



# Northwest Indiana Oilmen 2016 Game Notes

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FRIDAY'S GAME:  
Northwest Indiana Oilmen (2-0)  
at DuPage County Hounds (2-0)

Aug. 5 - 5 p.m. (CT) - Lemont, Ill.  
Radio: AM 1230 WJOB, 104.7 FM (6 p.m.)  
Internet: NWIOilmen.com (full game, 4:40)

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## 2016 Schedule

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
6/2	@ 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	W 12-1
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
6/23	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-STARs*	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	W 16-0
7/14	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 10-5
7/15	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 6-1
7/16	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 11-5
7/17	JOLIET ADMIRALS	L 6-4
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	W 11-2
7/20	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS (DH)	L 4-3
7/21	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 6-2
7/22	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-3
7/24	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 6-3
7/26	@ Joliet Admirals	L 8-4
7/27	MICHIGAN CITY LAKERS	W 16-9
7/29	@ Bloomington Bobcats	L 3-2.
7/31	@ Joliet Admirals	L 12-10
8/2	@ Joliet Admirals	W 7-1
8/3	JOLIET ADMIRALS	W 14-6
8/5	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
8/6	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:20 p.m.
8/7	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS (if. nec)	TBD

\*- denotes exhibition game  
CAPS- denotes home games

### For Starters

A rivalry that dates back to the first game in franchise history for both teams will head into previously uncharted territory on Friday night. For the first time ever, the Oilmen and DuPage County Hounds will meet in the MCL Championship. The Hounds and Oilmen have met in the postseason on two prior occasions, with the Oilmen sweeping a first-round series in 2012 and the Hounds returning the favor in 2014. The Oilmen will compete in a league championship game for the first time since Aug. 4, 2013, a 4-1 loss to the Southland Vikings.

### Inside the Oilmen

On the exact four-year anniversary of clinching the 2012 MCL title, the Oilmen will seek their first championship game victory since that 6-2 win over DeKalb on Aug. 5, 2012. The winning pitcher that day was Andy Wellwerts, who joined the inaugural squad for the stretch run to the league title. This time, the Oilmen give the ball to right-hander Sam Geraci for Game 1 of the championship. The infielder-turned-pitcher worked out of the bullpen in Game 1 of the first-round series in Joliet, hurling 1 1/3 scoreless innings on just 19 pitches. Geraci finished the regular season with a 5-0 record in six games, five starts. He posted a 2.97 ERA (with five of his 11 earned runs allowed coming in one start on July 14 against Southland) and issued six walks against 20 strikeouts. Geraci did not face the Hounds during the regular season. The Oilmen clinched a spot in the MCL Finals in fitting fashion, racking up 15 hits to overcome four errors, an accurate representation of the team's season. Sluggers Tyler Sroczyński and Stefano Belmonte both launched first-inning homers in Wednesday's 14-6 win over the Admirals. Six different Oilmen had multi-hit games. Belmonte is the only player in the league making his third consecutive playoff appearance. He is hitting .520 (13-for-25) in his MCL postseason career with two home runs and 12 RBIs in nine games, including four games with Southland.

### Inside the Hounds

The Hounds are seeking back-to-back MCL championships after they took two of three from the Lexington Snipes last season. If DuPage County wins the series, it will become the second team to win consecutive league titles. The Southland Vikings turned the trick in 2013 and 2014. DuPage County hurler Chase Lowman logged 50 innings and went 5-3 during the regular season. He posted a 3.42 ERA, issued 25 walks and struck out a team-high 44. Lowman faced the Oilmen twice during the regular season, taking the loss on July 15 (5 1/3 IP, 2 R, 6 H, 4 BB) and on June 17 (1 1/3 IP, 5 H, 9 R, 6 ER, 4 BB). The Hounds are led offensively by Brandon Post, who had a .359 average, two home runs and 33 RBIs. Their top run producer is Tyler Tesmond, who drove in 35 while hitting .276.

### About the Matchup

DuPage County leads the all-time series 22-20, while the two teams have split the first four playoff meetings all-time. The Oilmen and Hounds also split this year's regular season series, with each team capturing four wins. The Oilmen played two extra-inning games all season, both against DuPage County. They played three one-run games against each other and half of the regular-season meetings were decided by two runs or fewer.

## 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.....144-90, 128-86 in MCL Games  
     Home Record..... 95-47  
     Road Record.....50-42  
 Playoff Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016  
 Playoff Record.....9-6  
 Playoff Home Record.....4-4  
 Playoff Road Record.....5-2  
 MCL Championship Appearances.....2012, 2013, 2016  
 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

<b>TUESDAY (MCL Playoffs):</b> Hounds 5, Bobcats 1 Oilmen 7, Admirals 1	<b>WEDNESDAY (MCL Playoffs):</b> Oilmen 14, Admirals 6 Hounds 7, Bobcats 0
<b>FRIDAY (MCL Playoffs):</b> Oilmen at Hounds, 5 p.m.	<b>SATURDAY (MCL Playoffs):</b> Hounds at Oilmen, 7:20 p.m.

## Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
y DC Hounds	29	19	.604	---	L1
y Joliet Admirals	27	20	.574	1.5	W2
x NWI Oilmen	26	22	.542	3	L2
x Bloomington Bobcats	19	22	.463	6.5	W2
e Southland Vikings	18	26	.409	9	L1
e Lakers	17	27	.386	10	L1

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
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 Northwest	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.
15	Marshawn Taylor	L/R	5-10	150	Grambling State	Chicago, 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.

Manager - Adam Enright | Assistant Coaches - Aaron Furman, Steven Brewer

# 2016 DuPage County Hounds

## PITCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
4	Christian Bockich	R/R	6-2	190	Lee University	Burr Ridge, Ill.
5	Joe Palasiewicz	R/R	6-4	220	Benedictine University	Somonauk, Ill.
8	Cole Berry	R/R	6-3	185	Eastern Illinois	St. Joseph, Ill.
10	Ben Simpson	R/R	5-11	140	Eastfield CC	Jennings, La.
14	Chase Lowman	R/R	6-2	195	College of DuPage	League City, Texas
15	Thomas Goodyear	R/R	6-2	165	Rockford University	Romeoville, Ill.
16	Austin Lukaschewski	R/R	5-11	175	University of Illinois Springfield	Troy, Mich.
28	Peter Hamot	R/R	6-4	190	Lewis University	Downers Grove, Ill.
32	Bryan Bund	R/L	6-2	180	Eastern Illinois	Lake Forest, Ill.
33	John Dreveny	R/R	6-3	201	Augustana College	Darien, Ill.
37	Tom Concklin	R/R	6-5	205	Washington and Lee	Hindsale, Ill.
45	Tony Iero	L/L	6-3	186	Ohio University	North Canton, Ohio

## CATCHERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
5	Nick Blomgren	R/R	5-11	190	High Point University	Milton, Wis.
7	Billy Hayes	R/R	6-0	180	College of DuPage	Lemont, Ill.
23	Mike Roberson	R/R	6-0	205	Mesa CC	Bartlett, Ill.

## INFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
6	Chris Macahon	R/R	6-1	185	Mesa CC	Palatine, Ill.
9	Zach Girard	R/R	5-9	170	Wayne State University	Sleepy Hollow, Ill.
11	Joe Engel	R/R	5-11	165	Columbia University	Downers Grove, Ill.
19	Joey Roberson	L/L	6-0	185	Cleveland State CC	Bartlett, Ill.
21	Dustin Krob	R/R	5-11	170	South Suburban CC	Justice, Ill.
25	Ryan Krob	R/R	5-11	185	University of Chicago	Justice, Ill.

## OUTFIELDERS

#	NAME	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Dane Toppel	R/R	5-9	150	Eastern Illinois	South Elgin, Ill.
3	Tyler Tesmond	R/R	6-0	205	Eastern Illinois	Naperville, Ill.
12	Eric Glitz	R/R	5-9	175	SIU Edwardsville	Warrenville, Ill.
22	Brandon Post	R/R	6-0	180	Lewis University	Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Manager - Ben Cagle | Assistant Coaches - Jordan Rodgers and Rick Panek

2016 Northwest Indiana Oilmen Final Regular Season Stats

**HITTING STATS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>HITS</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>	<b>2B</b>
DJ Budde	1.000	2	2	0	2	0	1.000	1.000	0
Stefano Belmonte	.402	117	47	1	27	29	.504	.479	9
Chase Dawson	.369	111	41	0	20	30	.505	.470	7
Tyler Sroczyński	.356	135	48	7	32	53	.644	.457	12
Tommy Szczyński	.341	123	42	2	31	26	.504	.425	8
Clay Keltner	.333	3	1	0	0	0	.333	.333	0
Chris Baker	.324	105	34	1	23	24	.419	.47	3
Zack Forney	.322	90	29	1	13	26	.422	.470	4
Chase Fieldhouse	.309	97	30	0	18	21	.361	.462	5
Jimmy Govern	.308	26	8	0	10	5	.385	.387	2
Brad Bohlen	.289	38	11	0	9	1	.368	.357	3
Cory Krolkowski	.289	76	22	0	12	13	.368	.386	4
Jordan Flint	.281	121	34	0	16	26	.339	.380	5
Zack Jones	.273	11	3	0	6	3	.364	.385	1
Marshawn Taylor	.260	77	20	0	11	14	.325	.326	5
Alex Nisle	.250	96	24	0	16	18	.292	.407	4
Josh Mutter	.250	56	14	0	9	8	.286	.364	2
Bo Fletcher	.217	69	15	0	4	12	.232	.270	1
Josh Fewell	.203	59	12	1	9	7	.288	.338	2
Jake Perreira	.200	100	20	2	18	15	.330	.317	7
Blake Cleveland	.192	52	10	0	4	3	.192	.344	0
Sam Geraci	.167	6	1	0	2	1	.167	.286	0
Jordan Petty	.000	1	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Reggie Johnson	.000	3	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
Kyle Van Kalker	.000	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.333	0
Richard Yelnick	.000	2	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	0
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.296</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>.397</b>	<b>.408</b>	<b>84</b>

**PITCHING STATS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>BAA</b>
Hunter Clark	1	1	2	24.0	0.75	20	22	1.42	.163
Braden Niksich	0	1	2	19.1	0.93	14	14	1.35	.185
Jordan Petty	4	0	1	30.0	1.80	12	27	1.37	.250
Richard Yelnick	2	3	1	44.0	2.05	15	34	1.26	.235
James Whiteman	0	1	2	13.2	2.63	9	17	1.83	.271
Christian Howell	5	1	0	50.2	2.66	25	36	1.30	.210
Sam Geraci	5	0	0	33.1	2.97	6	20	1.08	.229
Max Siedecki	2	2	0	47.0	3.64	19	27	1.45	.261
Jay Gutierrez	0	0	0	11.0	4.09	6	5	1.91	.306
Clay Keltner	3	3	0	44.2	4.63	16	34	1.52	.291
Luke Jaksich	4	1	0	36.1	5.20	29	35	1.73	.234
Eric Frontzak	1	2	0	13.1	5.40	7	9	2.03	.313
Reggie Johnson	0	4	0	23.1	5.79	16	20	2.14	.346
Jamary McKinney	0	0	0	7.1	7.36	14	6	3.14	.300
Josh Mutter	0	1	0	2.0	31.50	6	1	4.50	.300
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>400.0</b>	<b>3.47</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>.252</b>

**2016 DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS FINAL REGULAR SEASON STATS**

**HITTING STATS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>HITS</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>SLG</b>	<b>OBP</b>	<b>2B</b>
Chris Macahon	.364	22	8	0	3	3	.409	.462	1
Brandon Post	.359	156	56	2	33	37	.442	.425	3
Ryan Krob	.359	103	37	2	22	19	.485	.381	7
Dane Toppel	.347	124	43	0	11	31	.387	.446	5
Joe Engel	.324	136	44	3	18	37	.463	.430	6
Dustin Krob	.300	80	24	0	10	18	.362	.391	5
Mike Roberson	.291	151	44	2	28	26	.430	.374	11
Tyler Tesmond	.276	145	40	3	35	25	.392	.372	6
Javier Martinez	.270	74	20	1	20	10	.392	.374	6
Billy Hayes	.252	131	33	1	21	22	.321	.376	6
Zach Girard	.242	99	24	1	9	23	.333	.409	2
Eric Glitz	.241	83	20	0	14	12	.313	.309	2
John Dreveny	.222	72	16	0	10	10	.292	.309	3
Nick Blomgren	.222	18	4	0	1	2	.222	.300	0
Matt Bottcher	.200	35	7	0	6	8	.257	.256	0
Joey Roberson	.181	105	19	1	13	9	.238	.312	3
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>.285</b>	<b>1543</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>.378</b>	<b>.384</b>	<b>66</b>

**PITCHING STATS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>WHIP</b>	<b>BAA</b>
Ben Simpson	0	0	0	6.0	0.00	7	5	1.83	.250
Dane Toppel	0	0	0	1.0	0.00	0	0	0.00	.000
Mike Roberson	0	0	0	1.2	0.00	2	0	1.20	.000
Nick Alfini	2	1	0	16.1	1.65	10	10	1.59	.254
Christian Bokich	2	1	1	30.0	2.10	17	26	1.33	.207
Peter Hamot	3	1	0	44.1	2.44	14	38	1.17	.225
John Dreveny	1	1	1	11.2	3.18	11	7	2.03	.480
Chase Lowman	5	3	0	50.0	3.42	25	44	1.42	.278
Joey Roberson	4	1	0	38.1	3.76	18	18	1.62	.324
Thomas Goodyear	5	2	0	38.0	4.03	22	39	1.42	.229
Joe Palasiewicz	0	1	0	9.2	4.66	5	7	1.97	.326
Bryan Bund	2	2	2	42.1	5.74	35	43	1.77	.248
Tony Iero	3	1	2	35.0	6.68	21	20	1.75	.295
Austin Lukaschewski	0	1	1	25.0	6.84	30	20	2.12	.259
Cole Berry	1	4	0	33.1	7.02	29	28	2.07	.288
<b>TEAM STATS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>384.1</b>	<b>4.29</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>1.63</b>	<b>.269</b>