



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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## FRIDAY'S GAME:

DuPage County Hounds (23-18)  
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (24-18)

July 22 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM  
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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	W 6-2
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

## For Starters

The Oilmen improved to 8-0 all-time in weather-shortened games with a 6-2, five-inning win over Southland on Thursday. Friday's game is another important one in the league standings, with the second-place Oilmen one game behind first-place Joliet and ½ game ahead of third-place DuPage County. Elsewhere, Bloomington took a one-game lead over Southland for the fourth and final playoff spot by virtue of Thursday's results. Friday's scheduled game between Joliet and Bloomington has been postponed, so the Oilmen can pull to within ½ game of the Admirals with a win.

## Inside the Oilmen

Jordan Flint enjoyed his eighth multi-hit game of the season by going 2-for-2 on Wednesday. Chris Baker drew his 26th base on balls to draw within four walks of Jack Czeszewski's single-season franchise record established in 2013. While records for batting average, walks, hit by pitches, stolen bases, ERA, home runs and runs scored are all either being threatened or already shattered, there are some Oilmen records that will not be touched this season. Matt Pobereyko's 13 saves in 2014 and 18 career saves may be the MCL's version of Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. The mark is unlikely to ever be broken and won't this season, as Braden Niksich, Hunter Clark and James Whiteman share the team lead in saves with two apiece. Joliet's Jordan Miller leads the league with six. Enrique Zamora's strikeout record of 55 will likely stand as no Oilmen pitcher has more than 34. Sam Geraci is 5-0, but still two wins away from Danny Britt's franchise record of seven that has stood since the team's inaugural season in 2012. Friday marks an opportunity to get back on track for Oilmen starting pitcher Clay Keltner, who was tagged for nine earned runs on 11 hits in three innings against Southland on July 16. Overall, he's 3-3 with a 3.35 ERA, 14 walks and 26 strikeouts in 37 2/3 innings spanning seven starts. He allowed nine earned runs in three innings after allowing five earned runs in his first 34 2/3 innings this season, beefing his ERA from 1.30 to 3.35.

## Inside the Hounds

The Hounds are coming off a 4-3 loss to Bloomington on Thursday night. DuPage County tied the game at three when Ryan Krob cracked a two-run homer to left in the top of the ninth, but the Bobcats captured the victory when Nick Brunson drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth. The Hounds are 3-5 over their last eight games. Krob had two hits on Wednesday and has hits in five straight. Billy Hayes went 0-for-4 on Thursday and is 2-for-17 (.118) over his last five games. John Dreveny also went 0-for-4 and is 1-for-19 (.053) over his last five. Joe Engel has back-to-back hitless games after a 17-game hitting streak.

## About the Matchup

The Oilmen won the most recent meeting between the two teams 6-1 on June 15. This marks the penultimate regular season matchup, as the two squads face off once more on July 28. The Oilmen have won four of the first seven meetings and can clinch the head-to-head series over the Hounds for the second straight year with a win on Friday. DuPage County leads the all-time series 21-20.

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home game

## 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.....140-86, 124-82 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 92-46  
     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>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> Bobcats 3, Hounds 3 Admirals at Lakers, ppd. Oilmen 6, Vikings 2
<b>FRIDAY:</b> Admirals at Bobcats, ppd. Vikings at Lakers, 7:20 Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20	<b>SATURDAY:</b> Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
Joliet Admirals	23	15	.605	---	W7
NWI Oilmen	24	18	.571	1	W1
DC Hounds	23	18	.561	1.5	L2
Bloomington Bobcats	16	20	.444	6	W2
Southland Vikings	16	22	.421	7	L3
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.

## 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 DuPage County Hounds

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Christian Bockich	R/R	6-2	190	Lee University	Burr Ridge, Ill.
5	Joe Palasiewicz	R/R	6-4	220	Benedictine University	Somonauk, Ill.
8	Cole Berry	R/R	6-3	185	Eastern Illinois	St. Joseph, Ill.
10	Ben Simpson	R/R	5-11	140	Eastfield CC	Jennings, La.
14	Chase Lowman	R/R	6-2	195	College of DuPage	League City, Texas
15	Thomas Goodyear	R/R	6-2	165	Rockford University	Romeoville, Ill.
16	Austin Lukaschewski	R/R	5-11	175	University of Illinois Springfield	Troy, Mich.
28	Peter Hamot	R/R	6-4	190	Lewis University	Downers Grove, Ill.
32	Bryan Bund	R/L	6-2	180	Eastern Illinois	Lake Forest, Ill.
33	John Dreveny	R/R	6-3	201	Augustana College	Darien, Ill.
37	Tom Concklin	R/R	6-5	205	Washington and Lee	Hindsale, Ill.
45	Tony Iero	L/L	6-3	186	Ohio University	North Canton, Ohio

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Nick Blomgren	R/R	5-11	190	High Point University	Milton, Wis.
7	Billy Hayes	R/R	6-0	180	College of DuPage	Lemont, Ill.
23	Mike Roberson	R/R	6-0	205	Mesa CC	Bartlett, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
6	Chris Macahon	R/R	6-1	185	Mesa CC	Palatine, Ill.
9	Zach Girard	R/R	5-9	170	Wayne State University	Sleepy Hollow, Ill.
11	Joe Engel	R/R	5-11	165	Columbia University	Downers Grove, Ill.
19	Joey Roberson	L/L	6-0	185	Cleveland State CC	Bartlett, Ill.
21	Dustin Krob	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban CC	Justice, Ill.
25	Ryan Krob	R/R	5-11	185	University of Chicago	Justice, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Dane Toppel	R/R	5-9	150	Eastern Illinois	South Elgin, Ill.
3	Tyler Tesmond	R/R	6-0	205	Eastern Illinois	Naperville, Ill.
12	Eric Glitz	R/R	5-9	175	SIU Edwardsville	Warrenville, Ill.
22	Brandon Post	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Manager - Ben Caple | Assistant Coaches - Jordan Rodgers and Rick Panek

# 2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

Produced by: David Bork, Director of Statistics

## HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
DJ Budde	1.000	2	2	0	2	0	1.000	1.000	0
Stefano Belmonte	.394	104	41	1	23	25	.471	.469	5
Chase Dawson	.379	95	36	0	15	27	.516	.482	7
Tommy Szczasny	.350	100	35	2	27	23	.530	.438	8
Tyler Sroczynski	.336	113	38	5	22	44	.611	.441	10
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chase Fieldhouse	.318	88	28	0	17	21	.375	.479	5
Chris Baker	.311	90	28	1	20	21	.400	.458	3
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Zack Forney	.301	83	25	1	12	25	.410	.454	4
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Jordan Flint	.287	101	29	0	15	23	.337	.392	5
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Cory Krolikowski	.271	70	19	0	8	12	.314	.370	1
Marshawn Taylor	.261	61	16	0	11	12	.328	.324	4
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Alex Nisle	.235	85	20	0	15	15	.282	.400	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>1379</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>.391</b>	<b>.406</b>	<b>72</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
Luke Jaksich	4	0	0	34.1	2.88	24	34	1.49	.199
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
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>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>351.0</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>.242</b>

## DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS STATS

### HITTING STATS

NAME	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	OBP	2B
Chase Lowman	1.000	3	3	0	1	2	1.000	1.000	0
Cole Berry	.667	3	2	0	0	1	.667	.667	0
Chris Macahon	.364	22	8	0	3	3	.409	.462	1
Ryan Krob	.354	82	29	1	16	13	.439	.378	4
Dane Toppel	.348	112	39	0	11	29	.393	.452	5
Brandon Post	.339	127	43	2	26	27	.433	.422	2
Austin Lukaschewski	.333	3	1	0	2	0	.333	.333	0
Joe Engel	.322	121	39	3	17	32	.471	.413	5
Mike Roberson	.294	143	42	2	23	25	.427	.365	9
Dustin Krob	.275	51	14	0	5	12	.353	.393	4
Billy Hayes	.252	111	28	1	20	21	.324	.390	5
Tyler Tesmond	.250	128	32	2	30	19	.344	.365	6
Javier Martinez	.246	69	17	1	18	9	.362	.360	5
Nick Blomgren	.222	18	4	0	1	2	.222	.300	0
Eric Glitz	.221	68	15	0	11	11	.305	.293	2
Zach Girard	.220	82	18	1	7	19	.270	.324	2
Joey Roberson	.202	89	18	1	13	8	.270	.324	3
John Dreveny	.183	60	11	0	7	7	.233	.246	1
Matt Bottcher	.174	23	4	0	4	3	.261	.240	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.279</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>.377</b>	<b>.369</b>	<b>54</b>

### PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Ben Simpson	0	0	0	6.0	0.00	7	5	1.83	.250
Dane Toppel	0	0	0	1.0	0.00	0	0	0.00	.000
Nick Alfini	0	1	0	7.1	0.00	5	5	1.77	.267
Christian Bokich	2	1	1	30.0	2.10	17	26	1.33	.202
Peter Hamot	2	1	0	39.1	2.75	12	35	1.22	.238
John Dreveny	1	1	1	11.2	3.18	11	7	2.03	.480
Joey Roberson	3	1	0	32.1	3.34	16	15	1.52	.301
Chase Lowman	5	3	0	49.0	3.49	24	43	1.41	.278
Bryan Bund	2	2	2	34.1	4.46	31	33	1.72	.214
Thomas Goodyear	4	2	0	33.0	4.64	21	31	1.58	.246
Joe Palasiewicz	0	1	0	9.2	4.66	5	7	1.97	.326
Austin Lukaschewski	0	1	1	21.1	5.64	24	19	2.02	.263
Tony Iero	1	1	2	29.2	5.76	15	18	1.69	.282
Cole Berry	1	3	0	22.0	7.36	24	18	2.27	.277
Basil Arian	0	0	0	2.0	13.50	2	3	3.50	.417
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>329.1</b>	<b>3.99</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>.264</b>