



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:

DuPage County Hounds (13-6)
at NWI Oilmen (13-6)

July 2 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

GAME

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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	7 p.m.
7/3	@ Lexington Snipes	5 p.m.
7/4	@ Michigan City Lakers	1 p.m.
7/5	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/7	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7 p.m.
7/8	@ Fort Wayne Jackers*	6:30 p.m.
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	5 p.m.
7/10	@ Michigan City Lakers	5 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 top three hitters in the league among those with enough plate appearances to qualify will all be in uniform on Thursday. Tyler Sroczyński leads the league in hitting at .426, followed by DuPage's Trent Carrier (.406) and NWI's Stefano Belmonte (.404). Belmonte's 21 runs batted in lead the league by a wide margin, with Jared McCunn of Lexington in second place with 15. NWI's Sam Geraci features the league's best on-base percentage at .485.

Inside The Oilmen

The Northwest Indiana Oilmen send Enrique Zamora to the mound for Thursday's game. He earned the win in his last start, a six-inning outing at Lexington on June 20 in which he allowed one run on six hits. He pitched an inning of relief on June 27 against Joliet due to the long layoff between starts. Zamora started against DuPage County on June 11, notching the win despite yielding three runs on nine hits in seven innings. Zamora has a 2.12 ERA in six games and holds a 2-0 record with two saves. He ranks second in the league in strikeouts with 20. Joe Jumonville is hitting .542 in his last six games. Brad Wood had a 10-game hitting streak snapped on Wednesday.

Inside the Hounds

The Hounds have the best team ERA in the league at 3.21, just ahead of Northwest Indiana's 3.22. The Hounds and Oilmen also rank one and two in the league in batting average, but in that category the two teams are flip-flopped. The Oilmen hold a league-best .303 average, while the Hounds stand at .293. DuPage County's Tom Concklin, an All-Star that ranks among the most effective pitchers in the MCL this season, will get the ball for manager Sean Osborne on Thursday. Concklin has worked 22 2/3 innings and holds a sparkling ERA of 1.19. He has issued four walks and struck out 17. Concklin faced the Oilmen on June 11 in Whiting, allowing only an unearned run on five hits and two walks while receiving no decision in an eventual 5-3 Oilmen win.

About the Matchup

First place has been on the line in all five meetings between the Oilmen and Hounds this season. Remarkably, the two teams have not been separated in the standings by more than one game at any point this summer. Thursday marks the first matchup between the two teams since June 18, when the Oilmen fell 4-3, their first loss to DuPage County this season. The Hounds hold a slim 15-14 lead in the all-time series against the Oilmen.

Around the MCL

Michigan City briefly climbed into fifth-place in the MCL this week, but Wednesday's loss to the Oilmen caused the Lakers to slide back into sixth. Nearing the season's midway point, it appears that Joliet, Michigan City and Southland are battling for the league's final playoff spot. The Vikings are within a game of the Admirals for fourth in the MCL.

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.....103-55, 89-52 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....64-28
 Road Record.....39-26
 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

TUESDAY: Lakers 6, Oilmen 5 Snipes 3, Vikings 2 Vikings 6, Snipes 5	WEDNESDAY: Vikings 6, Admirals 1 Vikings 5, Admirals 2 Hounds 8, Snipes 3 Oilmen 11, Lakers 2
THURSDAY: Admirals at Vikings, 5 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY: Hounds at Vikings, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Snipes, 5 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
NWI Oilmen	13	6	.684	---	W1
DC Hounds	13	6	.684	---	W2
Lexington Snipes	11	10	.524	3	L2
Joliet Admirals	6	9	.400	5	W1
Southland Vikings	6	11	.353	6	L1
Michigan City Lakers	7	14	.333	7	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
4	Brandon Barnes	R/R	6-1	185	Paradise Valley CC	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.
43	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland CC	New Lenox, Ill.
42	Hunter Clark	L/L	6-1	190	Eastern Illinois	Granger, Ind.
45 / 25	Christian Howell	R/R	6-1	165	Minnesota State	Aurora, Ill.
	Brandon Murray	R/R	6-4	200	South Carolina	Hobart, Ind.

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

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Matt Pobereyko, 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, Joe DeCeault, Rick Panek