



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2014 Game Notes

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### TONIGHT'S GAME:

Northwest Indiana Oilmen (2-2)  
at Southland Vikings (2-1)

June 3 - 7 p.m. (CT) - Flossmoor, Ill.

Radio: None

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

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### Oilmen News & Notes

#### For Starters

Sunday's game in Lexington is one that the Oilmen are hoping to quickly forget, a 17-5 loss that entered the record books for all the wrong reasons. This marked the most lopsided loss in the three-year history of the Oilmen and the first time the team had ever fallen by double digits. Previously, the most one-sided defeat in Oilmen history was a 13-4 loss to Southland on July 22, 2012. The Oilmen also allowed the most runs in a game in franchise history by giving up 17 on Sunday. Previously, the most runs scored against NWI in a single game was 14 in a 14-13 loss to Will County on June 27, 2012. The Southland Vikings are also looking to bounce back after dropping Sunday's game 6-5 at DuPage.

#### Inside The Oilmen

Through two appearances, Oilmen pitcher Scott Jerge has accomplished a feat that he did not reach during his time with NWI last summer. The Valparaiso University right-hander has put together back-to-back scoreless appearances. Jerge worked two shutout frames against Joliet on Friday before providing the bright spot of the Oilmen pitching staff with 2 2/3 scoreless innings on Sunday. Jack Czeszewski has already swiped four bases this season after setting the single-season franchise record with 30 steals a year ago.

#### Inside the Vikings

The defending league champions are playing in their home opener tonight and are in the midst of starting the year with nine of their first 11 games on the road. The Vikings have won their home opener three straight years, defeating Will County 10-0 in 2011, edging Chicago 7-6 in 2012 and topping the Zephyrs 8-7 in 2013.

#### About the Matchup

The Oilmen are making their first trip of the season to Homewood-Flossmoor High School, the site where they saw their season come to a close in Game 2 of the 2013 MCL Championship Series. The ballpark has not been kind to Oilmen as they hold an all-time record of 1-6 (.143 winning percentage) in Flossmoor, their worst record at any MCL stadium. The Oilmen and Vikings were scheduled to meet on opening night at Oil City Stadium, but inclement weather forced the postponement of that contest. The Vikings are the only Midwest Collegiate League foe that has a record above .500 in the all-time series against the Oilmen. Northwest Indiana is 10-12 all-time against Southland.

#### Around the MCL

The DuPage County Hounds are off to a 3-0 start for the second consecutive year. With a win on Tuesday night at Chicago, the Hounds can match their four-game winning streak that started the 2013 season. Conversely, the Zephyrs are off to an 0-4 start for the second straight year. Chicago dropped its first six games in both 2011 and 2013.

### 2014 Schedule

05/27	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	PPD
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	7:10 PM
06/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
06/05	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
06/06	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	7:10 PM
06/07	@ Michigan City Lakers*	1:10 PM
06/10	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	7:10 PM
06/11	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
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
06/25	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
07/01	<i>US Military All-Stars</i>	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
07/15	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 exhibition game

CAPS- denotes home game

*Italics*- denotes US Military All-Star Game

**Bold**- denotes MCL All-Star Game

## 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.....Justin Huisman (third season)  
 All-Time Team Record.....64-34, 58-32 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....42-16 (39-15 in MCL)  
     Road Record.....22-18  
 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

<b>SUNDAY:</b> Lexington Snipes 17, NWI Oilmen 5 Joliet Admirals 3, Chicago Zephyrs 2 DuPage County Hounds 6, Southland Vikings 5	<b>MONDAY:</b> No MCL Games
<b>TUESDAY:</b> NWI Oilmen @ Southland Vikings Lexington Snipes @ Joliet Admirals DuPage County Hounds @ Chicago Zephyrs	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen DuPage County Hounds @ Joliet Admirals

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR	L10
DuPage County Hounds	3	0	1.000	---	W2	2-0
Lexington Snipes	3	1	0.750	0.5	W3	3-1
Southland Vikings	2	1	0.666	1	L1	2-1
NWI Oilmen	2	2	0.666	1.5	L2	2-2
Joliet Admirals	1	3	0.000	2.5	W1	1-3
Chicago Zephyrs	0	4	0.000	3.5	L4	0-4

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
	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.
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.
45	James Meeker	R/L	6-4	180	Akron University	Wexford, Penn.

## 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.
14	Jack Czeszewski	L/L	5-11	170	Illinois State University	Elk Grove Village, 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
	Richard Fordon	L/L	6-4	215	Northwestern University	Flossmoor, Ill.
	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
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.
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.
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