



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen

## 2015 Game Notes

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### FRIDAY'S GAMES:

Lexington Snipes (25-14)

at NWI Oilmen (25-17)

July 31 - 4 & 7:30 p.m. (CT) - Whiting

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB (Game 2 only)

Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com (both)

### GAMES

44/45



### 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	W 9-2
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

The Snipes and Oilmen meet in a doubleheader on the final day of the regular season for the second consecutive year. Last year, the No. 3 seed in the postseason was up for grabs, and the Oilmen secured it by winning both games. This year, the stakes are even higher. The two teams will meet starting on Saturday in a best-of-three Midwest Collegiate League playoff series, but home-field advantage for that series hinges on Friday's games. If the Oilmen win both games, they would host Game 1 of the playoffs on Saturday and Game 3 on Monday, if necessary. If the Oilmen lose both or split on Friday, their only home game in the first round will be Game 2 on Sunday. The Oilmen are playing their best baseball of July, having won five of their last six.

### Inside The Oilmen

Tyler Sroczyński will vie for the Oilmen single-season batting average record on Friday. He is batting .389, two points better than the previous record set by John Loeffler in 2012. NWI's Stefano Belmonte and DuPage County's Ryan Fitzgerald are tied for the league lead in RBIs entering Friday with 28 apiece. Sroczyński has 27. After an 0-for-9 slump, Sroczyński is hitting .556 in his last four games. The Oilmen enter Friday batting .289 as a team, which would be the best average in team history. The 2012 team currently holds the top batting average at .286. The Oilmen have already achieved their highest win total since 2012, when they finished 28-16 and went on to win the league title. Game 2 starter Brian Justice is 4-1 with a 4.27 ERA in 46 1/3 innings. He has issued 27 walks and recorded 34 strikeouts. Brad Wood, used mostly as a position player, has pitched only 2 2/3 innings this season and holds a 6.75 ERA and will start Game 1.

### Inside the Snipes

The Snipes are well rested after enjoying three consecutive off days leading into Friday's doubleheader. The Snipes will send a pair of left-handed starters to the mound on Friday. Jack Rettig has thrown 16 1/3 innings and holds a 4.41 ERA. This will be his 12th game and fourth start. He pitched in relief against the Oilmen on July 12, allowing two runs in 1 2/3 innings. Game 2 starter Matt Jenkins is no stranger to facing off with the Oilmen, having already done so three times this season. Jenkins has an 8.10 ERA in 13 1/3 innings against NWI. Overall, his ERA is 7.41 in eight starts. In their last game, the Snipes tied 1-1 with the Admirals in the second game of a doubleheader on Monday, the first tie in the 15-year history of the Snipes. Owen Miller (.347), Chris Maranto (.327), Jared McCunn (.316 / 2 / 25) and Neal Tyrell (.308 / 1 / 16) are among the biggest threats in the Lexington lineup.

### About the Matchup

The Snipes hold a 4-3 edge in the season series between the two teams. With a doubleheader sweep on Friday, the Oilmen would win the season set against Lexington. If that occurs, the Oilmen will have won the season series against every team in the league except the Michigan City Lakers. The Oilmen lead the all-time series with the Snipes 15-9.

## 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.....115-66, 99-63 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 74-32  
     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>WEDNESDAY:</b> Lakers 7, Vikings 5 Oilmen 5, Hounds 1	<b>THURSDAY:</b> Hounds 6, Vikings 3   Hounds 5, Vikings 4 Oilmen 9, Lakers 2
<b>FRIDAY:</b> Snipes at Oilmen doubleheader, 4 & 7:30 p.m. Admirals at Lakers, 5 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS):</b> Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Oilmen vs. Snipes, location & time TBD

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
XY DC Hounds	31	14	.689	---	W2
X Lexington Snipes	25	14	.641	3	T1
X NWI Oilmen	25	17	.595	4.5	W3
X Joliet Admirals	15	23	.395	12.5	L1
E MC Lakers	13	24	.381	14	L1
E Southland Vikings	12	29	.293	17	L3

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 Sroczynski	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 Lexington Snipes

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Kody Silverthorn	R/R	6-0	175	Parkland College	
6	Brett Fanning	R/R	5-10	160	Upper Iowa	
11	Kolton Vermillion	R/R	6-2	215	Heartland	
14	Travis Auer	R/R	6-0	175	Heartland	
16	Jack Rettig	L/L	6-3	185	Illinois State (commit)	
23	Ross Learnard	R/L	6-1	170	Parkland	
26	Matt Jenkins	L/L	6-3	195	Parkland	
27	Noah Lamboley	R/R			Parkland	
29	Kyle Jenkins	R/R	6-0	195	IVCC	
30	Ian Hall	L/L	5-9	165	Heartland	
34	Tim Smyk	R/R	6-2	210	Illinois Wesleyan (commit)	
35	Nick Barnhill	R/R	6-2	205	Concordia	
37	Jake Sale	R/R			Illinois State	

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
3	Cale Robinson	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	
20	Jason Priest	R/R	6-0	195	Illinois Central College	

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Tanner Russell	R/R	6-0	170	Parkland	
7	Jared McCunn	R/R	6-3	206	Illinois Lincoln College	
8	Neal Tyrell	R/R	6-1	185	Lewis	
13	Reid Birlingmair	L/R	6-1	185	University of Chicago (commit)	
15	Owen Miller	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois State (commit)	
24	Chris Maranto	R/R	5-10	180	Butler	
28	Deion Thompson	R/R	6-2	190	Western Illinois (commit)	

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Tyler Horchem	R/R	6-0	190	John A. Logan	
10	Cully Day	L/L	6-1	170	Parkland	
12	Ryan Frye	R/L	6-2	175	Evangel	
21	Matt Rave	R/R			Carthage	
33	Alex Smith	R/R	5-9	175	Northern Illinois	

Manager - Billy DuBois | Assistant Coach - Darrin Frye