



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME:
Lexington Snipes (0-0)
at NWI Oilmen (0-0)



August 1 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind.
Radio: None
Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

For Starters

The Oilmen are back in the Midwest Collegiate League playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. They hold an all-time playoff record of 6-4, but they have lost four consecutive postseason games. The first game of a postseason series has been vital in Midwest Collegiate League history. Since the league began in 2010, no team has erased a 1-0 deficit to win a best-of-three playoff set. The team that wins game one has gone on to win the series in all 13 MCL playoff series in the league's first five seasons. Since the Oilmen joined the league in 2012, all nine playoff series have resulted in two-game sweeps, with the team that wins game one going on to win the second game.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen won the regular season series with every Midwest Collegiate League playoff team. The Oilmen begin their quest for their first championship since 2012 on Saturday night at Oil City Stadium. Tyler Sroczynski posted the highest batting average in Oilmen history during the regular season, finishing at .397. Sroczynski and Oilmen teammate Stefano Belmonte finished tied for the league lead in RBIs with 30 apiece. For Saturday's Game 1, Enrique Zamora gets the ball for Northwest Indiana. He finished the regular season 4-2 with a 1.86 ERA in 11 games, six starts. Zamora struck out a franchise-record 55 batters in 49 innings of work. He started against Lexington on June 20, striking out 10 and limiting the Snipes to one run over six innings. The Oilmen are 3-0 when Zamora starts at Oil City Stadium this season. Friday's win in Game 1 of a doubleheader was the 100th MCL victory in Oilmen history.

Inside the Snipes

The Snipes have reached the postseason in all three years they've been in the Midwest Collegiate League. However, they enter Saturday seeking their first MCL playoff win in team history. Lexington was swept in the first round in both 2013 and 2014. Saturday's game begins Lexington's quest for its first championship since 2010, with that most recent title coming when the Snipes were part of the Eastern Illinois Baseball League. Lexington's Game 1 starter is Reid Birlingmair, who went 1-1 with a 5.79 ERA during the regular season. He has walked 16 and struck out 33 in 32 2/3 innings. Against the Oilmen on July 13, Birlingmair allowed four runs on six hits in 5 1/3 innings and took the loss.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen went 5-4 against the Snipes in the regular season, sealing the season set and the No. 2 seed in the playoffs with 12-2 and 13-2 wins in a doubleheader between the two teams on Friday. The Oilmen lead the all-time series with the Snipes 17-9. The two teams have met in the postseason once before, when the Oilmen took both games from the Snipes in 2013. The last postseason meeting between the two teams was July 31, 2013, when the Oilmen downed the Snipes 17-9 to advance to their second MCL Championship Series. Northwest Indiana banged out 23 hits in the game, which still stands as the franchise record.

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)	W 12-2
7/31	LEXINGTON SNIPES (DH)	W 13-2
8/1	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 p.m.
8/2	@ Lexington Snipes	3 p.m.
8/3	LEXINGTON SNIPES	7:10 p.m.
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

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.....116-66, 101-63 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 76-32
 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

THURSDAY: Hounds 6, Vikings 3 Hounds 5, Vikings 4 Oilmen 9, Lakers 2	FRIDAY: Oilmen 12, Snipes 2 (five innings) Oilmen 13, Snipes 2 Admirals 13, Lakers 5
SATURDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS): Admirals at Hounds, 1 p.m. Snipes at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m.	SUNDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS) Hounds at Admirals, 3 p.m. Oilmen at Snipes, 3 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
XY DC Hounds	31	14	.689	---	W2
XY NWI Oilmen	27	17	.614	3.5	W5
X Lexington Snipes	25	16	.610	4	W3
X Joliet Admirals	16	23	.410	12	W1
E MC Lakers	13	25	.342	14.5	L2
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 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

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