

Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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MONDAY'S GAME: U.S. Military All-Stars at NWI Oilmen (14-15)

GAME 30

July 4 - 3 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind. Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM

Internet: NWIOilmen.com, wjob1230.com



<u>For Starters</u>

The 26th annual Red, White and Blue Tour will make its way to Oil City Stadium on Monday afternoon for a July 4 game between the U.S. Military All-Stars and the Northwest Indiana Oilmen. The U.S. Military All-Stars are a team comprised of active duty servicemen from all branches of service around the world. The U.S. Military All-Stars will hold a pregame ceremony, evoking emotion and pride in military personnel. The All-Stars lead with honor, recognizing all men and women who have worn a uniform in defense of our freedom. Proceeds from the game benefit the Northwest Indiana Veterans Action Council.

Inside The Oilmen

For one day, the result on the field is not the main focus for the Northwest Indiana Oilmen. They'll use the day to soak up the experience of facing a team comprised of members of all branches of the military on Independence Day. The Oilmen finished a stretch of 10 games in 10 days with a 2-0 loss to the Southland Vikings on Saturday night. It was the second time in franchise history that the Oilmen have been blanked in a nine-inning game, both coming this season. They enter Monday having lost three straight games. The Oilmen were off on Sunday and have another off day on Tuesday before hitting the road for the first time since June 5 when they visit the Lakers for a doubleheader on Wednesday at 6:15. Starting pitcher Reggie Johnson holds a 5.79 ERA and 0-5 record in 23 1/3 innings this season. He has issued 16 walks and notched 20 strikeouts. In Johnson's last outing, he gave up four runs (two earned) on five hits and six walks in five innings to take the loss against the Lakers on June 27.

Inside the U.S. Military All-Stars

Starting pitcher Bodacious Ball will take the ball for the U.S. Military All-Stars on Monday. He doubles as the team's head coach. During his four years of U.S. Army service, he received the Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, NATO Medal, Valorous Unit Award and many others including The Purple Heart. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 and was a Husky Operator for a route clearance unit. The IED he took on May 21, 2010 got his Husky and caused him to sustain injuries, including a traumatic brain injury, which earned him a Purple Heart. The U.S. Military All-Stars are coming off a victory over the Bloomington Bobcats of the Midwest Collegiate League at Illinois State's Duffy Bass Field in Normal, Ill. on Saturday. They continue the tour on Tuesday against the Springfield Sliders. The tour runs through July 18. One unique storyline is Zach Staniewicz, who is back for his second tour with the All-Stars after being with the team in 2012. He is back with the team after playing in the Orioles organization and for various professional teams, including the Lincoln Salt Dogs of the American Association in 2015.

About the Matchup

This marks the third time the Oilmen have faced off with the U.S. Military All-Stars and the first since July 1, 2013. The Oilmen won 9-6 in 2013 after falling 9-8 in 2012. However, Monday's game is one that's about more than the final score as fans will gather to recognize veterans and active duty servicemen on Independence Day.

2016 Schedule

5/26	@ Bloomington Bobcats	ppd.
5/27	Bloomington Bobcats Bulbara County Have de	L 3-0
5/28	@ DuPage County Hounds@ Joliet Admirals (DH)	L 9-3 L 9-7
5/29 5/29	Ø Joliet Admirals (DH)Ø Joliet Admirals (DH)	W 7-5
6/1	Michigan City Lakers	ppd.
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	
6/2	@ Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	
6/3	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 6-4
6/4	@ Southland Vikings	susp.
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 6/22	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 14-6
6/22	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	ppd L 8-5
6/23	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*	3 p.m.
7/6	@ Michigan City Lakers (DH)	6:15 p.m.
7/7	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/8	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/9	@ Southland Vikings	1 p.m.
7/12	MCL ALL-STAR GAME*	7:30 p.m.
7/13	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/22	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/23 7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:20 p.m. 4 p.m.
7/24 7/26	Joliet Admirals	4 p.m.
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	7:20 p.m.
7/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	7:30 p.m.
7/30	@ Southland Vikings	1 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
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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

FRIDAY:	SATURDAY:
Oilmen 3, Hounds 2	Vikings 2, Oilmen 0
Lakers 3, Vikings 1	
SUNDAY:	WEDNESDAY:
Hounds 8, Lakers 3	Bobcats at Hounds, 5 p.m.
Hounds 18, Lakers 0	Oilmen at Lakers (DH), 6:15 & 8:30 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	17	11	.607		W3
Southland Vikings	14	12	.538	2	W1
Joliet Admirals	15	13	.536	2	L5
NWI Oilmen	14	15	.483	3.5	L3
Bloomington Bobcats	10	13	.435	4.5	L7
Lakers	10	16	.385	6	L2

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
1	Reggie Johnson	R/R	6-2	175	Alcorn State	South Holland, Ill.
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 Calumet	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 Krolikowski	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 Sroczynski	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 Szczasny	L/R	5-10	185	Northern Illinois	Tinsley Park, 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.
30	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, Ill.
45	Jimmy Govern	R/R	5-11	175	Eastern Illinois	Libertyville, Ill.

2016 U.S. Military All-Stars

PITCHERS

#	PLAYER	Ht.	Wt.	NAME	B.O.S.
1	Badacious Ball	6-2	220	Sammi	Army
7	Joey Watros	5-11	195	Korean War	Navy
11	Marshawn Rogne	6-1	195	Infantry	Army
13	Daniel Vargas	5-11	210	ST-1 Echo	Navy
49	Zach Staniewicz	6-2	225	Air Force	Wilhelm
	Robert Starmer	5-10	205		Marine

CATCHERS

#	PLAYER	Ht.	Wt.	NAME	B.O.S.
24	Chris Johnson	6-0	195	Marines	Marine

INFIELDERS

#	PLAYER	Ht.	Wt.	NAME	B.O.S.
2	Casey Bristow	5-9	165	Amendment	Air Force
10	Cody Stack	5-9	180	Ill Corps	Army
13	Christopher Collins	5-9	200	Colonies	Navy
17	Lesean Thomas	5-9	173	Air Force	Air Force
60	Neal Murray	5-10	215	Blackhawk	Army
	Ryan Robb	5-11	185		Air Force

OUTFIELDERS

#	PLAYER	Ht.	Wt.	NAME	B.O.S.
9	Brian Merrigan	6-1	175	In Harm's Way	Army
11	Aaron Savelli	5-11	185	Infantry	Army
68	Michael Lowery	5-9	175	Benavidez	Air Force
	Andrew Leonard	6-2	190		Air Force

VP Development - Tank Stone | GM - Scott Davis | Head Coach - Bodacious Ball