



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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### FRIDAY'S GAME:

Lexington Snipes (8-6)  
at NWI Oilmen (10-5)

June 26 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

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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
6/26	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7 p.m.
6/27	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7 p.m.
6/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	4 p.m.
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/1	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7 p.m.
7/3	@ Lexington Snipes	5 p.m.
7/4	@ Michigan City Lakers	1 p.m.
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7 p.m.
7/8	@ Fort Wayne Jackers*	6:30 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	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 Northwest Indiana Oilmen have won back-to-back games to start the homestand and hold a 5-1 record in games played at Oil City Stadium this season. Christian Howell became the first Oilmen starter this year to work into the eighth inning on Thursday night, tossing 7 2/3 dazzling frames with only one run (earned) allowed. The Oilmen prevailed 12-3, defeating Michigan City for the first time this season. Six different Oilmen had multiple hits in Northwest Indiana's most lopsided win since July 20, 2014, an 11-2 triumph over the Zephyrs. The Oilmen picked up the 100th victory in team history on Thursday night.

### Inside The Oilmen

After being scratched from Tuesday's scheduled start with an eye infection, Keith Mahler is expected to take the hill on Friday night. Mahler, the only second-year Oilmen pitcher, holds a 4.50 ERA in three starts. His most recent outing came on June 18, when he yielded two runs on four hits over five innings and had no decision in a 4-3 loss to DuPage County. Mahler faced the Snipes on June 7, picking up the win despite allowing four runs on seven hits in a four innings in a rain-shortened 7-4 win for the Oilmen. Josh Turnock picked up his third three-hit game of the season on Tuesday night, becoming the first Oilmen with three three-hit days this season. Only Tyler Sroczyński joins Turnock with more than one three-hit performance.

### Inside the Snipes

The Snipes travel to Oil City Stadium carrying a three-game winning streak. The Snipes are playing their best baseball of the season and have climbed into third place in the Midwest Collegiate League. Parkland pitcher Ross Learnard gets the nod from manager Billy DuBois. Learnard holds a 1.62 ERA in 13 innings and has issued six walks and 16 strikeouts. Lexington's leading hitter is Neal Tyrell, who has a .340 average in 13 games.

### About the Matchup

The Oilmen and Snipes are set to meet for the fourth time this season, with the Oilmen capturing victories in two of the first three contests. The Oilmen hold a 14-6 advantage in the all-time series between the two teams. The most recent matchups came on June 20 in Lexington, when the two squads split a doubleheader.

### Around the MCL

The Oilmen now sit in a first-place tie with DuPage County in the Midwest Collegiate League, technically percentage points ahead of the Hounds. The Snipes join the Hounds and Oilmen as the three MCL teams with winning records. Michigan City hosts Joliet on Friday, while the Vikings and Hounds have the day off. With DuPage County idle on Friday, the Oilmen can take over sole possession of first with a victory. On Thursday, the Hounds and Vikings split a doubleheader, while Lexington defeated Joliet 4-1.

## NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012  
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.  
 Owner.....Don Popravak (2012-present)  
 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..... Adam Enright  
 All-Time Team Record.....100-54, 88-51 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 61-27  
     Road Record..... 39-26  
 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, Brandon Pavlina joins Brandon to provide color commentary for road games, while a rotating cast of color commentators will handle 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>WEDNESDAY:</b> Vikings at Lakers, 5 p.m. Admirals at Oilmen, 7 p.m. Hounds at Snipes, ppd.	<b>THURSDAY:</b> Hounds 3, Vikings 2   Hounds 5, Vikings 2 Snipes 4, Admirals 1 Oilmen 12, Lakers 3
<b>FRIDAY:</b> Admirals at Lakers, 5 p.m. Snipes at Oilmen, 7 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY:</b> Lakers at Hounds, 1 p.m. Vikings at Snipes, 1 p.m. Admirals at Oilmen, 7 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
NWI Oilmen	10	5	.667	---	W1
DC Hounds	11	6	.647	---	L1
Lexington Snipes	8	6	.571	1.5	W3
Joliet Admirals	5	7	.417	3.5	L3
Southland Vikings	4	7	.364	4	W1
Michigan City Lakers	4	11	.364	6	L1

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
4	Brandon Barnes	R/R	6-1	185	Paradise Valley CC	Hobart, Ind.
7	Matt Dvorscak	R/R	5-9	155	Shawnee State	Whiting, 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 / 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.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
45 / 25	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 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.
25	Xavier Warren	R/R	5-9	175	Parkland / Central Oklahoma	Granville, Ill.
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, Mike Coles, Aaron Furman

# 2015 Lexington Snipes

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Kody Silverthorn	R/R	6-0	175	Parkland College	
5	Matthew Dwyer	R/R	6-0	170	Heartland	
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)	
22	Jeff Lavin	R/R	6-4	185	Parkland	
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)	

## 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)	
21	Owen Miller	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois State (commit)	
24	Chris Maranto	R/R	5-10	180	Butler	
26	Matt Jenkins	L/L	6-3	195	Parkland	
28	Deion Thompson	R/R	6-2	190	Western Illinois (commit)	
44	Reed Rogers	R/R	6-5	250	Heartland	

## 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 Coaches - Jeff Doll, Darrin Frye