



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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## THURSDAY'S GAMES:

Southland Vikings (16-21)  
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (23-18)

July 21 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
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## 2016 Schedule

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
6/2	@ 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	W 12-1
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
6/23	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	L 2-0
7/4	U.S. MILITARY ALL-STARS*	L 4-3
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	W 8-5
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	W 6-1
7/7	@ Bloomington Bobcats	W 7-3
7/8	@ DuPage County Hounds	W 7-1
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	W 16-0
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-5
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 6-1
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 11-5
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 6-4
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	W 11-2
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	L 4-3
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 saw a three-run lead slip away as they fell to the Lakers 4-3 in the second game of a doubleheader on Wednesday. Northwest Indiana did capture an 11-2 victory in the opener to notch a split in the twin bill. The Oilmen have lost three of four and find themselves in need of a win entering Thursday's game against the Vikings. The Oilmen and Vikings have split the first 10 meetings of the year right down the middle. The Oilmen lead the all-time series 27-23.

## Inside the Oilmen

Tyler Sroczyński struck out twice in Wednesday's second game, just his third two-strikeout game in his 60-game Oilmen career. The last time he struck out twice was in his season debut at Bloomington on June 2. Marshawn Taylor had a much-needed two-hit game in Wednesday's opener. After hitting .385 over his first six games, Taylor entered Wednesday hitting .097 over his last seven. Chase Fieldhouse was hit by a pitch in both games of Wednesday's doubleheader. Fieldhouse has been hit by a pitch nine times this season, tying the franchise record that was set by Elliot Bajda in 2012 and matched by Fred Smart in 2015. Fieldhouse's first seven hit by pitches came in his first 12 games of the year. Before Wednesday, he hadn't been hit since June 17. In Wednesday's second game, all nine hitters in the Oilmen order were either walked or hit by a pitch. Sroczyński is up to 19 stolen bases for the season, three away from Jack Czeszewski's franchise record. Stefano Belmonte has 41 hits, nine away from Leiff Clarkson's franchise record. The Oilmen are 25-3 when scoring six runs or more, but just 1-15 when scoring five runs or fewer. Stefano Belmonte is hitting .535 against the Vikings this season. Luke Jaksich will make the start on Thursday against the Vikings after pitching four strong innings in relief of Clay Keltner on Saturday against Southland. He allowed one run on three hits and three walks over four frames in the July 16 game to keep the contest competitive. Jaksich has a 3-0 record and 3.38 ERA over 29 1/3 innings this season. This marks his third start of the year with the Oilmen beating the Lakers in each of his first two. His most recent start was June 29.

## Inside the Vikings

The Vikings are coming off a 5-4 loss to Joliet on Wednesday night. They led 2-0 and 3-2, but the Admirals took the lead for good with two in the sixth and one in the seventh. Colin Brauer took the loss after allowing four runs (two earned) on three hits and seven walks in six innings. Jalin McMillan, Austin Blazevec and Austin Lorenz all had two-hit games in the defeat. McMillan is among the hottest hitters in the MCL with hits in nine straight games and multiple hits in seven of nine. He is hitting .525 during that nine-game stretch and .706 in his last four games. For Lorenz, the two-hit game was much needed as he was 1-for-29 (.034 AVG) over his last nine games entering Wednesday. Blazevec has been hot of late with multiple hits in four of his last five. He is hitting .650 (13-for-20) in the last five games. Nine of Mitch Van Koevering's 19 hits this season have come against the Oilmen. Starting pitcher Xavier Luna is 2-1 with a 9.12 ERA in 11 games totaling 24 2/3 innings. This will be his third start of the year. This will be his fifth game against the Oilmen this season. He threw an inning of relief and hit three straight batters on July 14, allowing two runs on one hit and one walk.

## 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 (1,500)  
 Stadium Address.....1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394  
 Manager..... Adam Enright  
 All-Time Team Record.....139-86, 123-82 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 91-46  
     Road Record.....49-39  
 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

<b>TUESDAY:</b> Admirals 15, Vikings 4 Hounds 2, Bobcats 1	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Oilmen 11, Lakers 2   Lakers 4, Oilmen 3 Admirals 4, Vikings 3 Hounds 10, Bobcats 2   Bobcats 4, Hounds 2
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Hounds at Bobcats, 5:30 p.m. Admirals at Lakers, 7:20 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Admirals at Bobcats, 5:30 Vikings at Lakers, 7:20 Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
Joliet Admirals	23	15	.605	---	W7
DC Hounds	23	17	.575	1	L1
NWI Oilmen	23	18	.561	1.5	L1
Southland Vikings	16	21	.432	6.5	L2
Bloomington Bobcats	15	20	.429	6.5	W1
Lakers	14	23	.378	8.5	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
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 Northwest	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.
	DJ Budde	R/R	5-10	165	Trinity Christian	Wilmington, 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.
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.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

# 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	R/R	5-11	170	College of DuPage	New Lenox, Ill.
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	Bolingbrook, 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 - Jabari Brown

# 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

Produced by: David Bork, Director of Statistics

## HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Stefano Belmonte	.406	101	41	1	23	24	.485	.480	5
Chase Dawson	.379	95	36	0	15	27	.516	.482	7
Tommy Szczasny	.351	97	34	2	26	22	.526	.441	7
Tyler Sroczyński	.345	110	38	5	22	43	.627	.451	10
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.318	88	28	0	17	21	.375	.479	5
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Chris Baker	.307	88	27	1	19	21	.398	.452	3
Zack Forney	.301	83	25	1	12	25	.410	.454	4
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Cory Krolkowski	.279	69	19	0	8	12	.324	.372	1
Jordan Flint	.273	99	27	0	15	22	.323	.381	5
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Marshawn Taylor	.250	60	15	0	11	10	.300	.303	3
Alex Nisle	.241	83	20	0	15	15	.289	.402	4
Josh Mutter	.234	47	11	0	8	7	.277	.333	2
Blake Cleveland	.227	44	10	0	4	3	.227	.358	0
Bo Fletcher	.222	63	14	0	4	9	.238	.246	1
Jake Perreira	.205	88	18	2	16	11	.330	.321	5
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.294</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>.390</b>	<b>.405</b>	<b>70</b>

## PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	1	2	23.0	0.78	18	20	1.39	.169
Braden Niksich	0	1	2	16.1	1.10	11	14	1.29	.172
Jordan Petty	3	0	1	23.0	2.35	11	23	1.35	.227
Sam Geraci	5	0	0	30.1	2.37	5	17	1.06	.227
Richard Yelnick	2	2	0	34.0	2.38	12	30	1.32	.246
James Whiteman	0	1	2	12.2	2.84	8	17	1.82	.273
Christian Howell	4	1	0	43.2	2.89	25	34	1.30	.195
Max Siedecki	2	1	0	39.0	3.00	17	24	1.51	.264
Clay Keltner	3	3	0	37.2	3.35	14	26	1.41	.262
Luke Jaksich	3	0	0	29.1	3.38	23	29	1.67	.222
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	11.0	4.09	6	5	1.91	.306
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	7.36	14	6	3.14	.300
Josh Mutter	0	1	0	2.0	31.50	6	1	4.50	.300
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>346.0</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>.244</b>

## SOUTHLAND VIKINGS STATS

### HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Jabari Brown	.444	9	4	0	2	0	.556	.444	1
Tyler Ward	.375	8	3	0	2	0	.500	.500	1
Amir Wright	.368	87	32	0	10	21	.402	.452	3
Jalin McMillian	.349	129	45	1	18	27	.429	.450	4
Austin Blazevic	.336	122	41	0	26	11	.410	.445	9
Jaylin Davis	.333	27	9	0	4	1	.333	.438	0
Raphe Gross	.321	28	9	0	4	7	.357	.444	0
Tyler Crussen	.290	93	27	0	10	18	.301	.371	1
Greg Alexander	.286	14	4	0	1	2	.357	.267	1
Nick Wheeler	.276	123	34	1	22	19	.333	.350	4
Hunter Thorn	.275	80	22	1	13	17	.362	.385	4
Alex Lugo	.256	39	10	0	6	2	.333	.341	3
Mitch Van Koeving	.247	77	19	0	6	8	.273	.344	2
Aaron Fuller	.207	121	25	0	16	16	.240	.274	2
Xavier Luna	.200	20	4	0	1	3	.200	.273	0
Colin Brauer	.186	43	8	0	4	6	.233	.280	2
Austin Lorenz	.178	90	16	0	12	17	.211	.299	3
Lucas Karz	.113	71	8	0	6	16	.169	.357	2
Brock Crews	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Jake Hickey	.000	6	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.269</b>	<b>1191</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>.322</b>	<b>.366</b>	<b>43</b>

### PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Brian Musidak	2	1	0	8.0	0.00	1	6	1.13	.258
Alex Lesiak	0	1	2	8.0	1.13	4	8	1.50	.214
Josh Hart	0	0	1	10.0	2.70	8	9	1.50	.206
Lucas Karz	0	0	0	6.0	3.00	4	9	1.67	.250
Parker Coleman	0	0	0	6.0	4.50	4	4	1.83	.269
Mario Samuel	2	2	0	37.0	4.62	17	21	1.62	.361
Robbie Nunn	2	4	0	30.1	5.63	29	16	1.75	.207
Michael Shereyk	2	3	0	37.0	5.84	15	17	1.95	.324
Colin Brauer	2	2	0	37.1	6.03	25	28	1.90	.299
John Swisher	0	1	0	7.0	6.43	4	10	1.86	.300
Matt Ittersagen	1	0	0	8.0	9.00	7	5	1.75	.241
Xavier Luna	2	1	0	24.2	9.12	21	26	2.27	.313
Phil Madvek	2	2	0	20.0	9.45	8	7	2.05	.388
Wade Davis	0	2	0	21.0	10.29	26	11	2.71	.344
Jaylin Davis	0	0	1	14.2	10.43	14	13	2.67	.362
Ty Towers	0	0	0	2.0	13.50	1	1	3.00	.500
Brock Crews	0	0	0	1.0	27.00	1	2	5.00	.500
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>290.0</b>	<b>6.36</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>1.92</b>	<b>.304</b>