



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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MONDAY'S GAME:

Lexington Snipes (16-11)

at NWI Oilmen (15-12)

July 13 - 6:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.

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	L 13-4
7/12	@ Lexington Snipes	L 8-6
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 dropped four straight games for the first time since 2012. They are winless since the All-Star Break and have lost six of their last seven. Tyler Sroczynski snapped out of a 2-for-14 slump with three hits, including a two-run homer, on Sunday in Lexington. It was Sroczynski's second home run this season. Sam Geraci also launched his second, just two days after cracking his first. With Sunday's two home runs, the Oilmen have established the franchise record for team home runs in a single season. They have 11 home runs, surpassing the 10 total long balls from the 2012 campaign. The Oilmen have committed seven errors and issued 12 walks in the last two games.

Inside The Oilmen

Stefano Belmonte continued his torrid stretch with two hits on Sunday. His average is up to a team-high .378 while he continues to lead the league in runs batted in with 24. Nobody else on the team has more than 13 runs driven in. Josh Turnock has quietly grabbed the team lead in on-base percentage at .464. The Eastern Illinois catcher also holds a .345 batting average. Despite their recent struggles, the Oilmen have still had a much-improved offensive season. They have eight players hitting .285 or better. A year ago, only two players (Craig Dedelow and Jason Gasser) hit above .290. As a team, the Oilmen are batting .295. Last year's team batting average was .249. Jimmy Skiff faces the Snipes again on Monday after allowing seven runs (three earned) in five innings on July 3, a 7-3 Lexington victory.

Inside the Snipes

The Snipes have won five of their last six, with their hot stretch coinciding with the Oilmen cold spell. That combination has allowed Lexington to take over second place in the Midwest Collegiate League. The Snipes hold a one-game lead over the Oilmen, who could draw even with a win on Monday. The Snipes received a strong pitching performance from Ross Learnard, who yielded one run on five hits in six innings while striking out four and walking one on Sunday. Cale Robinson enters Monday with a six-game hitting streak. Reid Birlingmair (1-0, 6.18 ERA) faces the Oilmen for the first time this season.

About the Matchup

The Snipes and Oilmen have played all five of the scheduled meetings in Lexington, but have not played any of the four games slated to take place at Oil City Stadium. Two games were rained out, including one that is scheduled to be made up on Monday. The Oilmen held a 2-0 lead in the season series, but the Snipes have since rattled off three straight head-to-head wins. The Oilmen lead the all-time series 14-8.

Around the MCL

The Admirals blanked the Lakers 9-0 on Saturday as Sean Renzi threw a complete-game shutout and struck out seven. DuPage County picked up its fourth straight victory, scoring four in the ninth to beat Southland 6-2.

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.....105-61, 90-58 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....66-30
 Road Record.....39-31
 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

SATURDAY: Hounds 13, Oilmen 4 Lakers 3, Vikings 1 Admirals at Snipes, ppd.	SUNDAY: Snipes 8, Oilmen 6 Admirals 9, Lakers 0 Hounds 6, Vikings, 2
MONDAY: Snipes at Oilmen, 6 p.m.	TUESDAY: Oilmen at Admirals, 5 p.m. Vikings at Snipes (doubleheader)

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	19	9	.679	---	W4
Lexington Snipes	16	11	.593	2.5	W1
NWI Oilmen	15	12	.556	3.5	L4
Joliet Admirals	10	12	.455	6	W3
Michigan City Lakers	11	18	.379	8.5	L1
Southland Vikings	7	16	.292	9.5	L3

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.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - 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 Coach - Darrin Frye