



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2016 Game Notes

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**TUESDAY'S GAME:**  
Lakers (2-3)  
at NWI Oilmen (2-6)

June 5 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB (7 p.m. Pregame)  
Location: Oil City Stadium



### 2016 Schedule

5/26	@ Bloomington Bobcats	ppd.
5/27	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 3-0
5/28	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 9-3
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	L 9-7
5/29	@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	W 7-5
6/1	@ Michigan City Lakers	ppd.
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-2
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 3-0
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 6-4
6/4	@ Southland Vikings	susp.
6/5	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-3
6/7	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/8	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
6/11	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/12	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
6/15	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/16	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	7:20 p.m.
6/17	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
6/18	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/19	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
6/22	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/24	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
6/25	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
6/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
6/28	JOLIET ADMIRALS	1:20 p.m.
6/29	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/1	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/2	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/4	U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS*	2:30 p.m.
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	6:15 p.m.
7/7	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/8	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/12	MCL ALL-STAR GAME*	7:30 p.m.
7/13	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	5 p.m.
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/31	@ Joliet Admirals	1 p.m.
8/2-8/4	MCL Semifinal Series	TBD
8/5-8/7	MCL Championship Series	TBD

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home game

### For Starters

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen begin their fifth summer of baseball at Oil City Stadium with Tuesday's home opener. The Oilmen are 2-2 all-time in home openers. They defeated Southland in the first ever Oilmen home game in 2012, fell to Lexington in 2013 and bested Lexington in 2014. In last season's home opener, the Oilmen suffered a 7-6 loss to Joliet in 10 innings. The last time the Oilmen took the Oil City Stadium diamond, they lost 6-2 to Lexington in Game 3 of a 2015 Midwest Collegiate League first-round playoff series. Although they lost both playoff home games last season, the Oilmen carry a five-game regular season home winning streak into this season. Historically, the Oilmen have played their best baseball at Oil City Stadium. They own a .691 home winning percentage over the first four seasons of Oilmen baseball.

### Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen send Christian Howell to the mound for the home opener. Howell, who is back for his second season with the Oilmen after posting a 1.87 ERA over 52 1/3 innings a year ago, will make his second start of the year. He tossed seven innings, allowed five runs (one earned) and struck out six while walking four in the second game of a doubleheader against Joliet on May 29. He also received a tune-up inning of relief on Friday night at Bloomington, when he needed only 11 pitches to send down the Bobcats in order. Howell faced the Lakers three times last season and went 2-0 with a 2.18 ERA. Owing two wins against Michigan City is an impressive feat since the Oilmen beat them just three times all of last season. Stefano Belmonte is off to a red-hot start since joining the team. Including Saturday's suspended game against Southland that does not yet official count in the statistics, Belmonte is hitting .727 in his first three games. As a team, the Oilmen hold a .257 average and 3.32 ERA. Their team ERA ranks second in the MCL, behind only the Bloomington Bobcats.

### Inside the Lakers

The bulk of the Lakers' roster returns from last season. The Lakers came on strong late in the year and pushed for a playoff spot in their first season in the Midwest Collegiate League. They narrowly missed a postseason berth, finishing fifth in the MCL at 13-25. The Lakers made an appearance in the NABF World Series. Starting pitcher Bobby Humphreys, a Chesterton graduate, was hit with the loss in his most recent game against the Oilmen on June 25, 2015. He allowed eight earned runs on 11 hits and four walks in 5 2/3 innings.

### About the Matchup

The Lakers were the only team in the Midwest Collegiate League that the Oilmen finished with a losing record against last season. In their first season in the league, the Lakers went 6-3 against the Oilmen. The two teams had met as non-league foes previously, so the Oilmen still lead the all-time series 10-9.

## 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 (29-21)  
 All-Time Team Record.....120-73, 103-70 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....76-34  
     Road Record.....44-39  
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015  
 Playoff Record.....7-6  
 Playoff Home Record.....3-4  
 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, he'll be joined in the booth by Nathan Dickinson. David Bork, Payon Ball and Drew Guth will also make contributions to the Oilmen radio broadcasts. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



## Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

<b>SATURDAY:</b> Oilmen at Vikings, susp. (Oilmen lead 12-1 in 5th) Admirals 9, Hounds 4	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Oilmen 13, Admirals 3 Hounds 4, Lakers 2 Hounds 14, Lakers 7
<b>TUESDAY:</b> Vikings at Admirals, 3 p.m. (DH) Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m. Lakers at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m. Admirals at Vikings, 5 p.m. Lakers at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
Bloomington Bobcats	5	1	.800	---	W4
DC Hounds	6	3	.667	0.5	W2
Joliet Admirals	4	5	.444	2.5	L1
Southland Vikings	3	4	.429	2.5	W1
Lakers	2	3	.400	2.5	L3
NWI Oilmen	2	6	.250	4	W1

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

# 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
	Braden Niksich	R/R	6-3	190	Illinois State	Hobart, Ind.
	Luke Jaksich	L/L	6-1	160	Saint Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
	Jordan Petty	R/R	6-2	175	Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland / Illinois Springfield	Steger, Ill.
	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland / Trinity Christian	New Lenox, Ill.
1	Reggie Johnson	R/R	6-2	175	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
13	Jay Gutierrez	R/R	6-1	200	Olney Central College	Oak Lawn, Ill.
16	Jamary McKinney	R/R	6-1	200	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
26	Josh Mutter	L/L	6-3	150	Northern Illinois	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Max Siedlecki	R/R	6-4	210	New Mexico Highlands	Chicago, Ill.
33	Clay Keltner	R/R	6-1	205	Cornerstone	Highland, Ind.
36	Eric Frontzak	R/R	6-0	190	Alma College	Naperville, Ill.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ill.
43	James Whiteman	R/R	6-2	194	Triton College	Lakeville, Ind.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Blake Cleveland	R/R	5-11	197	Central Michigan	Nappanee, Ind.
19	Jake Perreira	R/R	5-9	200	University of Indianapolis	Grant Park, Ill.
27	Zack Forney	R/R	5-10	170	Eastern Illinois	Cary, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
21	Tyler Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
14	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	5-10	190	St. Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
23	Jordan Flint	R/R	6-4	190	Eastern Illinois	Bartlett, Ill.
24	Chris Baker	L/R	6-0	185	University Illinois-Chicago	South Holland, Ill.
41	Cory Krolkowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Chase Dawson	L/R	5-10	170	Valparaiso	Chesterton, Ind.
	Tommy Szczyński	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, Ill.
7	Bo Fletcher	R/R	6-0	180	Alcorn State	Chicago, Ill.
15	Brad Bohlen	R/R	5-10	190	Northern Kentucky	Chicago Heights, Ill.
17	Alex Nisle	R/R	6-0	185	Saint Joseph's College	Schererville, Ind.
20	Stefano Belmonte	R/R	6-2	205	Florida Gulf Coast	Munster, Ind.
22	Josh Fewell	L/R	6-2	210	Heartland CC	Kokomo, Ind.
45	Jimmy Govern	R/R	5-11	175	Eastern Illinois	Libertyville, Ill.

**Manager - Adam Enright** | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

# 2016 Lakers

#	NAME	Position	B/T	SCHOOL
1	RJ Zambrano	3B/SS	R/R	Purdue North Central
2	Adam Nelson	3B/1B	R/R	
3	Andy Kovarik	3B/1B/P	R/R	Purdue North Central
4	Chase Clarkson	2B/SS	R/R	Wabash College
4	Jerry Hodgers	1B/2B	R/R	KCC/William Woods U
6	Chris Delgadillo	2B/3B/SS	R/R	Indiana
7	Anthony Olund	SS	R/R	Purdue North Central
8	Pat Arndt	C	R/R	Chesterton HS
9	Jeremy Morton	RF/1B	R/R	Cincinnati
10	Casey Young	P	R/R	PNC
11	Jake Povlock	1B/P	L/L	MCH
12	Spencer Sutton	C/2B	R/R	Trine
13	John Cristo	P/OF	R/R	Purdue Northwest
14	Chad Mateja	P/OF	R/R	Purdue
15	Dan Snyder	P	R/R	PNC
16	Colin Arnold	P	L/L	Purdue
17	Christian Bokich	P	R/R	Lee University
18	Tommy Fusell	OF	R/R	Northwestern
21	Shane Prance	P	R/R	PNC
25	Max Kerr	C/1B	R/R	Ball State
26	Jake Lane	3B/1B	R/R	PNC
27	Joe Kennedy	OF	R/R	Eastern Michigan
30	Mark Dye	OF	R/R	Earlam College
32	Jim Catanzarite	P	R/R	St. Joseph College
57	Mike Lorenzi	P	R/R	

Manager - Tim Jahnz | Assistant Coaches - Mike Einstein |  
Carl Swenson

# 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

<b>HITTING STATS</b>									
<b>NAME</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>HITS</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>	<b>2B</b>
Stefano Belmonte	.625	8	5	1	5	3	1.000	.600	0
Cory Krolikowski	.364	22	8	0	2	2	.409	.440	1
Brad Bohlen	.333	15	5	0	0	0	.333	.412	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.333	18	6	0	1	5	.389	.478	0
Bo Fletcher	.300	10	3	0	0	1	.300	.300	0
Jimmy Govern	.292	24	7	0	8	4	.389	.478	2
Josh Fewell	.280	25	7	0	1	1	.360	.400	1
Zack Forney	.272	11	3	0	2	4	.445	.556	0
Tyler Sroczynski	.222	9	2	1	3	3	.556	.364	0
Jake Perreira	.208	24	5	0	3	3	.375	.286	4
Jordan Flint	.176	17	3	0	3	3	.176	.211	0
Josh Mutter	.167	6	1	0	0	1	.167	.375	0
Alex Nisle	.120	25	3	0	1	4	.120	.267	0
Chris Baker	.100	10	1	0	0	2	.100	.357	0
Blake Cleveland	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Tommy Szczasny	-	---	-	-	-	-	---	---	-
Chase Dawson	-	---	-	-	-	-	---	---	-
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.257</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>.335</b>	<b>.370</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>PITCHING STATS</b>								
<b>NAME</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>BAA</b>
Hunter Clark	0	1	2.0	0.00	4	3	2.50	.125
James Whiteman	0	0	3.0	0.00	2	5	1.33	.182
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	1.1	0.00	2	2	1.50	.000
Christian Howell	1	0	8.0	1.13	4	7	1.00	.148
Richard Yelnick	1	0	5.0	1.80	0	3	1.60	.364
Max Siedecki	0	1	11.0	2.46	2	8	1.00	.220
Jamary McKinney	0	0	2.2	3.38	6	3	3.38	.273
Clay Keltner	0	1	9.2	3.72	3	10	1.45	.289
Reggie Johnson	0	2	9.0	4.00	4	11	1.56	.278
Eric Frontzak	0	1	2.0	9.00	2	3	4.00	.400
Josh Mutter	0	1	1.2	27.00	2	1	3.00	.375
Jordan Petty	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Luke Jaksich	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Eric Frontzak	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Sam Geraci	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>3.31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1.56</b>	<b>.254</b>