



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2016 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:  
Southland Vikings (4-5)  
at NWI Oilmen (4-6)

June 9 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: NWIOilmen.com (7 p.m. Pregame)  
Location: Oil City Stadium

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### 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	W 8-6
6/8	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-5
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-STAR*	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.
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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

### For Starters

The Oilmen carry a three-game winning streak into Thursday's game. They also hold a seven-game regular season home winning streak dating back to last year. The Oilmen enjoyed their most productive inning of the season on Wednesday, jumping out to an early lead with seven in the first in an eventual 9-5 victory over the Lakers. The Oilmen have 38 hits over the last three games after totaling just 43 hits over the first seven games. On Wednesday, Chris Baker became the first player in Oilmen history to hit a grand slam on the first pitch of an Oil City Stadium debut. Baker's grand slam snapped a 1-for-10 slump. The Oilmen have batted around in an inning at least once in each of the last three games.

### Inside The Oilmen

Clay Keltner will make his first Oil City Stadium start on Thursday. Keltner, who is making his third start of the year, holds a 3.72 ERA in 9 2/3 innings. He was hit with the defeat in his most recent outing, allowing three runs (two earned) in 2 2/3 innings at Bloomington on June 2. Keltner has 10 strikeouts on the season, one of three Oilmen pitchers in double figures along with Reggie Johnson (11) and Christian Howell (10). Tommy Szczyzny went 3-for-3 and reached base in all four plate appearances in his Oilmen debut on Wednesday. Cory Krolikowski remains the team leader in hits with eight and stolen bases with four. Jake Perreira's four doubles make him the NWI leader in extra-base hits. Tyler Sroczynski is hitting .333 (6-for-18) so far this year and leads the team in runs scored with seven. Blake Cleveland's first inning single on Wednesday snapped an 0-for-6 stretch and marked his first hit in an Oilmen uniform. After starting the season with four straight hitless games, Alex Nisle has hits in four of his last five.

### Inside the Vikings

The Vikings are coming off a doubleheader split with Joliet on Wednesday. They prevailed 8-5 in Game 1 before absorbing a 7-0 loss in Game 2. The Vikings are off to a strong start offensively, as they hold a .297 team batting average. Nick Wheeler leads the team with nine RBIs and owns a .343 average. He and Tyler Crussen (.414 average) are tied for the team lead in hits with 12. The Vikings are 15-for-20 in stolen bases this year. Their team ERA sits at 6.34. Southland is in its first season under the direction of former Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher John Ely, who appeared in 25 games and made 19 starts over three seasons in the big leagues from 2010-2012.

### About the Matchup

The first meeting of the year between the Oilmen and Vikings was suspended with the Oilmen leading 12-1 in the fifth inning at Hap Bruno Field. The game is expected to be resumed at a later date this season. The Oilmen hold a 22-18 lead in the all-time series with the Vikings.

### MLB Draft

The MLB First-Year Player Draft begins with the first two rounds on Thursday starting at 6 p.m. Central Time. Former Southland Viking Corey Ray is expected to be selected in the Top 10.

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home game

## 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  
 All-Time Team Record.....121-73, 105-70 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 78-34  
     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>TUESDAY:</b> Hounds 11, Bobcats 0 Oilmen 8, Lakers 6	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Bobcats 7, Hounds 1 Vikings 8, Admirals 5   Admirals 7, Vikings 0 Oilmen 9, Lakers 5
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m. Hounds at Bobcats, ppd. Admirals at Lakers, 7:20 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m. Admirals at Bobcats, 7:30 p.m. Vikings at Lakers, 7:20 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
Bloomington Bobcats	6	2	.750	---	W1
DC Hounds	7	4	.636	0.5	L1
Joliet Admirals	5	6	.455	2.5	W1
Southland Vikings	4	5	.444	2.5	L1
NWI Oilmen	4	6	.400	3	W3
Lakers	2	5	.286	3.5	L5

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
11	Luke Jaksich	L/L	6-1	160	Saint Joseph's College	St. John, 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.
25	Jordan Petty	R/R	6-2	175	Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
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.
29	Braden Niksich	R/R	6-3	190	Illinois State	Hobart, Ind.
31	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, 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
8	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
3	Cory Krolkowski	L/R	5-8	190	Minnesota Duluth	Bartlett, Ill.
14	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	5-10	190	St. Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
21	Tyler Sroczynski	R/R	6-2	205	Trinity Christian	Dyer, 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.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Chase Dawson	L/R	5-10	170	Valparaiso	Chesterton, Ind.
7	Bo Fletcher	R/R	6-0	180	Alcorn State	Chicago, Ill.
9	Tommy Szczasny	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, 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 Southland Vikings

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Southern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
	Nelson Munoz	R/R		205	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.
	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	175	Rend Lake College	Frankfort, Ill.
	Mario Samuel	L/L	6-0	195	Wisconsin Parkside	Bollingbrook, Ill.
	Brandon Williams	R/R	6-3	190	Northern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
	Phil Madvek	R/R	6-4		Purdue Calumet	Hobart, Ind.
	Joey Callahan	R/R	5-11	170	Rose Huleman	Plainfield, Ill.
5	Jaylin Davis				Triton College	
10	Michael Shereryk	L/L	6-1	220	SIU-Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
21	Collin Bauer					
22	Xavier Luna	R/R	6-2	180	Goshen	Logansport, Ind.
29	Wade Davis	R/R	6-5	220	St. Joseph College	New Lenox, Ill.
31	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois	Crete, Ill.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-10	160	Purdue Calumet	Portage, Ind.
14	Brock Crews	R/R	6-0	175	Purdue Calumet	Manteno, Ill.

## INFELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Mike McGee	R/R	5-9	168	Oakland	Plainfield, Ill.
	Greg Wymer	R/R	6-2	215	St. Ambrose	New Lenox, Ill.
8	Jalin McMillan	R/R	6-2	195	University of Illinois	Chicago, Ill.
11	Austin Blazevic	L/R	6-3	185	Kaskaskia	Plainfield, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Amir Wright	L/L	5-11	160	St. Joseph's College	Griffith, Ind.
2	Tyler Crussen	L/R	5-8	160	Purdue Calumet	Valparaiso, Ind.
4	Raphe Gross	S/L	5-11	172		Simeon, Ill.
20	Nick Wheeler	R/R	6-0	205	Grambling State	Mount Carmel, Ill.
23	Aaron Fuller	R/R	6-0	195	John A. Logan College	New Lenox, Ill.

Manager - John Ely | Assistant Coach - Marvin Freeman

# 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>
Tommy Szczasny	1.000	3	3	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	0
Chase Dawson	.556	9	5	0	1	3	.667	.600	1
Stefano Belmonte	.400	15	6	1	5	4	.600	.412	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.333	21	7	0	3	6	.381	.500	0
Tyler Sroczyński	.333	18	6	1	4	7	.556	.429	0
Cory Krolikowski	.308	26	8	0	3	3	.346	.379	1
Bo Fletcher	.300	10	3	0	0	1	.300	.300	0
Brad Bohlen	.292	24	7	0	3	0	.316	.346	0
Jimmy Govern	.292	24	7	0	8	4	.389	.478	2
Jake Perreira	.250	28	7	0	5	4	.393	.313	4
Josh Fewell	.233	30	7	0	2	1	.300	.343	2
Zack Forney	.231	13	3	0	2	5	.385	.524	0
Jordan Flint	.190	21	4	0	3	4	.190	.217	0
Josh Mutter	.167	6	1	0	0	1	.167	.375	0
Chris Baker	.154	13	2	1	4	3	.385	.389	0
Alex Nisle	.143	28	4	0	1	5	.143	.294	0
Blake Cleveland	.111	9	1	0	0	0	.111	.273	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.269</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>.346</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>PITCHING STATS</b>									
<b>NAME</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>BAA</b>
Braden Niksich	0	0	0	1.0	0.00	1	2	2.00	.250
Hunter Clark	0	0	0	4.0	0.00	5	4	1.75	.133
James Whiteman	0	0	1	5.0	0.00	3	8	1.20	.167
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	3.0	0.00	2	4	1.00	.091
Richard Yelnick	1	0	0	5.0	1.80	0	3	1.60	.364
Max Siedecki	0	1	0	11.0	2.46	2	8	1.00	.220
Christian Howell	1	0	0	12.1	3.65	8	10	1.30	.178
Clay Keltner	0	1	0	9.2	3.72	3	10	1.45	.289
Jamary McKinney	0	0	0	4.2	3.86	8	4	2.57	.222
Reggie Johnson	0	2	0	9.0	4.00	4	11	1.56	.278
Eric Frontzak	1	1	0	3.2	4.91	4	7	3.00	.333
Luke Jaksich	0	0	0	5.0	7.20	3	8	2.00	.304
Josh Mutter	0	1	0	1.2	27.00	2	1	3.00	.375
Jordan Petty	-	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
Sam Geraci	-	-	-	-	---	-	-	---	---
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>3.60</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>.247</b>