



Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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THURSDAY'S GAME:

DuPage County Hounds (28-19)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (26-20)

July 28 - 7:20 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM
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For Starters

With five games remaining in the regular season, the Oilmen control their own fate for the top spot in the Midwest Collegiate League. Thursday's game is vital, as the Oilmen would be eliminated from contention for the MCL regular season title with a loss. The Oilmen enter the day in second place, two games behind DuPage County for the league lead and ½ game ahead of Joliet for second. Thursday's game essentially represents a two-game swing in the standings. If the Oilmen win, they would not only gain a game, but would also own a potential head-to-head tiebreaker. Entering Thursday, the two teams have split the first eight meetings this season right down the middle. This marks the final home game of the regular season for the Oilmen as Pierogi Fest will invade 119th Street this weekend. Oil City Stadium will be used on Saturday for a performance by the Village People. The Oilmen are trying to win the season series against the Hounds for the second straight year. DuPage County leads the all-time series 22-20. They have split the first 40 all-time regular-season meetings right down the middle.

Inside the Oilmen

The Oilmen overcame five errors on Wednesday by racking up 17 hits in a 16-9 victory over the Lakers. Stefano Belmonte had three doubles and four hits to lead the way, his first three-double game in his 64-game Oilmen career. It was the fourth three-hit game of the year for Belmonte. Chris Baker drew two walks on Wednesday to boost his season total to 30, matching the franchise record set by Jack Czeszewski. Baker went 3-for-3 and reached base five times, notching his fifth game this season with three hits or more. Catcher Zack Forney posted his first three-hit performance of the summer. Tommy Szcasy is 8-for-19 (.421) in games against the Hounds this season. Tyler Sroczynski has four straight multi-hit games and is hitting .500 with nine RBIs during that stretch. He now leads the team and ranks second in the league with 31 RBIs despite hitting leadoff and is within six of Nick Bartolone's franchise record. Clay Keltner will face the Hounds for the second consecutive week. He received no decision on July 22 after allowing five runs (four earned) on nine hits. Keltner beat the Hounds with five shutout innings on June 17 and got no decision after five, two-run innings on May 28. This season, Keltner is 3-3 with a 3.80 ERA in eight starts. He is the only Oilmen pitcher on the active roster that has not made at least one relief appearance this season.

Inside the Hounds

DuPage County carries a five-game winning streak into Thursday's game. The Hounds edged Bloomington 4-3 on Wednesday to remain two games ahead of the Oilmen. The Hounds feature the league's RBI leader in Tyler Tesmond. Their top hitter in terms of batting average is Ryan Krob at .367. Brandon Post has four multi-hit games against the Oilmen this season. DuPage can lock up home field advantage in the first round of the postseason with a victory. If they beat the Oilmen on Thursday, they can reduce their magic number to one to clinch the MCL regular season title. The Hounds will send Chase Lowman to the mound for Thursday's game. He has logged 50 innings over 12 games (seven starts) and holds a 3.42 ERA and 5-3 record. Lowman has walked 25 against a team-leading 44 strikeouts. He's 0-2 against the Oilmen in two starts, having allowed 11 runs (eight earned) in 6 2/3 innings.

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	L 5-3
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-3
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	L 8-4
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 16-9
7/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	5:30 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	1 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings (DH)	3:30 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

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.....142-88, 126-84 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 94-47
 Road Record.....49-40
 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

TUESDAY: Admirals 8, Oilmen 4 Lakers 5, Vikings 3	WEDNESDAY: Hounds 4, Bobcats 3 Vikings 5, Admirals 4 Oilmen 16, Lakers 9
THURSDAY: Bobcats at Vikings (DH), 1 p.m. Lakers at Admirals, 5 p.m. Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.	FRIDAY: Hounds at Admirals (DH), 1 p.m. Oilmen at Bobcats, 5:30 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
x DC Hounds	28	18	.609	---	W5
x NWI Oilmen	26	20	.565	2	L1
x Joliet Admirals	24	19	.558	2.5	L1
Bloomington Bobcats	17	22	.436	7.5	L1
Southland Vikings	18	25	.419	8.5	W1
Lakers	17	26	.395	9.5	W2

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 Sroczyński	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 Szczyński	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, Ill.
15	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, 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.

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

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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	.398	113	45	1	25	27	.496	.471	8
Chase Dawson	.388	103	40	0	18	29	.534	.488	7
Tyler Sroczynski	.357	129	46	7	31	52	.651	.455	11
Tommy Szczasny	.347	118	41	2	30	25	.500	.433	8
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chris Baker	.327	101	33	1	22	23	.426	.474	3
Zack Forney	.318	88	28	1	13	26	.420	.465	4
Chase Fieldhouse	.309	97	30	0	18	21	.361	.462	5
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Jordan Flint	.298	114	34	0	16	24	.360	.391	5
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Cory Krolkowski	.284	74	21	0	9	12	.351	.384	3
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Marshawn Taylor	.260	77	20	0	11	14	.325	.326	5
Sam Geraci	.250	4	1	0	1	0	.250	.250	0
Alex Nisle	.247	93	23	0	16	18	.290	.408	4
Josh Mutter	.245	53	13	0	8	8	.283	.355	2
Bo Fletcher	.217	69	15	0	4	12	.232	.270	1
Blake Cleveland	.204	49	10	0	4	3	.204	.361	0
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Jake Perreira	.198	96	19	2	18	13	.323	.313	5
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
TEAM STATS	.300	1521	456	15	280	323	.400	.410	80

PITCHING STATS

NAME	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	K	WHIP	BAA
Hunter Clark	1	1	2	24.0	0.75	20	22	1.42	.163
Braden Niksich	0	1	2	18.1	0.98	13	14	1.31	.175
Jordan Petty	4	0	1	29.0	1.86	12	25	1.35	.239
Richard Yelnick	2	2	1	38.0	2.13	13	32	1.24	.234
James Whiteman	0	1	2	13.2	2.63	9	17	1.83	.271
Christian Howell	5	1	0	50.2	2.66	25	36	1.30	.210
Sam Geraci	5	0	0	33.1	2.97	6	20	1.08	.229
Max Siedecki	2	2	0	44.0	3.68	18	27	1.50	.267
Clay Keltner	3	3	0	42.2	3.80	14	32	1.45	.277
Luke Jaksich	4	0	0	35.1	3.82	27	35	1.61	.211
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
TEAM STATS	26	20	7	386.0	3.29	20	301	1.51	.245

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
Ryan Krob	.367	98	36	2	21	18	.500	.389	7
Chris Macahon	.364	22	8	0	3	3	.409	.462	1
Dane Toppel	.350	117	41	0	11	30	.393	.450	5
Brandon Post	.345	148	51	2	30	33	.432	.418	3
Austin Lukaschewski	.333	3	1	0	2	0	.333	.333	0
Joe Engel	.324	136	44	3	18	37	.463	.430	6
Mike Roberson	.290	145	42	2	24	25	.421	.368	9
Dustin Krob	.282	71	20	0	7	14	.352	.386	4
Tyler Tesmond	.276	145	40	3	35	25	.392	.372	6
Javier Martinez	.270	74	20	1	20	10	.392	.374	6
Billy Hayes	.252	123	31	1	20	22	.325	.383	6
Zach Girard	.224	92	21	1	9	21	.304	.408	2
Eric Glitz	.224	76	17	0	12	11	.303	.289	2
John Dreveny	.222	72	16	0	10	10	.292	.309	3
Nick Blomgren	.222	18	4	0	1	2	.222	.300	0
Matt Bottcher	.179	28	5	0	4	4	.250	.233	0
Joey Roberson	.176	102	18	1	13	9	.235	.306	3
TEAM STATS	.285	1476	420	16	241	285	.375	.383	64

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
Mike Roberson	0	0	0	1.2	0.00	2	0	1.20	.000
Nick Alfini	2	1	0	16.1	1.65	10	10	1.59	.254
Christian Bokich	2	1	1	30.0	2.10	17	26	1.33	.202
Peter Hamot	3	1	0	44.1	2.44	14	38	1.17	.225
Joey Roberson	4	1	0	34.1	3.14	16	17	1.54	.306
John Dreveny	1	1	1	11.2	3.18	11	7	2.03	.480
Chase Lowman	5	3	0	50.0	3.42	25	44	1.42	.278
Thomas Goodyear	5	2	0	38.0	4.03	22	39	1.42	.225
Joe Palasiewicz	0	1	0	9.2	4.66	5	7	1.97	.326
Austin Lukaschewski	0	1	1	24.1	5.18	25	20	1.89	.244
Bryan Bund	2	2	2	42.1	5.74	35	43	1.77	.230
Tony Iero	2	1	2	32.0	6.19	18	19	1.75	.284
Cole Berry	1	3	0	28.0	6.43	26	22	2.04	.265
TEAM STATS	28	18	7	371.1	3.98	235	300	1.60	.259