



Northwest Indiana Oilmen

2015 Game Notes

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SUNDAY'S GAME:

NWI Oilmen (0-1)

at Lexington Snipes (1-0)

August 2 - 1 p.m. (CT) - Lexington, Ill.

Radio: AM 1230 WJOB

Internet broadcast: nwioilmen.com

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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	L 11-4
8/2	@ Lexington Snipes	1 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

For Starters

The Snipes captured Game 1 of the Midwest Collegiate League playoffs 11-4 on Saturday night at Oil City Stadium. In the five-year history of the Midwest Collegiate League, no team has rallied to win a best-of-three playoff series after losing the first game. The Oilmen will try to become the second team ever to force a third game. The only series that has ever gone beyond two games is the 2011 championship, when Will County won game one, lost game two and won game three against Rockford. The Oilmen allowed 15 hits, issued four walks and committed five errors in the opening game of the series. Bright spots included Tyler Sroczynski, Sam Geraci and Fred Smart, who had two hits each.

Inside The Oilmen

The Oilmen saw their five-game winning streak screech to a halt in Friday's playoff opener. In addition, their losing streak in postseason games extended to five. Their most recent postseason victory came in their last playoff game at Lexington, a 17-9 win over the Snipes at Illinois Wesleyan in the first round of the 2013 playoffs. Tyler Sroczynski won the Oilmen team triple crown during the regular season, leading the team in average (.397) and RBIs (31) and matching Jordan Lewis for the team lead in home runs with three. Zack Jones was hitting .280 entering the final week of the regular season. He batted .600 over the final week to finish at .322 and reach the goal he established before the season. Keith Mahler gets the ball for Sunday's must-win game. The right-hander finished the regular season with a 1.59 ERA and 5-1 record. He struck out 23 and walked only four in 44 innings. His worst start of the year came against the Snipes on June 7, when he allowed four runs on seven hits in four innings but still got the win.

Inside the Snipes

Saturday night marked the first MCL postseason win for the Snipes since joining the league in 2013. They were swept out of the playoffs by the Oilmen in 2013 and by the Southland Vikings last season. Lexington turns to Parkland right-hander Noah Lamboley to try to seal the series. Lamboley held a 3.30 ERA and 3-2 record in the regular season. He worked 30 innings and issued only four walks while striking out 18. Lamboley shut down the Oilmen on July 22, tossing seven shutout innings while yielding only three hits.

About the Matchup

The Oilmen went 5-4 against the Snipes in the regular season and lead the all-time series 17-10. The Oilmen were 2-3 at High Desert Field this season.

Around the League

In the other MCL semifinal series, the Admirals and Hounds played an instant classic on Saturday. The Hounds jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but the Admirals scored 11 unanswered runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth. Then, DuPage County scored seven unanswered to regain the lead, 12-11. The Admirals scored three with two outs in the top of the ninth.

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.....118-67, 101-64 in MCL Games
 Home Record..... 76-33
 Road Record.....41-34
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
 Playoff Record.....6-5
 Playoff Home Record.....3-3
 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

FRIDAY (REGULAR SEASON): Oilmen 12, Snipes 2 (five innings) Oilmen 13, Snipes 2 Admirals 13, Lakers 5	SATURDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS): Admirals 14, Hounds 13 Snipes 11, Oilmen 4
SUNDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS) Hounds at Admirals, 3 p.m. Oilmen at Snipes, 1 p.m.	MONDAY (MCL PLAYOFFS): Admirals at Hounds, 5 p.m. (if nec.) Snipes at Oilmen, 7:10 p.m. (if nec.)

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 Lambole	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