



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2014 Game Notes

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TONIGHT'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (4-4)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (4-4, 3-3)

June 12 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: None
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)



Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

The Oilmen and Vikings both had games impacted by weather each of the last two days. Northwest Indiana's nonleague showdown with the Illinois Sparks was washed out on Tuesday, as was Southland's schedule matchup with the Chicago Zephyrs. The Vikings and Oilmen were scheduled to meet on Wednesday at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, but rain and poor field conditions caused that game to be postponed until June 30. The Oilmen, who have now had four straight days off, edged the Michigan City Lakers 5-4 in what evolved into a slugfest on Saturday afternoon in Michigan City. Each team had two players smash home runs as Andrew Ray and James Meeker went yard for NWI while Greg Tolliver and Mike Schroeder did so for Michigan City.

Inside The Oilmen

Oilmen manager Justin Huisman has done his fair share of mixing and matching early in the season. The Oilmen have not used identical lineups in any two games this year. The leadoff spot has been a revolving door involving Ryan Burvan, Kevin DeFilippis and Rob Blissitt. Burvan may have earned a longer look in the top spot in the batting order by enjoying a three-hit day on Saturday. No player on the Oilmen has started every game this season.

Inside the Vikings

Southland is coming off an unusual weekend that saw the Vikings hand the Chicago Zephyrs their first victory of the season before tagging the DuPage County Hounds with their first defeat of the year. The Vikings dropped back-to-back games to the Zephyrs Friday and Saturday before topping DuPage County 8-5 on Sunday night.

About the Matchup

Historically, the Oilmen have had more trouble with the Southland Vikings than any other Midwest Collegiate League opponent. However, the Oilmen recorded a 2-0 victory in their first game against the Vikings this season at Homewood-Flossmoor High School on June 3. Jimmy McNamara tossed six shutout innings to guide the Oilmen to the win in the only matchup of the year between the two teams. The Oilmen are 11-12 in the all-time series with the Vikings entering Thursday's game. This is scheduled to be the fifth meeting of the year between the two teams, but three of the first four schedule matchups were postponed due to inclement weather.

Around the MCL

The matchup between Southland and Northwest Indiana is one of two scheduled Midwest Collegiate League games on Thursday. The first-place DuPage County Hounds visit the last-place Chicago Zephyrs in a game that is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. at Wabounee Community College in Sugar Grove. The Joliet Admirals will be well rested when they visit the Oilmen on Friday as that will be their first game of the week.

2014 Schedule

05/28	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 2-1
05/30	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-2
05/31	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 8-1
06/01	@ Lexington Snipes	L 17-5
06/03	@ Southland Vikings	W 2-0
06/05	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-3
06/06	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	L 3-1
06/07	@ Michigan City Lakers*	W 5-4
06/10	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	PPD
06/12	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
06/13	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
06/14	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/15	LEXINGTON SNIPES	4:10 PM
06/17	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	7:10 PM
06/18	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
06/19	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/20	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
06/21	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
06/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
06/25	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
06/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
06/27	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
06/28	@ Chicago Zephyrs	12:00 PM
06/29	@ Joliet Admirals	12:00 PM
06/30	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
07/01	SUPPORT OUR TROOPS GAME	7:30 PM
07/03	@ Lexington Snipes	7:10 PM
07/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	3:30 PM
07/05	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/06	@ Chicago Zephyrs	12:00 PM
07/08	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:10 PM
07/09	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7:30 PM
07/11	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/12	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/13	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
07/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/15	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	7:10 PM
07/16	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:00 PM
07/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
07/18	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	4:10 PM
07/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	7:10 PM
07/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/25	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	1:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	3:00 PM
07/29	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
07/30	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
07/31	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
08/01	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
08/02	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM
08/03	@ MCL Playoffs	7:00 PM

*- denotes nonleague game
CAPS- denotes home game

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owners.....Don Popravak, Kim Payne, Ron Kittle
 Address.....500 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.....Justin Huisman (third season)
 All-Time Team Record.....65-36, 59-33 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....42-18 (39-16 in MCL)
 Road Record.....24-18
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Playoff Record.....6-2
 Playoff Home Record.....3-1
 Playoff Road Record.....3-1
 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 will handle play-by-play duties for every Oilmen game this season. Joey Gelman joins Brandon for all home games, while David Bork provides color commentary when the team is on the road. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

TUESDAY: Illinois Sparks @ NWI Oilmen ppd. Southland Vikings @ Chicago Zephyrs ppd.	WEDNESDAY: Lexington Snipes 4, DuPage County Hounds 2 NWI Oilmen @ Southland Vikings ppd.
THURSDAY: Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen DuPage County Hounds @ Chicago Zephyrs	FRIDAY: Joliet Admirals @ NWI Oilmen DuPage County Hounds @ Southland Vikings Lexington Snipes @ Chicago Zephyrs

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
DuPage County Hounds	7	2	0.788	---	L2	7-2
Southland Vikings	4	4	0.500	2.5	W1	4-4
NWI Oilmen	3	3	0.500	2.5	W1	3-3
Lexington Snipes	4	4	0.429	2.5	W1	4-4
Joliet Admirals	3	4	0.429	3	L1	3-4
Chicago Zephyrs	2	6	0.250	4.5	W2	2-6

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Andrew Jackson	L/L	6-5	210	Wabash College	Wheatfield, Ind
	Kevin Jones	L/R	5-11	180	Northern Illinois University	Portage, Ind.
10	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland Community College	Highland, Ind.
21	Nick Nauracy	R/R	6-1	185	Ohio University	Crown Point, Ind
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan	Dyer, Ind.
26	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Butler University	Munster, Ind.
27	Andrew Lowe	R/R	6-2	220	UW-Whitewater	Whiting, Ind.
29	Anthony Gomez	L/L	6-0	200	Ball State	Munster, Ind.
30	Aaron Glatt	R/R	6-2	190	University of Dayton	Schererville, Ind.
35	Garrett Sherrell	R/R	6-4	185	Arkansas Little Rock	New Albany, Ind.
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso	Munster, Ind.
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan	Munster, Ind.
43	Cameron Linck	R/R	6-2	175	Hill College	Kingwood, Texas

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian College	Park Forest, Ill.
23	Andrew Ray	R/R	6-1	195	Northern Illinois University	Michigan City, Ind.
33	Alec Ornelas	R/R	6-1	197	Central Michigan University	Mokena, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Ryan Burvan	R/R	5-11	165	Purdue University	Dyer, Ind.
3	Kevin DeFilippis	R/R	6-0	170	University of Notre Dame	Homer Glen, Ill.
13	Nick Vogelmeier	R/R	5-11	165	Western Michigan University	Lake Orion, Mich.
14	James Meeker	R/L	6-4	180	Akron University	Wexford, Penn.
15	Anthony Colosimo	L/L	6-0	185	Purdue Calumet	Lake Forest, Ill.
22	Nate Schneider	R/R	6-2	210	Western Michigan University	Portae, Mich.
24	Brodie Meyer	R/R	6-0	180	Butler University	Palos Heights, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Larry Crisler	R/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Gary, Ind.
	Craig Dedelow	L/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Munster, Ind.
9	Rob Blissitt, Jr.	R/R	6-3	165	University of Cincinnati	Markham, Ill.
17	Jason Gasser	L/R	6-0	195	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.

Manager - Justin Huisman | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright, Mike Coles

2014 Southland Vikings Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Brandon White	R/R	6-3	195	Hill Community College	Chicago, Ill.
12	Kevin Halberg	R/R	6-4	200	Grand Valley State University	Lansing, Ill.
14	Richard Fordon	L/L	6-4	215	Northweset University	Flossmoor, Ill.
18	Mike Poulos	R/R	6-5	220	Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.
21	Anthony Spangler	R/R	5-11	185	Purdue Calumet	Lansing, Ill.
22	Connor Ryan	R/R	6-1	175	Prairie State College	Homer Glen, Ill.
25	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Parkland College	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	190	Western Illinois University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
34	Dan Wetzel	R/R	6-2	160	St. Xavier University	Tinley Park, Ill.
38	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
44	Zac Miller	R/R	6-2	200	Purdue Calumet	White Pigeon, Mich.
45	Tyler House	L/L	6-5	215	University of Missouri	Chicago, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
11	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	210	Western Oklahoma State	Chicago, Ill.
14	Jake Hickey	R/R	6-0	185	South Suburban College	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Nate Ruzich	R/R	6-2	200	Northern Illinois University	Joliet, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Kendall King	R/R	5-10	145	Western Illinois University	Flossmoor, Ill.
6	Micah Rooke	R/R	5-10	185	Purdue Calumet	Whiting, Ind.
10	Bobby Shepard	R/R	5-11	180	University of Buffalo	Orland Park, Ill.
19	Stefano Belmante	R/R	6-0	200	South Suburban / Purdue	Chicago, Ill.
20	Jeff Boehm	L/L	6-1	215	University of Illinois-Chicago	Lansing, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Rob Ciffelli	L/L	5-6	160	John Carroll University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
3	Steve Letz	R/R	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.
5	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	6-0	185	Kaskaskia College	St. John, Ind.
15	Brandon Mallder	L/L	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Bridgeview, Ill.
22	Chris Sujka	R/R	5-10	190	Indiana University	Oak Forest, Ill.
27	Dan Potempa	R/R	5-11	230	University of Iowa	Tinley Park, Ill.

Manager - Chris Cunningham | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

Batting												
Player	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SB
Schneider	.333	8	24	1	8	4	0	0	5	3	2	1
Burvan	.333	7	24	4	8	1	0	0	3	5	0	0
Gasser	.321	7	28	0	9	1	0	0	2	2	0	1
Meeker	.278	5	18	3	5	1	0	1	2	3	0	0
DeFilippis	.240	5	25	7	6	3	0	0	2	5	2	2
Ray	.222	5	18	1	4	0	0	1	2	2	1	0
Blissitt	.217	6	23	3	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	1
Jones	.174	6	23	4	4	1	0	0	0	4	0	1
Colosimo	.150	6	20	2	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Vogelmeier	.125	7	24	2	3	1	0	0	0	2	1	2
Ornelas	.125	5	16	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	1	0

Pitching									
Pitchers	IP	R	ER	BB	K	W	L	SV	ERA
Lowe	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0.00
Jerge	5.2	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0.00
McNamara	11	1	1	0	12	1	0	0	0.81
Pobereyko, M	3.2	1	1	3	6	0	0	2	2.45
Mahler	11	4	3	2	8	0	2	0	2.45
Linck	11	4	4	3	8	2	0	0	3.27
Gomez	5.1	4	4	5	4	0	0	0	6.75
Pobereyko, D	6.1	5	5	4	8	1	1	0	7.11
Nauracy	6.1	8	6	4	11	0	1	0	8.52
Sherrell	4	7	7	6	5	0	0	0	15.75
Glatt	1.2	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	32.40