



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2016 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (13-12)
at NWI Oilmen (14-14)

July 2- 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: NWIOilmen.com (pregame 7 p.m.)
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	W 15-4
6/10	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-5
6/11	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 10-9
6/12	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-2
6/15	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 4-3
6/16	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 17-1
6/17	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 13-2
6/18	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 9-5
6/19	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 14-6
6/22	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	ppd
6/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 8-5
6/24	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 7-6
6/25	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-0
6/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 9-3
6/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 7-4
6/28	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 13-4
6/29	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 9-3
6/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	L 5-1
7/1	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 3-2
7/2	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/4	U.S. MILITARY ALL-STAR*	3 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 Oilmen fell to 1-12 when scoring fewer than six runs with Friday's 3-2 loss to DuPage County. They also dropped to 1-1 this season and 4-10 all-time in extra innings. Both of this year's extra inning affairs have come in 11 innings against the Hounds. Saturday will mark the 10th consecutive game day for the Oilmen and complete a stretch of 10 games in 10 days. They will have the next three days off from MCL play with a game against the U.S. Military All-Stars on Monday sandwiched between off days Sunday and Tuesday. This marks the first time in franchise history the Oilmen have played 10 straight days without a day off. They've been scheduled to do so before, but have always ended up with days off due to rainouts. They've also played 10 games in 10 days on multiple occasions, but those have always included off days and doubleheaders.

Inside The Oilmen

Oilmen starting pitcher Clay Keltner is 3-1 with a 1.35 ERA in five games. His ERA leads the Oilmen starting staff. Keltner has issued nine walks and recorded 16 strikeouts in 26 2/3 innings. In his last outing, the Cornerstone right-hander beat the Vikings with seven shutout innings and yielded only four hits. Speaking of strong ERAs, it doesn't get any better than Oilmen lefty Hunter Clark, who hasn't allowed an earned run in 16 1/3 innings. James Whiteman has also been effective, allowing just one earned run in 10 2/3 innings out of the Oilmen bullpen. Chase Dawson reached base four times on Friday, while Marshawn Taylor was the only NWI player with two hits. Chris Baker snapped a 1-for-22 slump with his first-inning single on Friday and later drove in a run with a sacrifice fly. Stefano Belmonte singled in the third to end a rare 0-for-14 cold spell. Christian Howell delivered his best start of the year and now leads the team in strikeouts with 25.

Inside the Vikings

Like the Oilmen, the Vikings are looking to bounce back from a low-scoring loss. They fell to the Lakers 3-1 on Friday night. Southland holds a 1/2 game lead on the Oilmen for third place in the MCL. The Vikings are one game behind second-place Joliet and 1 1/2 games in back of the league-leading Hounds. The rest of the league is off on Saturday, so the winner of the Oilmen/Vikings game will gain ground in the standings. The Vikings trot Colin Brauer to the mound for his fourth game and second start. He's 1-0 with a 2.92 ERA while allowing four walks and striking out 12 in 12 1/3 innings. Brauer worked two scoreless innings against the Oilmen on June 23. He also pitched against the Oilmen on June 4 at Hap Bruno, when the Oilmen scored 12 runs against him in five innings before the game was suspended by rain. Southland has already surpassed its win total from all of last season.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen prevailed 10-0 when the two teams met a week ago. This marks the sixth meeting of the year between the two squads with the Vikings owning wins in three of the first five. There are a total of 13 scheduled meetings between the two teams this season. The Oilmen lead the all-time series 24-21.

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.....131-81, 115-78 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 88-42
 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, Payton 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

THURSDAY: Vikings 10, Hounds 8 Lakers 5, Oilmen 1	FRIDAY: Oilmen 3, Hounds 2 Lakers 3, Vikings 1
SATURDAY: Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	SUNDAY: Bobcats at Vikings, 1 p.m. Hounds at Lakers (DH), 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	15	11	.577	---	W1
Joliet Admirals	15	13	.536	1	L5
Southland Vikings	13	12	.520	1.5	L1
NWI Oilmen	14	14	.500	2	L2
Bloomington Bobcats	10	13	.435	3.5	L7
Lakers	10	14	.417	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
1	Reggie Johnson	R/R	6-2	175	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
10	Richard Yelnick	L/L	6-2	190	Parkland / Trinity Christian	New Lenox, Ill.
11	Luke Jaksich	L/L	6-1	160	Saint Joseph's College	St. John, Ind.
13	Jay Gutierrez	R/R	6-1	200	Olney Central / McKendree	Oak Lawn, Ill.
16	Jamary McKinney	R/R	6-1	200	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
18	Sam Geraci	R/R	5-10	180	Parkland / Illinois Springfield	Steger, 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.
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 Krolukowski	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.
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.
30	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.
45	Jimmy Govern	R/R	5-11	175	Eastern Illinois	Libertyville, Ill.

2016 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Jaylin Davis	L/L	5-8	160	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
10	Michael Shereryk	L/L	6-1	220	SIU-Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
21	Collin Brauer				College of DuPage	
22	Xavier Luna	R/R	6-2	180	Goshen	Logansport, Ind.
26	Parker Coleman	R/R	5-11	180	Roosevelt	Flossmoor, Ill.
27	Mario Samuel	L/L	6-0	195	Wisconsin Parkside	Bollingbrook, Ill.
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.
31	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Southern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	175	Rend Lake College	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Phil Madvek	R/R	6-4	200	Purdue Calumet	Hobart, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-10	160	Purdue Calumet	Portage, Ind.
19	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	209	Georgia Gwinett	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Jalin McMillan	R/R	6-2	195	University of Illinois	Chicago, Ill.
9	Austin Lorenz	R/R	5-10	180	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.
11	Austin Blazevic	L/R	6-3	185	Kaskaskia	Plainfield, Ill.
12	Mitch VanKoevering	R/R	6-1	170	Kalamazoo College	La Grange Park, Ill.
24	Lucas Karz	R/R	6-2	220	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

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

HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Marshawn Taylor	.385	26	10	0	7	5	.462	.448	2
Chase Dawson	.382	68	26	0	8	20	.500	.506	6
Tommy Szczasny	.381	63	24	1	21	13	.566	.447	4
Stefano Belmonte	.338	68	23	1	18	11	.412	.400	2
Chase Fieldhouse	.333	54	18	0	9	15	.370	.519	2
Tyler Sroczynski	.333	72	24	2	11	26	.514	.430	5
Zack Forney	.316	57	18	0	11	19	.386	.467	2
Cory Krolkowski	.304	52	17	0	7	10	.357	.381	1
Jimmy Govern	.292	24	7	0	8	4	.389	.478	2
Chris Baker	.274	62	17	1	13	12	.355	.397	2
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Jordan Flint	.260	73	19	0	11	17	.301	.345	3
Alex Nisle	.250	60	15	0	11	13	.300	.410	3
Brad Bohlen	.250	36	9	0	6	1	.278	.325	1
Blake Cleveland	.214	28	6	0	2	1	.214	.353	0
Jake Perreira	.210	62	13	0	8	8	.290	.342	5
Josh Mutter	.200	20	4	0	2	2	.250	.304	1
Bo Fletcher	.195	41	7	0	4	7	.220	.214	1
Josh Fewell	.179	56	10	0	6	6	.179	.313	2
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.288	940	271	5	169	193	.365	.399	45

PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	0	1	16.1	0.00	12	11	1.29	.155
James Whiteman	0	1	1	10.2	0.84	6	15	1.69	.250
Clay Keltner	3	1	0	26.2	1.35	9	16	1.24	.240
Richard Yelnick	2	1	0	24.0	1.50	7	22	1.13	.215
Braden Niksich	0	1	1	11.0	1.64	7	11	1.27	.179
Sam Geraci	2	0	0	14.1	1.88	4	9	1.19	.224
Max Siedecki	1	1	0	27.0	2.00	13	18	1.50	.236
Christian Howell	2	1	0	29.2	3.34	19	25	1.32	.180
Luke Jaksich	2	0	0	20.1	4.43	18	20	1.92	.266
Jordan Petty	0	0	1	8.0	4.50	2	6	1.50	.286
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	7.0	5.14	6	4	2.14	.300
Eric Frontzak	1	2	0	13.1	5.40	7	9	2.03	.313
Reggie Johnson	0	4	0	23.1	5.79	16	20	2.14	.346
Jamary McKinney	0	0	0	7.1	6.13	13	6	2.73	.250
Josh Mutter	0	1	0	2.0	31.50	6	1	4.50	.300
TEAM STATS	14	14	4	241.0	3.14	145	181	1.56	.241