



The
Salmon Spectator

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FULL REPORT:

The Portage Vintage Base Ball Festival!



Salmon Fare Favorably at Formidable Festival

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

Last Saturday the Salmon were honored to participate in the inaugural Portage Vintage Base Ball Festival hosted by the Kalamazoo Continentals. 14 clubs gathered in Ramona Park to play 21 matches throughout the day. The Salmon played three matches, and while there were many obstacles including inclement weather, unfamiliar rules, and incredibly hard balls, the club managed to claim two victories, clinching a winning festival record.

The first match against the Douglas Dutchers was played by the rules of 1860, which featured unfamiliar practices such as tagging up and stealing. Despite this, the opponents only managed to steal one base. The defense (mostly) held up for the duration, and included an impressive relay out by Flapjack as catcher, Jumbo Shrimp as first, and Sketch as right field. Solid Salmon hitting, including a double by Razor contributed to a steady stream of aces for the club. The Dutchers managed to tie up the score in the last inning, but fine Salmon hits brought Strings across the plate for a walk-off victory.

The second match was also played by the rules of 1860, though both clubs agreed to refrain from stealing. The Salmon faced the Chelsea Monitors, who caught the Salmon off guard right from the start with their tremendous batsmanship. To quote Boss Lady, "They've got some wicked bats. I don't like it." The Monitors maintained a hefty lead throughout the match, and the greatest Salmon achievement was keeping them from scoring in the bottom of the fourth.

The third match, against the Royal Oak Wahoos was a much closer affair. The game was played by the rules of 1864. These rules feature completely free stealing, and both clubs took full advantage. The Salmon bats were steady, and the 1864 rules meant nearly every ballist to reach first base was able to make their third. GusBus, however, earned a natural triple with a corker out to the trees in right field. The Wahoos took the lead in the fifth, but the Salmon rallied and a well struck ball by Lawman brought Scooter home for the win.

Many thanks and a rousing hip, hip, hurrah to the Kalamazoo Club for their gracious invitation and hosting this illustrious event!

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SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Final
Dutchers	0	0	2	1	1	4	8
Salmon	3	0	2	2	1	1	9

	1	2	3	4	5	Final
Salmon	0	1	0	0	1	2
Monitor BBC	7	5	10	0	-	22

	1	2	3	4	5	Final
Wahoo BBC	1	3	2	0	5	11
Salmon	1	3	2	4	2	12

MOST VALUABLE SALMON



Tim the Dog

For keeping our spirits alive during the festival's many trials and tribulations.





More photos from the festival!



Up to Bat

July 29 On Saturday, July 29th, the Salmon are traveling to Douglas, Michigan to meet friends the Douglas Dutchers at historic Beery Field for a vintage base ball match. The Salmon bested the Dutchers by just one ace at the Portage Base Ball Festival last week. Will they be able to claim victory again, or will the Dutchers take the win this time? We hope to see you on the ball field for this exciting re-match! The match begins at 1:00pm CST/ 2:00pm EST.



[Above] Zeus and Smooch race towards home during a 2021 match at Beery Field.

On Deck

Aug. 06 vs. McHenry County Independents
Fox River Grove, IL
1:00pm

In the Hole

Aug. 13 vs. Blue Island Brewmasters
Blue Island, IL
2:00pm

— Three Facts and a Fib —

How well do you know your fellow Salmon? This week:

Dan "Dizzy" Zamudio

Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?

- A.** He wrote a book called "How to Sneak into the Movies"
- B.** He's been good friends with Weird Al since 1994
- C.** He spent two seasons on "Star Trek Deep Space Nine" as a Bjorn worker alien
- D.** He won money on a game show hosted by Dick Clark



Answer: B

Weird History

Did you know that the notorious bank robber, John Dillinger, played professional baseball? In 1924, Dillinger played shortstop and second base for both the Mooresville Walkovers and Martinsville Athletics, two minor league teams in central Indiana. He batted leadoff, and thanks to his quick speed and small frame he earned the nickname, "Jack-rabbit." After the 1924 season concluded, the umpire for the Martinsville Athletics, Ed Singleton, convinced Dillinger to help him stick up a grocery store. The heist went horribly wrong, and both men were caught. As a result, Dillinger served nine years in prison, and became the ace ballplayer for the Indiana State Reformatory Baseball Club!

