



The  
**Salmon Spectator**

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**Bishop Hill Double Header**





## Salmon Bested in Bishop Hill Battles

by Katie “Flapjack” Baer (Photographs by Brennan “Sketch” Probst)

Last Saturday the Salmon traveled to Bishop Hill, IL to take part in the historic Bishop Hill Civil War Days event. The ballists were met with a sunny, warm afternoon and a full Civil War encampment, which made for a unique and entertaining day of vintage base ball! Following a match between the McLean County Prairie Chickens and the Springfield Long Squirrels, the Salmon faced each opponent in turn.

The Salmon took an early lead in their first match, against the Prairie Chickens, thanks to solid hitting and a corker by Pig that brought in two runners. Nickels held off the opponents with an impressive line drive catch on the fly as rover. His defense remained strong throughout the match, and included several crack throws to Zeus at first base for hands dead. Despite the Daniels’ efforts, the Chickens managed to even the score in the sixth. The Salmon tallied a go-ahead ace in the seventh, but unfortunately the Chickens batted last and managed to come from behind and claim the match in their favor.

The Civil War era was known as a perilous time, and the reenactment proved no different. To quote Pipes: “We sent Tintype to get water. He found beer instead, and was never seen again!” Not only was this disappearance noted, but the second Salmon match was peppered with the roar of gunfire and cannons. A particular cannon blast made for a very dramatic hit by Sketch, which contributed again to an early Salmon lead against the Long Squirrels. The Salmon held the lead into the fourth, with Pipes scoring on some very bold base running that nearly flattened the young boy playing catcher for the Squirrels. The Squirrels managed to come back in the fifth, however, and held their lead for the remainder of the match.

Although the Salmon were not victorious, it was an excellent afternoon for vintage base ball. Many thanks to Drifter of Philo, IL for taking the field with the Salmon, as well as the Chickens and Squirrels ballists who filled in the roster. Thanks to the Bishop Hill Heritage Association as well for the kind invitation. Hip, hip, hurrah!

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SCOREBOARD								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Salmon	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	6
Prairie Chickens	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Long Squirrels	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	8
Salmon	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4







Enjoy these photos by Tom "Tintype" Davison!



## Up to Bat

**May 20** Once again the fine folks of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society have invited the Salmon to Big Ball Park in **Riverside, IL** for a vintage base ball match. The opponents will be the Blue Island Brewmasters, who the Salmon narrowly bested last year. Will victory once again belong to the bat sticks of the Salmon, or will the Brewmasters take the prize this year? Come out to the ball field to find out! The match begins at **1:00pm** on **Saturday, May 20th.**



Scooter scoots to first base in last year's Riverside match

## On Deck

**June 03** vs. Milwaukee Grays & Cincinnati Red Stockings  
Historic Methodist Campground  
Des Plaines, IL  
11:00 AM

## In the Hole

**June 11** vs. Elkhart County Railroaders & Valparaiso Lookouts  
Historic Methodist Campground  
Des Plaines, IL  
11:00 AM

## Ferrotypes Fun



St. Louis photographer T. M. Forrest was at Bishop Hill making authentic wet plate ferrotypes (aka tintypes). Above is Sketch and Flapjack's ferrotypes portrait!

## Salmon Survey

*How Do You Like Your (Base) Balls?*

Soft 15%

Hard 15%

**Somewhere in the Middle 42%**

Depends on the field 23%

"BIG" (write-in) 5%

