-4 performance at national power Louisville.

The numbers were an uptick from a year ago, when he played in 18 games his freshman campaign at Akron.

Infielder
6-3 / 195 lb.
Sophomore - R/R
Canfield, OH
University of Akron



Michael Steensen

Steensen is another Akron Zip to make his debut for the Oilmen this summer. His freshman year at Akron this past spring was successful, as he made seven starts for the Zips, ranking fourth on the team. He pitched 35 innings, with his best outing against Youngstown State on April 3rd, when he pitched 5 innings and gave up only one earned run in a Zips victory.

At Granville High School, Steensen owned a 2.49 ERA in 140 2/3 career innings, with 120 strikeouts and 14 complete games.

Pitcher
6-2 / 205 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Granville, OH
University of Akron



Anthony Bova

Anthony Bova comes to the Oilmen this season after he saw action in 22 games for the Akron Zips in his freshman year batting .273 in that time at the plate.

Prior to that, Bova completed a successful high school career at Brunswick High in Ohio. The outfielder picked up three varsity letters, and followed up a junior season in which he was named honorable mention All-Northeast Ohio Conference with a senior season that included a .385 average and first team All-Conference honors.

Outfielder
6-0 / 175 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Brunswick, OH
University of Akron



Brett Schneider

Schneider comes to the Oilmen after a solid freshman campaign on the hill for Dominican College in New York.

The right-hander made nine appearances for the Chargers, including six starts. He threw the fourth-most innings on the team (46 2/3) and put up a 3-1 record and a 3.28 ERA, third on the team among pitchers who made at least one start this spring.

Pitcher
6-2 / 200 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Coral Springs, FL
Dominican College



Scott Jerge

No stranger to Northwest Indiana, Jerge comes to the Oilmen from Valparaiso University, redshirting this past season for the Crusaders.

His high school career was short, but highly decorated. Jerge was a two-year letter winner for the Munster HS Mustangs, and was named Most Valuable Player his senior season. He was also voted Second Team All-Conference and All-Area Honorable Mention his senior year.

Pitcher
6-0 / 185 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Munster, IN
Valparaiso University

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Matt Pobereyko

Matt Pobereyko joins his younger brother Danny on the Oilmen roster in 2013. The elder Pobereyko returns to Indiana having pitched this past spring at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

He made 11 appearances and five starts for the Panthers, owning a 2-2 record. He also struck out 23 batters in 30 2/3 innings pitched.

Before that, he played two years at South Suburban College in Illinois.

Pitcher
6-1 / 239 lb.
Junior - R/R
Munster, IN
Kentucky
Wesleyan Univ.



Chris Marras

Marras comes to the Oilmen familiar with Indiana, as he just completed his freshman year at Butler University.

He also comes to Oil City Stadium eager for at-bats. Marras saw action in seven games this spring, where he was a solid defender behind the plate, making no errors in 23 chances while playing behind two fifth-year seniors.

At Vernon Hills High School, he was named a two-time all-conference selection as well as a Daily Herald All-Area selection.

Catcher
6-0 / 200 lb.
Freshman - R/R
Vernon Hills, IL
Butler University

NWI Oilmen Pronunciation Guide

Craig AUSTGEN - "AWST-jen"
Tyler BAAR - "BAR"
Nick BARTOLONE - "bart-uh-LOAN"
LEIFF Clarkson - "LAYF"
Jack CZESZEWSKI - "sha-SHEV-skee"
Joe HOULIHAN - "HOO-luh-hann"
Justin HUISMAN - "HIGHS-man"
Scott JERGE - "YERG-ee"
Chris MARRAS - "MAIR-iss"
Jimmy MCNAMARA - "MACK-nuh-mair-uh"
Josh NEGELE - "NAYG-ul"
Matt/Danny POBEREYKO - "pobe-uh-REE-ko"
GERRAD ROHAN - "JAIR-ed ROW-an"
Nick SALDUTTI - "sal-DOOT-ee"
RASHAWN Tillman - "ruh-SHAWN"

