



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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### TUESDAY'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (12-25)

at NWI Oilmen (22-17)

July 28 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

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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	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	L 5-4
7/24	@ Joliet Admirals	L 10-0
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	W 10-0
7/25	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	W 13-1
7/26	@ Michigan City Lakers	L 6-2
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 Vikings needs to win to stay in the playoff race. If the Vikings win their remaining four games and the Admirals lose their last two, the Vikings would capture the final playoff spot. The Oilmen will finish either second or third in the Midwest Collegiate League. Their efforts are focused on catching the Lexington Snipes for home-field advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. The Oilmen need to win all five of their remaining games to overtake the Snipes for second place.

### Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen finished 8-11 on the road this season after starting 5-1. The road struggles make this week's games important as they attempt to nail down home-field advantage in the opening round of the playoffs. Sam Bell will make his first start in an Oilmen uniform on Tuesday night. The Munster graduate owns a 3.05 ERA in 20.2 innings this summer. He is 0-2, has walked five and has recorded 13 strikeouts. Bell will become the 10th different Oilmen pitcher to start a game this season. Starting is not foreign to Bell, who made seven starts for Marian this spring.

### Inside the Vikings

The Vikings pulled out an improbable victory over the Admirals on Sunday afternoon. Jeff Cardenas, normally an infielder, was the winning pitcher. He threw two scoreless innings. Three different position players pitched in the game for Southland. The Vikings had a 7-3 advantage going to the seventh inning, but then the Admirals grabbed the lead with a five-run frame. The Vikings responded with three of their own to regain the lead, then Southland added two more in the eighth and the Admirals scored twice in the ninth to cap a wild game. Chris Pikoulas was the offensive star, racking up four hits. The Vikings have allowed seven runs or more in five straight games.

### About the Matchup

The Oilmen lead the all-time series with the Vikings 21-18. They have dominated Southland this season, winning seven of the first eight meetings. Most recently, the Oilmen swept a doubleheader from the Vikings by a combined score of 23-1 on Saturday at Hap Bruno Field. Tyler Sroczyński had six hits and eight RBIs in the twin bill. This is the final meeting of the year between the two teams.

### Around the MCL

The DuPage County Hounds enter Tuesday needing two more wins to lock up the Midwest Collegiate League regular season title. At the midway point in the season it seemed to be a forgone conclusion that either the Oilmen or Hounds would place first in the league standings. Now, with less than a week to go in the regular season, the Snipes trail the Hounds by only two games. If the Hounds lose two of their next three, the Snipes would still have life for the top spot entering Friday's doubleheader with the Oilmen.

## 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.....112-66, 96-63 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 71-32  
     Road Record.....41-34  
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015  
 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

<b>SATURDAY:</b> Admirals 7, Hounds 2 Oilmen 10, Vikings 0   Oilmen 13, Vikings 4	<b>SUNDAY:</b> Snipes 14, Hounds 8 Vikings 12, Admirals 11 Lakers 6, Oilmen 2
<b>MONDAY:</b> Snipes 10, Admirals 7 Snipes 1, Admirals 1	<b>TUESDAY:</b> Hounds at Admirals, 5 p.m. Vikings at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
XY DC Hounds	28	13	.683	---	L2
X Lexington Snipes	15	14	.641	2	T1
X NWI Oilmen	22	17	.564	5	L1
Joliet Admirals	15	22	.405	11	T1
MC Lakers	12	23	.343	13	W1
Southland Vikings	12	25	.324	14	W1

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

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 Sroczyński	R/R	6-2	205	Wabash Valley / Trinity Christian	Dyer, Ind.
22	Donovan Chandler	R/L	5-8	155	Parkland College	Schererville, Ind.
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.
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 Southland Vikings Roster

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	John Swisher	L/L	5-10	165	Roosevelt University	Manhattan, Ill.
10	Michael Shereyk	L/R	6-0	205	SIU Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
17	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
18	Jordan Young	R/R	6-2	215	Vincennes	Lafayette, Ind.
19	Colton Lopez	L/L			Beloit	Chicago, Ill.
26	Trevor Henderson	L/L	6-4	230	Ball State	Plainfield, Ill.
27	Jalen Purchase	R/R			Joliet Junior College	Chicago, Ill.
28	Mitch Prickett	R/R	6-2	185	Purdue North Central	Yorkville, Ill.
32	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois University	Crete, Ill.
34	Matt Sandoval	R/R	6-1		Purdue Calumet	Highland, Ind.
45	Brian Henry	R/R	6-4	265	Illinois Wesleyan	Morris, Ill.

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Jake Hickey	R/R	6-0	199	South Suburban College	Frankfort, Ill.
10	Cam Adams	R/R	5-10	188	North Park	Johnsburg, Ill.
13	Quincy Jones	L/L	6-5	235	Southern	Southfield, Mich.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
15	Jacob Lane	R/R	6-4	190	Kankakee / Purdue North Central	Indianapolis, Ind.
5	Jeff Cardenas	L/R	5-11	185	Kankakee	Fort Wayne, Ind.
9	Kendall King	R/R	5-11	160	Western Illinois	Homewood, Ill.
13	Louis Avila	R/R	5-8	150	South Surban College	Flossmoor, Ill.
35	Chris Stevens	R/R	6-4	220	Eastern Mexico	Bolingbrook, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Cody Haver	R/R	6-0	195	Purdue North Central	Valparaiso, Ind.
20	Jordan Jackson	R/R	6-2	160	Oakland University	Chicago, Ill.
21	Tyler Johnson	R/R	5-9	160	Texas Southern	Chicago, Ill.
22	Matt Cole	R/R	6-1	195	Madison Tech	
24	Chris Pikoulas	R/R	6-2	235	Lewis	Frankfort, Ill.
38	Clark Brinkman	R/R	6-3	185	University of Dayton	Addison, Ill.