



The
Salmon Spectator

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Salmon Grapple with Grinders in Sheridan Showdown

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The Salmon traveled down to scenic Sheridan, IL for a match of base ball against the Deep River Grinders this past Saturday afternoon. With little shade in sight, and temperatures rising to levels just above comfortable, the Salmon took the field first after winning the coin toss.

The Grinders started the match off with a run in the top of the first, thanks in part to Strings humorously losing his footing while chasing down a fly ball in center. Salmon bats were slow to start, as a trio of flyouts ended the bottom of the first with no runs scored. Strings made up for his earlier muff by making a series of impressive outfield catches in the top of the second to hold the Grinders, while smart base-running by Korn led to an equalizing run in the bottom of the inning. The third inning was split with one run for each club, while no one tallied in the fourth. During the fourth, third baseman Korn displayed his defensive chops when he fielded a ball that had shot over his head into shallow left, and then fired it to Scooter at first base for a miraculous out!

Expert plays by Iron Jaw, Korn, and Lawman kept the Grinders at bay in the top of the fifth, and then the bats started to heat up for the Salmon in the bottom of the inning. Lawman knocked in Nickels for a run, and then Lawman and Sketch were both able to score on a tactical Iron Jaw pop-up. A total of five runs were scored in the fifth, which gave the Salmon a lead they managed to maintain for the rest of the match.

The sixth inning saw an impressive snag on the bound by Dizzy as catcher. In the seventh, Sketch made an astonishing diving catch in the outfield that nearly sent him careening into Strings, who was luckily able to dodge Sketch's flailing legs as he toppled over! Lawman absolutely crushed a ball to right field in the bottom of the inning, resulting in a triple and multiple RBI's scored. The Grinders showed life in the eighth, but the Salmon were able to avoid complete disaster and held their opponents to three runs. The top of the ninth played host to a textbook 6-4-3 double play by Lawman, Dizzy, and Zeus. The game ended with Zeus catching a screaming line drive on the fly for the final out.

The Salmon emerged victorious with a final tally of 13-5. Clubs enjoyed barbecued meats after the game thanks to the Sheridan Community Club. Salmon vegetarians were thankful to Boss Lady for bringing delicious rice and bean tostadas. Hurrah!

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final
GRINDERS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	5
SALMON	0	1	1	0	5	2	4	0	-	13



A brick wall at third with a rifle arm to match, he also harvested a healthy helping of hits to help the Salmon to victory!





More photos from the match!



Up to Bat

AUG. 27 On Sunday, August 27th the Salmon are swimming north to meet the Milwaukee Grays for a vintage base ball match at their home field, Estabrook Park. The annual trip to the Cream City is always a season highlight, as the field is right in front of Estabrook Park Beer Garden, which ensures an animated crowd, and sometimes even live music. Will the polka band be back this year? Come out to the park to find out! The match begins at 1:00pm.



[Above] Flapjack applies the tag during last year's match against the Grays in Milwaukee

On Deck

SEPT. 16 & 17 Barnstorm Weekend
Nappanee, IN
&
Benton Harbor, MI

In the Hole

SEPT. 30 vs. Lemont Quarrymen
Mount Assisi Field
Lemont, IL
1:00 PM

Last Match of the Year!

Three Facts and a Fib

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

John "Colonel" Modica

Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?

- A. His girlfriend calls him "Fifi"
- B. He has an extensive collection of bronze frog figurines
- C. He has vacationed in Las Vegas over fifteen times
- D. He was a morning DJ at a radio station in Arizona, where his handle was "Jumpin' John"



Weird History

While awaiting the results of the Harvard-Yale football game by telegraph in 1887, George Hancock and other members of Chicago's Farragut Boat Club created the sport of indoor baseball. Their variation of the sport used broom handles for bats, a wrapped boxing glove as a ball, and a baseball diamond with bases only thirty feet apart. The new sport quickly caught on, and gradually evolved into what is now known as 16-inch softball!



[Above] Women play indoor baseball in a Pilsen gymnasium

Answer: B, though he has sold dozens of them at auction!