



**The Salmon Spectator**

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# Salmon Outfox Independants in Fox River Grove

by Katie "Flapjack" Baer

At the invitation of the McHenry County Historical Society, this past Saturday the Salmon traveled to Fox River Grove to play a vintage base ball match against the McHenry County Independants. Though the field was modern, the Salmon tried their best to remain historically accurate. Umpire HawkEye gave out several fines for infractions, including to the Mayor of Fox River Grove himself, who threw out the first pitch, but scandalized all ladies present with his exposed elbows and knees.

The Salmon were quick to make an impression with Iron Jaw earning a double with the first at bat of the game. The corkers kept on coming and by the bottom of the second inning the Salmon tallied nine aces, and kept their opponents at bay with two great plays by Man Hands as catcher, and a unique tag-the-base-with-the-ball technique by Pipes as second base. In the fourth inning the Independants hit their stride and started to come back, but the Salmon recovered in the sixth earning several more "insurance" aces. The Independants managed to squeak in a few more aces, but in the bottom of the ninth with bases loaded, Scooter caught a ball on the bound in style and ended the match, ensuring victory for the Salmon.

Hurrah to the Independants and the village of Fox River Grove for their kind invitation, as well as all the spectators for coming out to the ball field!

**Final Score**

**Salmon 16**  
**Independants 7**

**Individual Statistics**

by David "Iron Jaw" Cordes

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Iron Jaw • 3B	5	2	2	1	-	-	2
Nickels • LF	5	2	3	-	-	-	1
Gus Bus • SS	5	3	3	-	-	-	2
Smooch • RF	5	2	3	-	-	-	3
Strings • CF	5	1	3	1	-	-	2
Flapjack • 2B	5	-	2	-	-	-	2
Scooter • 1B/P	5	-	2	-	-	-	2
Barber • C	5	-	1	1	-	-	-
Pipes • 2B	5	2	4	-	-	-	-
Sketch • CF	4	1	1	-	-	-	-
Doc • 1B/P	4	1	-	2	-	-	1
Man Hands • C/P	4	2	3	-	-	-	1





## Up to Bat **M**

Next Sunday, June 26th, the Salmon are traveling to Sheridan, IL to face the formidable Prairie Chickens of McLean County. The match begins at 1:00pm at the field beside Sheridan Elementary School. Spectators are most welcome! After the match take in a little more history at the Norsk Museum, or cool off at Pirate's Cay Indoor Waterpark, both right in Sheridan.



A Prairie Chicken fields the ball during a match in 2020.

## On Deck **G**

vs. Deep River Grinders  
July 9th, 1pm,  
Orland Park, IL

## In the Hole

St. Louis Cup  
July 16-17  
St. Louis, MO

### Meet Your Salmon:



### Andrew "Gus Bus" Gustafson

Since 2015, the wheels on Andrew "GusBus" Gustafson have been going round and round the bases! While mighty with a bat, his favorite defensive position is third base. He got his nickname because he's always gone by Gus, and he can be a large, intimidating presence on the field. In 1858 he would be a quarryman, but luckily today he wields a bat for the Salmon instead of a pickaxe!

## Last Chance for Cards Tickets!

The Chicago Salmon will travel to St. Louis, MO to participate in the 8th annual St. Louis Cup. Many participating clubs will also be attending a St. Louis Cardinals game the evening of Friday, July 15th. Ballists, families, and friends are welcome. If you want to purchase tickets for the modern game (\$25 each), please send payment to **Salmon treasurer Nickels** by **June 19th**.



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