

Midwest Collegiate League All-Star Game 2018 Game Notes

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SATURDAY'S GAME: MCL West All-Stars at MCL East All-Stars

July 14 - 7:10 p.m. (CT) - Whiting, Ind. Oil City Stadium Broadcast: Facebook Live

For Starters

The Midwest Collegiate League's brightest stars will be on display on Saturday at Oil City Stadium as they take the field on the league's biggest stage. The annual All-Star Game serves as a chance for the league to further its mission of developing players who are ready to play at the professional level. Now in its ninth year in existence, the MCL has accomplished its goal of aiding collegiate ballplayers in their climb to the professional ranks. The league has had countless players go on to play professionally and two reach the ultimate dream - Paul DeJong of the St. Louis Cardinals and Tony Cingrani of the Los Angeles Dodgers. DeJong, a former member of the DuPage County Hounds, is the MCL All-Star Game's most notable alum. He played in the event in 2013 as his North All-Stars fell 12-4 to the South All-Stars at Oil City Stadium. The current St. Louis Cardinal batted .285 with 25 home runs and 65 RBIs as a rookie last season, finishing as the runner-up in the 2017 National League Rookie of the Year balloting behind Cody Bellinger of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Inside the 2018 Edition

This year, the MCL West All-Stars roster will be comprised of players from the DuPage County Hounds, Joliet Generals and Bloomington Bobcats. The East All-Stars will be made up of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen, Southland Vikings and Crestwood Panthers. Two 2018 MLB draft selections will play for the East All-Stars on Saturday night as Jake Plastiak and Zaid Walker of the Northwest Indiana Oilmen take the diamond. Walker was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 36th round, while Plastiak was a 28th-round selection of the San Diego Padres. Bobcats skipper Jake Wegner will guide the West squad, while Southland's Dave Letourneau has been named manager of the East team.

Around the League

The DuPage County Hounds find themselves with a two-game lead over the Southland Vikings for the top spot in the Midwest Collegiate League. The Northwest Indiana Oilmen are four games off the pace set by DuPage County and two games behind the Vikings for second place, which carries with it the right to host Games 1 and 3 of a first-round playoff series. Bloomington and Joliet are duking it out for the fourth and final playoff spot, as the two teams enter the stretch run tied, both eight games behind the first-place Hounds. The top four teams advance to the MCL Postseason, which features best-of-three semifinal and championship rounds. The Southland Vikings are the defending league champions and have won the most titles of any team in the league with three.

<u>All-Star Game History</u>

The first MCL All-Star Game was held at Oil City Stadium in 2011, the year before the Oilmen entered the MCL. A sizeable crowd in Northwest Indiana was treated to an entertaining affair, as the South beat the North 8-7 in extra innings. The 2012 game was held at Benedictine Stadium, but since then Saturday will mark the sixth straight and seventh overall at Oil City Stadium. Six players from the 2013 All-Star Game went on to play professionally. Last year, the MCL fielded one All-Star team, which took down the Serbian National Team 14-3.

2018 Schedule

5/28	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 15-4
5/29	Bloomington Bobcats	L 5-0
6/1	Southland Vikings	L 7-1
6/2	Ø Joliet Generals Ø	L 14-12
6/3	Bloomington Bobcats	L 12-7
6/5	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 10-4
6/6	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 13-4
6/7	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	L 13-10
6/8	JOLIET GENERALS	L 16-11
6/9	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 13-4
6/12	@ Crestwood Panthers	W 7-6
6/13	Southland Vikings	L 6-0
6/14	JOLIET GENERALS	W 8-4
6/15	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 11-5
6/16	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 11-3
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-0
6/17	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 6-5
6/20	Joliet Generals	W 13-9
6/23	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-2
6/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 9-3
6/27	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	L 8-0
6/28	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 5-2
6/29	CRESTWOOD PANTHERS	W 8-6
6/30	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 5-4
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS (DH)	W 3-2
7/1	JOLIET GENERALS (DH)	W 5-2
7/2	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	L 13-5
7/3	Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	
7/3	Bloomington Bobcats (DH)	L 13-3
7/6	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	W 4-3
7/7	JOLIET GENERALS	L 9-5
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	L 8-0
7/8	BLOOMINGTON BOBCATS	W 6-5
7/10		L 9-8
7/11	Bloomington Bobcats	W 7-5
7/12	Southland Vikings	W 20-3
7/13	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	W 4-3
7/14	MCL All-Star Game#	7:10 p.m.
7/16	@ DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/17	TEAM CROATIA#	4:45 p.m.
7/18	TEAM SERBIA#	7:15 p.m.
7/19	TEAM SLOVAKIA#	4:45 p.m.
7/21	IBC Semifinal#	TBD
7/22	IBC Final/3rd place#	TBD
7/23	DUPAGE COUNTY HOUNDS	7:10 p.m.
7/24	SOUTHLAND VIKINGS	7:10 p.m.
7/25	JOLIET GENERALS	7:10 p.m.
7/26	DuPage County Hounds	5 p.m.
7/27	DuPage County Hounds A Second Secon	5 p.m.
7/28	Crestwood Panthers	Noon
7/28	Crestwood Panthers	3 p.m.
7/29	DuPage County Hounds	1 p.m.
//31-8/5	MCL Playoffs	TBD

ALL CAPS = Home Games, Played at Oil City Stadium

= special event, hosted at Oil City Stadium

NWI Oilmen Fast Facts

Founded/First Season2012 LocationWhiting, Ind.
OwnerDon Popravak (2012-present)
Address1500 119th Street (2nd Floor) Whiting, IN 46394
Phone
Websitenwioilmen.com
ColorsBlack and Gold
Home Field (Capacity)Oil City Stadium (1,500)
Stadium Address1700 119th Street, Whiting, IN 46394
Manager Adam Enright (2015-present)
All-Time Team Record202-123 (.622)
Playoff Appearances2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Playoff Record11-9
MCL Championship Appearances2012, 2013, 2016
Midwest Collegiate League Titles2012, 2016

Oilmen Broadcasting Network

Can't make it out to the All-Star game? Catch all the action this season with a live video stream available via Facebook Live. Oilmen broadcaster Brandon Vickrey will call the MCL All-Star Game play-byplay for the fourth time, and former MCL All-Star Andrew Lowe will handle color commentary for the second time. Be sure to "like" the Northwest Indiana Oilmen on on Facebook and follow along all summer long to check out live action from Oil City Stadium.

Midwest Collegiate League Scoreboard

THURSDAY:	FRIDAY:
Oilmen 20, Vikings 3	Oilmen 4, Hounds 3
Hounds 14, Bobcats 10	
Generals 5, Panthers 3	
SATURDAY:	MONDAY:
MCL All-Star Game, 7:10 p.m.	Oilmen at Hounds, 5 p.m.

Midwest Collegiate League Standings

TEAM	W	L	%	GB	STR
DC Hounds	24	11	.686		L1
Southland Vikings	18	9	.667	2	L1
NWI Oilmen	21	16	.568	4	W2
Bloomington Bobcats	15	18	.455	8	L4
Joliet Generals	13	16	.448	8	W1
Crestwood Panthers	5	26	.161	17	L8

X= Clinched Playoff Berth

Y= Clinched Home Field Advantage in First Round

E= Eliminated from Playoff Contention

<u>2018 MCL West All-Stars</u> Bloomington Bobcats | DuPage County Hounds | Joliet Generals

#	NAME	CLASS	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Jimmy Day (Joliet)	JUNIOR	R/R	6-0	205	Evansville	Barrington, Ill.
2	Matt Barnes (Bloom)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	5-11	165	Heartland CC	Bloomington, Ill.
3	Tyler Thierry (Bloom)	FRESHMAN	R/R	6-0	175	Heartland CC	Normal, Ill.
5	Ryan Czajowski (Joliet)	FRESHMAN	R/R	5-7	165	Moraine Valley CC	Summit, Ill.
6	Alex Herbst (Joliet)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-0	175	Trinity College	Clarendon Hills, Ill.
7	Bryce Cross (Joliet)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-0	185	Milwaukee	Greenville, Wis.
10	Jake Anderson (DuPage)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-1	165	Webster University	Bolingbrook,Ill.
11	Zach Frey (Bloom)	JUNIOR	R/R	5-10	150	Indiana State	Bloomington, Ill.
13	Billy Mote (Bloom)	SOPHOMORE	L/R	6-1	195	Baylor	Bloomington, Ill.
13	James Raffauf (DuPage)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-3	185	Oakton CC	Richmond, Ill.
18	Jake Marti (Bloom)	FRESHMAN	S/R	6-3	205	Heartland CC	Bloomington, Ill.
22	Eric Kozlowski (Bloom)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-2	170	Illinois Wesleyan	North Barrington, Ill.
22	Ranko Stevanovic (Joliet)	JUNIOR	R/R	6-1	220	Triton College	Chicago, Ill.
24	Jeremiah Lebron (Joliet)	RS-FRESHMAN	R/R	6-1	250	University of Illinois	Bolingbrook, Ill.
25	Carter Lawler (Joliet)	RS-FRESHMAN	L/R	6-2	185	Illinois-Springfield	Hampshire, Ill.
27	Nick Watson (Bloom)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-0	185	Illinois Wesleyan	Normal, Ill.
28	Jack Kraus (Joliet)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-1	225	Milwaukee	Neenah, Wis.
32	Stephen Mogged (DuPage)	RS-FRESHMAN	R/R	5-11	175	Southern Illinois	Lindenhurst, Ill.
33	Quinn Gudaitis (Bloom)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-6	200	Illinois Wesleyan	Arlington Heights, Ill.
38	Chris Monroe (Bloom)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-4	220	llinois-Springfield	Champaign, Ill.

Manager - Jake Wegner (Bloomington)

Assistant Coaches - Ben Caple (DuPage County), Joe Hernandez (Joliet)

2018 MCL East All-Stars

Crestwood Panthers | Northwest Indiana Oilmen | Southland Vikings

	NAME	CLASS	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Nick Figus (NWI)	JUNIOR	R/R	5-11	175	Illinois Wesleyan	Frankfort, Ill.
2	Jackson Shepherd (Crest)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	5-11	170	Mesa CC	Channahon, Ill.
5	Dashon Moore (Sou)	JUNIOR	R/R	5-8	160	South Suburban/Illinois Springfield	Dolton, Ill.
6	Reggie Brock, Jr. (Crest)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-0	190	Chicago State	Chicago, Ill.
7	Stephen Gilbertsen (Crest)	FRESHMAN	R/L	5-10	155	Illinois State	Chesterton, Ind.
10	Chase Pearce (Sou)	JUNIOR	R/R	6-0	185	Oakton CC	Kokomo, Ind.
11	Cole Blatchford (Crest)*	SOPHOMORE	R/R	5-10	175	Air Force Academy	Highland Ranch, Colo.
13	Victor Perez (Sou)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	5-10	175	Heartland CC	Gurnee, Ill.
17	Anthony Rogers (Sou)	SOPHOMORE	L/L	6-2	205	Concordia (Chicago)	Bolingbrook, Ill.
21	Brandon Petkoff (NWI)	FRESHMAN	L/R	6-3	185	Texas A&M Corpus Cristi	Frankfort, Ill.
23	Nate Montgomery (NWI)	SENIOR	R/R	6-1	200	Tusculum	Geneva, Ill.
26	Brendan Kelly (NWI)	SENIOR	R/R	6-0	190	Purdue Northwest	Grandville, Mich.
28	Will Smithey (Sou)	JUNIOR	R/R	6-0	175	University of Indianapolis	Greenwood, Ind.
30	Alex Voss (NWI)	FRESHMAN	R/R	6-4	185	Butler	South Bend, Ind.
30	Andy Lopez (Sou)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-0	200	Lincoln Land CC	Chicago, Ill.
31	Pedro Rodriguez (NWI)	SENIOR	R/R	6-0	220	Tusculum	Kissimmee, Fla.
32	Justin Rios (Sou)	FRESHMAN	L/L	5-8	175	North Central College	Burbank, Ill.
35	Zaid Walker (NWI)	FRESHMAN	R/R	6-2	215	Michigan State	Flossmoor, Ill.
41	Jake Plastiak (NWI)	FRESHMAN	S/R	6-3	200	Wichita State	Tinley Park, Ill.
42	Chad Patrick (NWI)	SOPHOMORE	R/R	6-1	180	Purdue Northwest	Hebron, Ind.
45	Christian Howell (NWI)	RS-SENIOR	R/R	6-1	165	Trinity Christian	Aurora, III.

* WILL NOT PARTICIPATE DUE TO SUMMER AIR FORCE PROGRAM

Manager - Dave Letourneau (Southland) Assistant Coaches - Isaac Valdez (Crestwood), Matt Vitulli (NWI)

2018 MIDWEST COLLEGIATE LEAGUE WEST ALL-STAR STATS

OFFENSIV	OFFENSIVE/FIELDING STATS											
NUMBER	NAME	TEAM	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	SB	2B	3B
2	Matt Barnes	Bloomington Bobcats	.245	53	13	0	9	8	.302	3	3	0
3	Tyler Thierry	Bloomington Bobcats	.316	57	18	1	8	18	.474	5	4	1
7	Bryce Cross	Joliet Generals	.298	104	31	0	15	25	.327	5	3	0
13	Billy Mote	Bloomington Bobcats	.407	81	33	2	18	21	.580	6	6	1
18	Jake Marti	Bloomington Bobcats	.250	40	10	0	9	8	.350	5	4	0
19	Jimmy Day	Joliet Generals	.259	81	21	0	9	18	296	13	3	0
22	Ranko Stevanovic	Joliet Generals	.283	92	26	0	25	14	.348	1	6	0
24	Jeremiah Lebron	Joliet Generals	.345	84	29	4	20	23	.548	10	5	0
32	Stephen Mogged	DuPage Cty. Hounds	.349	109	38	1	21	32	.468	11	6	2
38	Chris Monroe	Bloomington Bobcats	.303	122	37	2	19	22	.412	0	4	0

PITCHING STATS

NUMBER	NAME	TEAM	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	Κ	WHIP
5	Ryan Czajowski	Joliet Generals	1	1	0	32.2	2.20	19	24	1.26
6	Alex Herbst	Joliet Generals	0	1	1	32.2	3.58	4	30	1.16
10	Jake Anderson	DuPage Cty. Hounds	3	3	0	31.2	3.41	10	22	1.33
11	Zach Frey	Bloomington Bobcats	2	0	1	30.1	2.08	10	31	1.19
13	James Raffauf	DuPage Cty. Hounds	3	0	0	25.2	1.05	17	21	1.25
25	Carter Lawler	Joliet Generals	2	1	0	29.0	5.28	15	32	1.52
27	Nick Watson	Bloomington Bobcats	1	1	1	16.2	3.24	8	24	1.68
33	Quinn Gudaitis	Bloomington Bobcats	2	4	0	31.0	3.19	17	35	1.71
34	Nick Brune	Bloomington Bobcats	2	0	0	13.1	0.68	5	11	1.05

2018 MIDWEST COLLEGIATE LEAGUE EAST ALL-STAR STATS

OFFENSIVE/FIELDING STATS												
NUMBER	NAME	TEAM	AVG	AB	HITS	HR	RBI	R	SLG	SB	2B	3B
1	Nick Figus	NWI Oilmen	.380	92	35	2	18	28	.565	2	5	3
2	Jackson Shepherd	Crestwood Panthers	.220	41	9	0	3	7	.244	9	1	0
5	Dashon Moore	Southland Vikings	.309	94	29	0	12	17	.394	7	6	1
6	Reggie Brock, Jr.	Crestwood Panthers	.298	114	34	0	11	22	.339	10	6	0
11	Cole Blatchford *	Crestwood Panthers	.338	65	22	2	8	8	.431	6	0	0
13	Victor Perez	Southland Vikings	.386	44	17	0	6	10	.500	2	5	0
21	Brandon Petkoff	NWI Oilmen	.323	96	31	0	16	19	.396	1	5	1
23	Nate Montgomery	NWI Oilmen	.323	99	32	6	26	27	.566	1	6	0
28	Will Smithey	Southland Vikings	.355	59	20	1	19	14	.484	2	5	0
30	Andy Lopez	Southland Vikings	.315	54	17	1	11	12	.481	1	5	0
32	Justin Rios	Southland Vikings	.278	54	15	0	4	10	.315	3	0	1
35	Zaid Walker	NWI Oilmen	.500	54	27	1	9	14	.611	4	3	0
40	Alex Voss	NWI Oilmen	.227	22	5	0	3	2	.318	0	2	0
41	Jake Plastiak	NWI Oilmen	.322	87	28	3	20	22	.494	7	4	1

PITCHING STATS

NUMBER	NAME	COLLEGE	W	L	S	IP	ERA	BB	Κ	WHIP
2	Jackson Shepherd	Crestwood Panthers	0	1	1	30.2	3.82	4	25	1.01
7	Stephen Gibertsen	Crestwood Panthers	1	2	0	26.0	3.12	9	25	1.69
10	Chase Pearce	Southland Vikings	1	0	0	21.0	4.71	13	17	1.76
17	Anthony Rogers	Southland Vikings	4	0	1	37.2	2.39	18	42	1.14
26	Brendan Kelly	NWI Oilmen	1	0	0	15.2	2.87	7	10	1.53
30	Alex Voss	NWI Oilmen	3	0	0	25.2	1.40	4	17	1.13
31	Pedro Rodriguez	NWI Oilmen	1	1	1	18.1	7.89	9	24	1.91
32	Justin Rios	Southland Vikings	1	1	0	21.0	4.29	4	12	1.48
42	Chad Patrick	NWI Oilmen	2	1	0	18.1	1.47	14	31	1.04
45	Christian Howell	NWI Oilmen	4	0	0	32.1	2.51	11	37	1.05