



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2014 Game Notes

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TODAY'S GAME:

Southland Vikings (12-8)
at Northwest Indiana Oilmen (15-8, 13-7)

July 4 - 3:30 p.m. - Whiting, Ind.

Radio: None

Internet: nwioilmen.com (UStream)

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Oilmen News & Notes

For Starters

The Oilmen offense has come to life over the last five games, producing 41 total runs, an average of 8.2 runs per game. The Oilmen took advantage of five Lexington errors in a 9-1 victory over the Snipes on Thursday night at High Desert Field. Ryan Burvan reached base five times and drew four bases on balls, while Kevin DeFilippis had two hits and reached base four times. Every Oilman in the lineup reached base at least once and eight of the nine hitters reached base multiple times on Thursday night. Jimmy McNamara pitched 6 2/3 innings and allowed only one run, a solo homer by Reed Rogers in the sixth.

Inside The Oilmen

Midwest Collegiate League All-Star rosters were released on Thursday, and the Oilmen will be well represented on the South squad. Pitchers Cameron Linck (Kingwood HS | Hill College), Keith Mahler (Highland | Heartland CC), Jimmy McNamara (Lake Central | Central Michigan University) and Matt Pobereyko (Bishop Noll | Kentucky Wesleyan) have been named to the team. Infielders Ryan Burvan (Lake Central | Purdue) and Nate Schneider (Portage Central | Western Michigan) will also participate in the All-Star Game, as will outfielders Craig Dedelow (Munster | Indiana) and Jason Gasser (Mount Carmel | Northern Illinois). The Oilmen have only played one prior Independence Day game in franchise history, a 9-7 victory over Illinois in 2012.

Inside the Snipes

The Vikings are playing their best baseball of the season and carry a four-game winning streak into Friday's game. The Vikings have had great success against the first-place DuPage County Hounds this season as they are responsible for four of the six DuPage losses. The Vikings picked up a rare low-scoring victory on Wednesday night, defeating the Hounds 4-2. Southland had scored 43 runs over the previous three games.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen won the first three meetings of the year between the two teams, but the Vikings recorded a 14-8 victory at Oil City Stadium on Tuesday night. The Oilmen and Vikings have split the all-time series right down the middle, with each team holding 13 victories in the 26 meetings. Cameron Linck, who has been Northwest Indiana's most effective starting pitcher with an ERA of 1.55 this season, is likely to start for the Oilmen on Friday afternoon. Linck has received six days of rest since defeating the Hounds on June 27. If he does pitch against the Vikings on Friday, it will be the first time he has faced them this season.

Around the MCL

For the third consecutive day, there is only one Midwest Collegiate League game being played. With the Hounds idle on Friday and Saturday, the Oilmen can move to within 1.5 games of first with back-to-back victories over Southland.

2014 Schedule

05/28	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 2-1
05/30	@ Joliet Admirals	W 13-2
05/31	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 8-1
06/01	@ Lexington Snipes	L 17-5
06/03	@ Southland Vikings	W 2-0
06/05	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 6-3
06/06	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	L 3-1
06/07	@ Michigan City Lakers*	W 5-4
06/12	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 5-4
06/13	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 2-1
06/14	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	W 8-0
06/15	LEXINGTON SNIPES	W 6-3
06/17	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS*	W 5-3
06/20	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 1-0
06/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	L 2-1
06/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 3-2
06/25	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	L 11-2
06/26	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 8-2
06/27	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 5-0
06/28	@ Chicago Zephyrs	W 7-1
06/29	@ Joliet Admirals	W 12-4
07/01	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 14-8
07/03	@ Lexington Snipes	W 9-1
07/04	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	3:30 PM
07/05	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/06	@ Chicago Zephyrs	12:00 PM
07/08	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:10 PM
07/09	MCL ALL-STAR GAME	7:30 PM
07/11	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/12	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/13	@ DuPage County Hounds	6:00 PM
07/14	@ Southland Vikings	5:10 PM
07/14	@ Southland Vikings	7:10 PM
07/15	ILLINOIS SPARKS*	7:10 PM
07/16	@ Chicago Zephyrs	5:00 PM
07/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	7:10 PM
07/18	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 PM
07/19	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 PM
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	4:10 PM
07/20	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	6:10 PM
07/22	@ DuPage County Hounds	7:10 PM
07/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 PM
07/24	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/25	@ Joliet Admirals	5:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	1:00 PM
07/26	@ Lexington Snipes	3:30 PM
07/28	CHICAGO ZEPHYRS	7:10 PM
07/29	MCL Playoffs	TBD
07/30	MCL Playoffs	TBD
07/31	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/01	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/02	MCL Playoffs	TBD
08/03	MCL Playoffs	TBD

*- denotes nonleague game
CAPS- denotes home game

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season.....2012
 Location.....Whiting, Ind.
 Owners.....Don Popravak, Kim Payne, Ron Kittle
 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.....Justin Huisman (third season)
 All-Time Team Record.....75-39, 68-36 in MCL Games
 Home Record.....51-19 (47-18 in MCL)
 Road Record.....27-19
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013
 Playoff Record.....6-2
 Playoff Home Record.....3-1
 Playoff Road Record.....3-1
 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 will handle play-by-play duties for every Oilmen game this season. Joey Gelman joins Brandon for all home games, while David Bork provides color commentary when the team is on the road. To listen on the internet, click the "Listen Live" tab at the top of the NWIOilmen.com homepage.



Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

WEDNESDAY: Southland Vikings 4, DuPage County Hounds 2	THURSDAY: NWI Oilmen 9, Lexington Snipes 1
FRIDAY: Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen	SATURDAY: Southland Vikings @ NWI Oilmen Joliet Admirals @ Lexington Snipes (x3)

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DuPage County Hounds	17	6	0.739	---	L1
NWI Oilmen	13	7	0.650	2.5	W1
Southland Vikings	12	8	0.600	3.5	W4
Lexington Snipes	12	9	0.571	4	L3
Chicago Zephyrs	4	16	0.200	11.5	L1
Joliet Admirals	4	16	0.200	11.5	L2

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
10	Andrew Jackson	L/L	6-5	210	Wabash College	Wheatfield, Ind
21	Nick Nauracy	R/R	6-1	185	Ohio University	Crown Point, Ind
25	Jimmy McNamara	L/L	6-2	175	Central Michigan	Dyer, Ind.
26	Danny Pobereyko	R/R	6-5	200	Butler University	Munster, Ind.
27	Andrew Lowe	R/R	6-2	220	UW-Whitewater	Whiting, Ind.
28	Keith Mahler	R/R	6-6	185	Heartland Community College	Highland, Ind.
29	Anthony Gomez	L/L	6-0	200	Ball State	Munster, Ind.
30	Aaron Glatt	R/R	6-2	190	University of Dayton	Schererville, Ind.
36	Scott Jerge	R/R	6-0	185	Valparaiso	Munster, Ind.
42	Matt Pobereyko	R/R	6-1	239	Kentucky Wesleyan	Munster, Ind.
43	Cameron Linck	R/R	6-2	175	Hill College	Kingwood, Texas

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
19	Zack Jones	R/R	5-11	190	Trinity Christian College	Park Forest, Ill.
23	Andrew Ray	R/R	6-1	195	Northern Illinois University	Michigan City, Ind.
33	Alec Ornelas	R/R	6-1	197	Central Michigan University	Mokena, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Ryan Burvan	R/R	5-11	165	Purdue University	Dyer, Ind.
3	Kevin DeFilippis	R/R	6-0	170	University of Notre Dame	Homer Glen, Ill.
13	Nick Vogelmeier	R/R	5-11	165	Western Michigan University	Lake Orion, Mich.
14	James Meeker	R/L	6-4	180	Akron University	Wexford, Penn.
15	Anthony Colosimo	L/L	6-0	185	Purdue Calumet	Lake Forest, Ill.
22	Nate Schneider	R/R	6-2	210	Western Michigan University	Portage, Mich.
24	Brodie Meyer	R/R	6-0	180	Butler University	Palos Heights, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Craig Dedelow	L/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Munster, Ind.
7	Larry Crisler	R/R	6-4	190	Indiana University	Gary, Ind.
9	Rob Blissitt, Jr.	R/R	6-3	165	University of Cincinnati	Markham, Ill.
17	Jason Gasser	L/R	6-0	195	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.

Manager - Justin Huisman | Assistant Coaches - Adam Enright, Mike Coles

2014 Southland Vikings Roster

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Brandon White	R/R	6-3	195	Hill Community College	Chicago, Ill.
12	Kevin Halberg	R/R	6-4	200	Grand Valley State University	Lansing, Ill.
14	Richard Fordon	L/L	6-4	215	Northweset University	Flossmoor, Ill.
18	Mike Poulos	R/R	6-5	220	Purdue Calumet	Munster, Ind.
21	Anthony Spangler	R/R	5-11	185	Purdue Calumet	Lansing, Ill.
22	Connor Ryan	R/R	6-1	175	Prairie State College	Homer Glen, Ill.
25	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Parkland College	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	190	Western Illinois University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
34	Dan Wetzal	R/R	6-2	160	St. Xavier University	Tinley Park, Ill.
38	Justin Freeman	R/R	6-4	195	Southern University	Olympia Fields, Ill.
44	Zac Miller	R/R	6-2	200	Purdue Calumet	White Pigeon, Mich.
45	Tyler House	L/L	6-5	215	University of Missouri	Chicago, Ill.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
11	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	210	Western Oklahoma State	Chicago, Ill.
14	Jake Hickey	R/R	6-0	185	South Suburban College	Frankfort, Ill.
28	Nate Ruzich	R/R	6-2	200	Northern Illinois University	Joliet, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
	Kendall King	R/R	5-10	145	Western Illinois University	Flossmoor, Ill.
6	Micah Rooke	R/R	5-10	185	Purdue Calumet	Whiting, Ind.
10	Bobby Shepard	R/R	5-11	180	University of Buffalo	Orland Park, Ill.
19	Stefano Belmante	R/R	6-0	200	South Suburban / Purdue	Chicago, Ill.
20	Jeff Boehm	L/L	6-1	215	University of Illinois-Chicago	Lansing, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	Rob Ciffelli	L/L	5-6	160	John Carroll University	Chicago Heights, Ill.
3	Steve Letz	R/R	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Dyer, Ind.
5	Chase Fieldhouse	R/R	6-0	185	Kaskaskia College	St. John, Ind.
15	Brandon Mallder	L/L	6-0	185	Northern Illinois University	Bridgeview, Ill.
22	Chris Sujka	R/R	5-10	190	Indiana University	Oak Forest, Ill.
27	Dan Potempa	R/R	5-11	230	University of Iowa	Tinley Park, Ill.

Manager - Chris Cunningham | Pitching Coach - Marvin Freeman

2014 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Stats

Batting												
Player	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	HBP	SB
Dedelow	.378	11	45	10	17	6	1	0	10	4	1	4
Gasser	.333	17	63	8	21	7	1	0	11	10	0	1
Crisler	.292	7	24	7	7	2	0	0	1	4	2	3
Schneider	.313	19	64	8	20	5	0	0	10	8	3	6
Burvan	.294	18	68	9	20	3	0	0	4	13	0	2
Blissitt	.250	17	60	7	15	1	0	0	5	6	1	2
Meeker	.242	17	66	6	16	1	0	1	7	9	0	1
Jones	.224	15	49	6	11	2	1	0	7	13	0	2
Ornelas	.245	16	53	5	13	2	0	0	7	4	4	0
DeFilippis	.213	20	75	17	16	5	0	0	5	9	2	6
Vogelmeier	.180	20	61	16	11	2	0	0	3	16	1	4
Ray	.174	15	46	4	8	0	0	1	4	9	2	0
Colosimo	.163	14	43	4	7	0	0	0	4	9	2	1

Pitching									
Pitchers	IP	R	ER	BB	K	W	L	SV	ERA
Pobereyko, M	12.1	1	1	3	21	0	0	8	0.73
Linck	29	5	5	14	27	4	0	0	1.55
Mahler	29	7	5	5	22	2	3	0	1.55
Jerge	17.2	5	4	5	9	0	0	0	2.03
Jackson	6	3	2	5	8	1	0	0	3.00
McNamara	28	13	10	2	26	2	1	0	3.21
Lowe	10	6	5	5	14	0	0	0	4.50
Gomez	13	9	7	7	11	1	0	1	4.85
Pobereyko, D	20.1	12	12	3	22	2	2	0	5.31
Nauracy	20.1	18	12	8	27	2	2	9	5.31
Glatt	6.2	7	7	3	4	0	0	0	9.44