



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2016 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:
NWI Oilmen (18-15)
at Southland Vikings (15-13)

GAME
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July 9 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Chicago Heights, Ill.
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM
Location: NWIOilmen.com, wjob1230.com



2016 Schedule

5/26	@ Bloomington Bobcats	ppd.
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
6/1	@ Michigan City Lakers	ppd.
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	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	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 14-6
6/22	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	ppd
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-STAR*	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	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	7:20 p.m.
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
7/23	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:20 p.m.
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	4 p.m.
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	5 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

*- denotes exhibition game

For Starters

The Oilmen have won four straight games for the third time this season, and a win on Saturday would allow them to reach five consecutive wins for the first time all year. The Oilmen have reached three games above .500 for the first time this season. Their recent run of success has climbed them into second place in the MCL standings. Saturday's game has major implications on the standings as the Oilmen could finish the day anywhere from first to fourth. After Saturday, the Oilmen will have three days off for the All-Star Break. They will have 11 representatives at Tuesday's MCL All-Star Game, which will be hosted at Oil City Stadium.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen will play in back of left-handed starter Richard Yelnick on Saturday afternoon. Yelnick is 2-1 with a 1.50 ERA in 24 innings and was recently added to the MCL White All-Stars. He has issued just seven walks and racked up 22 strikeouts in six games, four starts. This will be Yelnick's first start against the Vikings, but he did work a scoreless inning of relief against them on June 11. Tommy Szczasny cracked his second home run of the season and lifted his RBI total to 23 in Friday's 7-1 win over the Hounds. Szczasny ranks third in the league behind DuPage's Tyler Tesmond (26) and Joliet's Brendan Brundage (25) in the RBI department. Szczasny has only had 88 plate appearances, while Tesmond has 122 and Brundage 128. Tyler Sroczynski is the league leader in runs scored with 30 and home runs with four. Sroczynski is second in the league in stolen bases with 15. He was caught stealing for the second time this season on Friday, but both have come on plays where he took off before the ball left the pitcher's hand rather than a true caught stealing by a catcher.

Inside the Vikings

Lucas Karz is the league leader in walks with 21, but has just six hits and is hitting .105. Nick Wheeler is the team leader in RBIs with 18, while Amir Wright owns a .375 batting average. The Vikings are coming off an 8-7 win over the Lakers on Friday that required 10 innings to complete. Jalin McMillan collected three hits, while Amir Wright, Nick Wheeler and Jaylin Davis notched two hits apiece. The Vikings enter Saturday tied with Joliet for third in the MCL, 1 1/2 games behind DuPage and a 1/2 game in back of the Oilmen. Southland starting pitcher Phil Madvek will make his third start of the season on Saturday. He beat the Oilmen on June 23 despite allowing four earned runs on nine hits and two walks in six innings. He is 2-0 with a 4.91 ERA in 11 innings this year.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen lost the most recent meeting between these two teams 2-0 on July 2. That was also the most recent NWI defeat before a four-game winning streak. This is the seventh meeting of the year between the two teams with the Vikings owning wins in four of the first six. The Oilmen lead the all-time series 24-22.

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.....135-83, 119-79 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 88-43
 Road Record.....48-39
 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

THURSDAY: Hounds 1, Vikings 0 Oilmen 7, Bobcats 3 Admirals at Lakers, ppd.	FRIDAY: Oilmen 7, Hounds 1 Vikings 8, Lakers 7 (10 innings) Bobcats 7, Admirals 3
SATURDAY: Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Oilmen at Vikings, 1 p.m.	SUNDAY: Bobcats at Vikings (DH), 1 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	18	13	.581	---	L1
NWI Oilmen	18	15	.545	1	W4
Southland Vikings	15	13	.536	1.5	W1
Joliet Admirals	16	14	.533	1.5	L1
Bloomington Bobcats	11	14	.440	4	W1
Lakers	10	19	.345	7	L3

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 Krolukowski	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.

2016 Southland Vikings

PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Jaylin Davis	L/L	5-8	160	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
10	Michael Shereryk	L/L	6-1	220	SIU-Edwardsville	Flossmoor, Ill.
21	Collin Brauer	R/R	5-11	170	College of DuPage	New Lenox, Ill.
22	Xavier Luna	R/R	6-2	180	Goshen	Logansport, Ind.
26	Parker Coleman	R/R	5-11	180	Roosevelt	Flossmoor, Ill.
27	Mario Samuel	L/L	6-0	195	Wisconsin Parkside	Bollingbrook, Ill.
29	Wade Davis	R/R	6-5	220	St. Joseph College	New Lenox, Ill.
31	Robby Nunn	R/R	6-4	210	Western Illinois	Crete, Ill.
31	Alex Lesiak	R/R	6-5	220	Southern Illinois	Tinley Park, Ill.
32	Josh Hart	L/L	6-3	175	Rend Lake College	Frankfort, Ill.
33	Phil Madvek	R/R	6-4	200	Purdue Calumet	Hobart, Ind.

CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
13	Hunter Thorn	R/R	5-10	160	Purdue Calumet	Portage, Ind.
19	Alex Lugo	R/R	5-11	209	Georgia Gwinett	Chicago, Ill.

INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
8	Jalin McMillan	R/R	6-2	195	University of Illinois	Chicago, Ill.
9	Austin Lorenz	R/R	5-10	180	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.
11	Austin Blazevic	L/R	6-3	185	Kaskaskia	Plainfield, Ill.
12	Mitch VanKoevering	R/R	6-1	170	Kalamazoo College	La Grange Park, Ill.
24	Lucas Karz	R/R	6-2	220	Joliet Junior College	Mount Prospect, Ill.

OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Raphe Gross	S/L	5-11	172		Simeon, Ill.
2	Tyler Crussen	L/R	5-8	160	Purdue Calumet	Valparaiso, Ind.
15	Amir Wright	L/L	5-11	160	St. Joseph's College	Griffith, Ind.
20	Nick Wheeler	R/R	6-0	205	Grambling State	Mount Carmel, Ill.
23	A.J. Fuller	R/R	6-0	195	John A. Logan College	New Lenox, Ill.

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