



The
Salmon Spectator

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Home Opener!



Salmon Split Home Opener

by Katie "Flapjack" Baer *(Photographs by Brennan "Sketch" Probst)*

Last Saturday the Salmon were joined by a group of Cincinnati ballists, dubbed the Cincinnati Vintage Base Ball Club, and the Milwaukee Grays for a round robin competition marking the 2023 home opener. Though traveling from afar, both clubs brought a host of spectators, which made for an exciting day of vintage base ball.

The competition began with a sharp contest between the two Salmon opponents, which resulted in an 8-8 tie after eight innings. The Grays and Salmon then met for a match, which remained scoreless for the first two innings until the Salmon were able to pull ahead in the third. The Grays evened out the score in the fourth, but were held at one ace thanks to a catch through a tree by Nickels, as well as a diving grab by Dizzy. An RBI by Flapjack put the Salmon back in the lead at the top of the fifth, but the Grays pulled ahead again at the bottom. Solid Salmon defense held the Grays for the next inning, and the Salmon tallied another ace thanks to an RBI by GusBus, but the home team remained behind by an ace and the Grays claimed victory in the seventh.

In the final match of the day, the Salmon faced the Cincinnati club, and started strong thanks in part to a triple by Pig. An incredible one-handed catch by Zeus on first and a great catch by Sketch in right helped to keep the visitors scoreless, plus a Howitzer shot of a home run by GusBus helped the Salmon pull further ahead. The opponents tallied two aces in the third, but the Salmon held on to the lead, and presented a bold front in the seventh that tallied several more aces. Cincinnati started to come back at the bottom of the seventh, but a run down tag by Nickles secured the Salmon victory. Hip, hip, hurrah!

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| SCOREBOARD | | | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Final |
| Salmon | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Grays | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | - | 4 |

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Final |
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| Salmon | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Cincinnati VBBC | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |

★ MOST VALUABLE SALMON ★



GUSBUS

For hitting two doubles in the second match, plus a home run that flew a country mile.





More photos from the matches!



Up to Bat



June 11 The Hoosiers are coming! The Hoosiers are coming! On Sunday, June 11th the Salmon are hosting the Elkhart County Railroaders and Valparaiso Lookouts for a Round Robin competition at the Historic Methodist Campground in Des Plaines, IL. Will the Indiana clubs best the Salmon, or will the home field advantage win the day? Come out to the ball field for a fine afternoon of vintage base ball with three excellent clubs! The first match begins at 11:00am.



Barber takes a mighty hack while playing against Elkhart back in 2021

On Deck



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

In the Hole

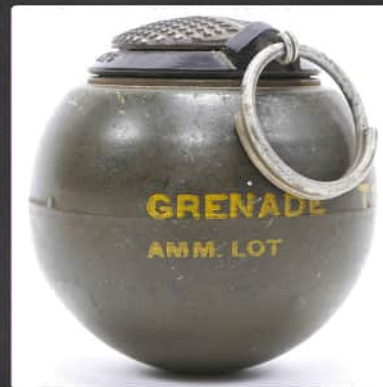
July 15 Portage Vintage Base Ball Festival
Ramona Park
Portage, MI

Three Facts and a Fib

How well do you know your fellow Salmon? First up this issue: Brennan "Sketch" Probst!

Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?

- A. He teaches darkroom photography as a part-time job
- B. He lived in New Orleans for three years
- C. He has a pet cat named "Ansel"
- D. He has a motorcycle license



Weird History

During World War II, the Office of Strategic Services commissioned the T-13 BEANO, a grenade the same size and weight of a baseball, in hopes that young Americans could more effectively throw it. Unlike conventional grenades of the time, the BEANO exploded on contact, instead of utilizing a timed fuse. It was developed (no pun intended) by the Eastman Kodak Company.

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