



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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### THURSDAY'S GAME:

Michigan City Lakers (13-23)  
at NWI Oilmen (24-17)

GAME

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July 30 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB  
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	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	W 10-4
7/29	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-1
7/30	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7 p.m.
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)	4 p.m.
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:30 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

Thursday's game has extreme significance to the Midwest Collegiate League playoff race. If the Oilmen win, they will remain in contention for the league's No. 2 seed and force a doubleheader with Lexington on Friday at 4 p.m. The Oilmen would still need to sweep the doubleheader to capture home-field advantage for a first-round playoff series. If the Oilmen lose to the Lakers on Thursday, the first game of Friday's doubleheader would not be played, unless the Vikings sweep a doubleheader from the Hounds on Thursday. Friday night's game between the Oilmen and Snipes will be played regardless of whether or not it impacts the standings. Thursday's game is also important for the Lakers. If Michigan City wins, that sets up a winner-take-all game between the Admirals and Lakers for the final playoff spot on Friday. If the Oilmen win, the Admirals clinch the final playoff position.

### Inside The Oilmen

Christian Sullivan makes his first start as a member of the Oilmen, becoming the 11th different Oilmen starting pitcher this season. He is 0-1 with a 4.26 ERA in 12 2/3 innings out of the Oilmen bullpen. Sullivan has issued five walks and struck out five. This will be his fifth appearance against the Lakers this season. His ERA is 5.40 against Michigan City. Tyler Sroczynski is in position to set the Oilmen single-season batting average record. He's hitting .389, two points better than the mark set by John Loeffler in 2012. Sroczynski ranks third in the league behind Michigan City's Joe Kennedy (.425) and DuPage County's Zac Taylor (.395). Sroczynski and NWI teammate Stefano Belmonte are tied for the league lead in RBIs. In addition, Sroczynski is tied with Billy Miller (2012) and Jordan Lewis (2015) for the Oilmen home run record with three. He's also two doubles away from matching that Oilmen record of 13 set by Bennett Oliver in 2012.

### Inside the Lakers

The Lakers send Tom Fitzgerald to the mound for Thursday's game. Fitzgerald is in the United States for the summer as part of the Australian Baseball Exchange, along with Lakers infielder Tom Bell. Fitzgerald has a 13.72 ERA in 20 1/3 innings this season. He pitched against the Oilmen once, allowing four runs (two earned) in 2 1/2 innings of relief on June 25. The Lakers have a chance to reach to postseason in their first year as an MCL team if they win Thursday and Friday.

### About the Matchup

Michigan City has already captured the season series from the Oilmen by winning six of the first eight meetings. Of the 13 MCL victories for the Lakers, 10 have come against the Oilmen or Southland Vikings.

### Around the MCL

The Hounds host the Vikings for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoon in Lemont. DuPage County needs to win one game to lock up first place in the MCL.

## 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.....114-66, 98-63 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 73-32  
     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>TUESDAY:</b> Hounds 7, Admirals 5 Oilmen 10, Vikings 4	<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Lakers 7, Vikings 5 Oilmen 5, Hounds 1
<b>THURSDAY:</b> Vikings at Hounds, 5 p.m. Lakers at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	<b>FRIDAY:</b> Snipes at Oilmen doubleheader, 4 & 7:30 p.m. Admirals at Lakers, 5 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
XY DC Hounds	29	14	.674	---	L1
X Lexington Snipes	25	14	.641	2	T1
X NWI Oilmen	24	17	.585	4	W2
Joliet Admirals	15	23	.395	11.5	L1
MC Lakers	13	23	.361	12.5	W2
E Southland Vikings	12	27	.308	15	L1

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.
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