



The
Salmon Spectator

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Big Win at Big Ball Park!



Salmon Rally in Riverside Rendezvous

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Last Saturday the Salmon were kindly invited to play a vintage base ball match in Riverside, IL against the Blue Island Brewmasters. Having just barely bested the Brewmasters in Riverside last year, this contest was a re-match of sorts, and couldn't have taken place on a more beautiful spring day at Big Ball Park.

The Salmon started strong by tallying two aces at the top of the first. The opponents quickly came back, but were held to only four aces, thanks in part to an out on the bound by Strings, followed by a lively Man Hands and Beast run down that made the third Brewmasters' hand dead, setting the scene for the tight match to come.

The Salmon tallied two more aces, but the Brewmasters held on to their lead for several innings. The lead remained a close one, however, thanks to solid Salmon defense, including an impressive foul ball catch on the bound by Dizzy at the bottom of the sixth. At the top of the seventh Dizzy again proved his mettle, tallying the match-tying ace thanks to his bold baserunning. Scooter then tallied as well, giving the Salmon the lead in the seventh.

In the bottom of the eighth, Strings and newcomer Peaches turned a rare Salmon double play. Another great sliding catch by Strings and an impressive one-handed snag on the bound by Man Hands in the bottom of the ninth ensured victory perched on the bat-sticks of the Salmon. All in all it was a perfect day for two esteemed and well-matched clubs to meet for a vintage base ball match. Hip, hip, hurrah!

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SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final
Salmon	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	7
Brewmasters	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5



For making a ridiculous number of catches in left field. Seriously, he made a LOT of outs.





More photos from the match!



"Make sure you don't smile."
- Scooter

Up to Bat



June 03 On Saturday, June 3rd the Salmon are returning to the Historic Methodist Campground in Des Plaines for the 2023 season Home Opener! The hometown heroes are hosting a Round Robin competition with visitors from afar, the Cincinnati Red Stockings, and longtime friends the Milwaukee Grays. It is sure to be a lively afternoon of vintage base ball with two very worthy opponents. Come out to cheer for your Salmon! The first match begins at 11:00am.



Jumbo Shrimp shows off his ball handling skills at last year's home opener in Des Plaines

On Deck



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

In the Hole



July 08 vs. Milwaukee Grays
Stellwagen Farm
Orland Park, IL
1:00 PM

Thanks to the Granks!



Hip, hip, hurrah to the many spectators who came out to watch and learn about vintage base ball in Riverside last weekend. It's always more fun to play in front of a crowd!



Welcome and Welcome Back

The Salmon were happy to welcome two new ballists to the roster in Riverside last weekend! Lori "Peaches" Hamburg made her vintage base ball debut, while Erik "Beast" Carlson returned after not playing for the Salmon since he was in middle school. Both played with much pluck and perseverance, proving themselves essential members of the club. Welcome to the Salmon!

