



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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**SATURDAY'S GAME:**  
NWI Oilmen (15-10)  
at DuPage County Hounds (17-9)

July 11 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Lemont, Ill.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB  
Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

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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
6/27	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 10-0
6/28	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 13-0
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 6-5
7/1	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 11-2
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 4-3
7/3	@ Lexington Snipes	L 7-3
7/4	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 7-5
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-1
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	----
7/9	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 7-5
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 5-4
7/11	@ DuPage County Hounds	1 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 (DH)	TBD
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 Oilmen have lost three out of four for the first time this season. Nine of their 10 losses have come by two runs or fewer. Half of their losses have come against the Michigan City Lakers. Half of Michigan City's wins have come against the Oilmen. When Jeremy Wright left Friday's game with an injury, the Oilmen were forced to bring relief pitcher Hunter Clark into the game in left field due to a lack of available position players. Clark went 1-for-2, lining a solid single up the middle in the eighth to continue a trend of offensive success for Oilmen pitchers. The last time a player normally only used on the mound was forced to take an at-bat, it was Jimmy McNamara, who laid down an RBI bunt single against DuPage County on July 13, 2014. The Oilmen lost the designated hitter that night after Andrew Ray was ejected and DH Alec Ornelas had to come in to catch.

### Inside The Oilmen

For the first time this season, the Oilmen are more than one game out of first place. Also for the first time this year, the Oilmen and Hounds hook up with first place not hanging in the balance. The Oilmen go with Brian Jestic on the mound against DuPage County. He has worked eight innings in each of his last two outings, blanking the Southland Vikings to the tune of no runs on two hits, before yielding five runs (four earned) on nine hits against the Michigan City Lakers. He has not pitched against the Hounds yet this season. Jestic tossed a shutout inning in Tuesday's All-Star Game at Oil City Stadium. Christian Howell, normally a starting pitcher, heaved five innings and yielded just one unearned run in relief of Brandon Murray on Thursday against Southland. He may be available out of the Oilmen bullpen on Saturday.

### Inside the Hounds

The Hounds and Oilmen had been within one game of each other the entire season up until last night's DuPage County win and Oilmen loss. Now with slight breathing room, the Hounds have a chance to build their lead to 2 ½ games with a home victory on Saturday. The Oilmen will be again be opposed by Hounds ace Tom Concklin, who has a 1.57 ERA in 28 2/3 innings. He has issued six walks and struck out 13. Concklin has already pitched twice against the Oilmen this season, holding them to an unearned run in five innings on June 11 and two runs on three hits in six innings on July 2.

### About the Matchup

The last meeting between the Oilmen and Hounds featured a dramatic finish, with the Oilmen scoring twice in the ninth to walk-off with a 4-3 win. The all-time series between the two rivals, which dates back to the first game in franchise history for both squads in 2012, is split right down the middle, with each team holding 15 victories over the other. The Oilmen are 4-1 against DuPage County this season and can secure the season series with a win on Saturday. That would allow the Oilmen to hold the tiebreaker over the Hounds should the two teams finish deadlocked in the standings.

## 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.....105-59, 90-56 in MCL Games  
     Home Record.....66-30  
     Road Record.....39-28  
 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, a rotating cast of color commentators will handle games, including Brandon Pavlina (road games) and former Oilmen pitcher Andrew Lowe (select 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>THURSDAY:</b> Vikings 7, Oilmen 5 Admirals 6, Lakers 2	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Admirals 2, Vikings 1 Lakers 5, Oilmen 4 Hounds 10, Snipes 6
<b>SATURDAY:</b> Oilmen at Hounds, 1 p.m. Admirals at Snipes, 1 p.m. Vikings at Lakers, 1 p.m.	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Oilmen at Snipes, 1 p.m. Hounds at Vikings, 1 p.m. Admirals at Lakers, 1 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	17	9	.654	---	W2
NWI Oilmen	15	10	.600	1.5	L2
Lexington Snipes	15	11	.577	2	L1
Joliet Admirals	9	12	.429	5.5	W2
Michigan City Lakers	10	17	.370	7.5	W1
Southland Vikings	7	14	.333	7.5	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
7	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, 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.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
45/28	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.
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.
30	Alec Barnhart	L/R	6-0	190	St. Xavier / Trinity Christian	Hometown, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

# 2015 DuPage County Hounds

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Chris Graziloi	R/R	5-8	150	St. Mary's	Lockport, Ill.
6	Nick Masa	R/R	5-8	180	Illinois-Chicago	HOmer Glen, Ill.
11	DJ Eckert	R/R	6-3	200	St. Joseph's	Danville, Ind.
15	Nick McKinney	R/R	6-2	170	Joliet Junior College	Naperville, Ill.
16	Ryan Taylor	R/R	6-0	200	Heartland	Downers Grove, Ill.
23	Mike Kornacker	R/R	6-3	210	Purdue	Lemont, Ill.
28	Nick Costantino	R/R	6-2	175	Drury	Algonquin, Ill.
32	Ethan Gasbarro	R/R	6-0	165	Valparaiso	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
33	Jimmy Ward	R/R	6-3	175	Evansville	Hanover Park, Ill.
35	Nick Alfini	L/L	6-1	195	St. Ambrose	Downers Grove, Ill.
37	Tom Concklin	R/R	6-5	205	Washington and Lee University	Hinsdale, Ill.
45	Tyler Jandron	R/L	6-1	170	UW-Parkside	Negaunee, Mich.
50	Trent Carrier	R/R	6-3	190	Holy Names	Anaheim, Calif.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Danny Riley	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois-Chicago	Naperville, Ill.
7	Billy Hayes				Lake County	Lemont, Ill.
24	Mike Roberson	R/R	6-0	205	Ball State	Bartlett, Ill.
25	Hunter Morris	L/R	5-10	195	Eastern Illinois	Paris, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Richie Gorski	R/R	6-2	200	Missouri Southern	Streamwood, Ill.
4	Ryan Fitzgerald	L/R	6-0	180	Creighton University	Bur Ridge, Ill.
10	Matt Wollnik	R/R	5-10	170	Webster University	Naperville, Ill.
18	Bobby Wenthe	L/L	6-1	220	Eastern Illinois	Teutopolis, Ill.
21	Dustin Krob	R/R	5-11	170	Campbell University	Justice, Ill.
42	Michael Wisz	R/R	6-3	225	Houston	Lemont, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Johnny Peltz	R/R	6-3	213	Wheaton	Wheaton, Ill.
12	Joe Duncan	R/R	6-2	185	Eastern Illinois	Highland, Ind.
14	Shane Carrier	R/R	6-1	215	Fullerton Junior College	Anaheim Hills, Calif.
19	Emerson Misch	R/L	6-0	195	Valparaiso	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
22	Zac Taylor	R/R	6-1	185	Houston	Downers Grove, Ill.

Manager - Sean Osborne | Assistant Coaches - Ben Caple, Rick Panek