



The **Salmon Spectator**

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Salmon Sweat It Out at St. Louis Cup

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The Salmon traveled south this past weekend to participate in the 8th annual St. Louis Cup, the farthest trip of the 2022 season. The baseball-filled weekend kicked off on Friday night with a group outing to Busch Stadium to see the Cardinals beat the Reds. Several vintage clubs were represented at the modern game, and all provided three rousing huzzahs during the 7th inning stretch.

On Saturday the Salmon played three matches in historic Forest Park, the site of the 1904 World's Fair. The first match was against hosts the St. Louis Brown Stockings, and after five exciting back and forth innings, the Salmon were able to come back from behind in the ninth to secure a tie. It was a well-contested display from two evenly matched clubs! The second match, against the St. Louis Perfectos, was not quite so close. The Perfectos took an early lead and hammered away through seven innings, with the Salmon unable to catch up. Unfortunately the same can be said of the third match against the Memphis Blues, with faithful notekeeper Jan (Flapjack and Strings' mom) noting: "Wow did the Blues hit hard!"

Sunday brought rain, and with it two more matches just over the border in Swansea, IL. The first, against Hog and Hominy of Tennessee, and the second against the Belleville Stags, were both much closer than the previous two games, however victory slipped out of the Salmon's grasp twice more.

Though the outcomes of the matches were not favorable for the Salmon, there was much to celebrate from the weekend, the first thing being the fact that the Salmon had enough club members to play all five matches! Some notable feats on the field included several triples by both Daniels men, an unassisted double play by Lawman in the Brown Stockings match, and a remarkable double play by GusBus, Pipes, and Pig in the Stags match. The play of the weekend, however, goes to Iron Jaw for an incredible backwards, one-handed fly ball snag while playing second base in the Brown Stockings match.

Despite 101 degree heat, oppressive humidity, absurdly hard balls, and way more base ball than anyone sane would attempt, the Salmon all managed to stay upright and out of the infirmary during the weekend, and for that one can only say: hip, hip, hurrah!

Thank you to the St. Louis Brown Stockings for the invitation and hospitality, as well as Rarely Incorrect for her fine umpiring, and all the family and friends who traveled with the club.





Up to Bat **V** **M**

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Salmon are hosting friends the Valparaiso Lookouts and the Milwaukee Grays for a Round Robin event at the Historic Methodist Campground in Des Plaines, IL. The first match begins at 11:00am. Spectators are highly encouraged to attend this exciting day of vintage baseball, and can see three matches for once fantastic price: free!



The Lookouts introduce themselves before a match against the Salmon earlier this season.

On Deck **B**

vs. Blue Island Brewmasters
July 30th, 1:00pm
Riverside, IL

In the Hole

vs. Douglas Dutchers
August 6th, 1:00pm,
Chicagoland Location TBD

The St. Louis Cup in Photos:

