



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (20-14)
at DuPage County Hounds (26-11)

GAME

36



July 23 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: None
Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

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	W 4-3
7/14	@ Joliet Admirals	PPD
7/15	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 8-4
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 4-3
7/17	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 1-0
7/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-1
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 8-1
7/22	LEXINGTON SNIPES	L 4-1
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 Hounds have become the first team in the Midwest Collegiate League to nail down a playoff spot, with the Oilmen and Snipes on the brink of following suit. The Oilmen lead the league in ERA at 3.40. Offense has been hard to come by, as the Oilmen have been limited to one run in three of the last four games. The Oilmen embark on a five-game Pierogi Fest road swing on Thursday. The Oilmen have lost six straight road games and are 6-8 away from Oil City Stadium this season after going 5-1 to start the year. The Oilmen are 8-8 in the month of July.

Inside The Oilmen

Stefano Belmonte has not driven in a run in his last four games. He still leads the league in RBIs at 26, but Lexington's Jared McCunn (25) and DuPage County's Trent Carrier (23) are hot on his tail. Fred Smart is one hit by pitch away from matching Elliot Bajda's single-season franchise record of nine that was established in 2012. Enrique Zamora has the best ERA in the MCL among starting pitchers at 1.99. He gets the ball on Thursday against the Hounds. In his last outing, Zamora set the Oilmen single-game franchise record for strikeouts with 11. He has a chance to etch his name on another line in the Oilmen record book on Thursday, as he is nine strikeouts away from matching Danny Pobereyko's single-season franchise record of 52. Zamora is the league leader in strikeouts with 43. He is 4-1 overall and 2-0 against the Hounds this season.

Inside the Hounds

Starting pitcher Joe Palasiewicz will be making his second start as a member of the Hounds. He has appeared in three games, and is 0-1 with a 2.00 ERA, one walk and 10 strikeouts. The right-handed hurler owned a 1-3 record with a 3.26 ERA in 14 games, three starts for Benedictine this spring. Palasiewicz's only MCL start came on July 16 against the Lakers, when he allowed two runs on seven hits in five innings. The Hounds saw a late rally come up short on Wednesday night. They scored twice in the eighth and twice in the ninth to whittle Southland's lead to two, but Ryan Fitzgerald lined out with the bases loaded in the top of the ninth to end the game. The Vikings posted their highest run total since June 20 to win 8-6.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen hold a 4-3 lead in the season series against the Hounds with one meeting remaining after Thursday. The Oilmen can clinch the season series with a win on Thursday. It would be the first time since the championship season of 2012 that the Oilmen have won the season set against the Hounds.

Around the MCL

The Admirals swept a doubleheader from the Lakers on Wednesday 3-0 and 10-2 to regain sole possession of fourth place in the standings.

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.....110-63, 94-60 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 71-32
 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

TUESDAY: Oilmen 8, Vikings 1 Hounds 15, Admirals 6 Hounds 7, Admirals 5	WEDNESDAY: Vikings 8, Hounds 6 Admirals 3, Lakers 0 Admirals 10, Lakers 2 Snipes 4, Oilmen 1
THURSDAY: Snipes at Vikings, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Hounds, 5 p.m.	FRIDAY: Hounds at Lakers, 5 p.m. Snipes at Vikings, 5 p.m. Oilmen at Admirals, 5 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
X DC Hounds	26	11	.702	---	L1
Lexington Snipes	21	14	.666	4	W1
NWI Oilmen	20	14	.588	4.5	L1
Joliet Admirals	13	20	.394	11	W1
Southland Vikings	11	21	.344	12.5	W1
Michigan City Lakers	11	22	.333	13	L5

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	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.
30	Joe Bryant	R/R			South Suburban	Munster, Ind.

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.
29	Kyle VanKalker	R/R	6-1		Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
36	Brad Wood	R/R	5-8	165	Northern Illinois	Orland Park, Ill.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coach - Aaron Furman

2015 DuPage County Hounds

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Danny Riley	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois-Chicago	Naperville, Ill.
3	Chris Graziloi	R/R	5-8	150	St. Mary's	Lockport, Ill.
5	Joe Palasiewicz	R/R	6-4	220	Benedictine	Somonauk, 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
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.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
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, Rick Panek