



The  
**Salmon Spectator**

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## Dazzling Defeat of Dutchers in Douglas

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

Last Saturday the Salmon traveled to face the Douglas Dutchers at historic Beery Field. The field features a shallow outfield fence. During the match, balls hit over the fence to far left or right field were called outs, while balls hit over the fence to center were called fair. Nickels started off the first with a shot over the fence, but his placement missed the fair zone and he was called out. GusBus made up for this, however, with a shot over the fence to dead center which resulted in a three-run homer. At the bottom of the inning, Four Eyes caught a foul on the bound to keep the Dutchers to one ace. In the second, a double over the fence by Lawman and solid Salmon hits brought in several aces, and an amazing catch on the fly by Man Hands at second held the Dutchers to only one additional ace. In the third, Lawman hit another corker, but was foiled by the fence and called out. GusBus hit a double, though, and the Salmon held their lead.

The Dutchers held the Salmon scoreless in the fourth, and some quick backup by Flapjack in right field got a runner out at first, holding the Dutchers to one more ace yet again. In the fifth, Lawman hit over the fence again, and this time achieved a double, which was followed by a GusBus triple. Some quick maneuvering by Man Hands at the bottom of the inning brought two outs at second. In the sixth, Nickles crushed a ball over the fence, thanks to the "Pig Grunt" inspired by his brother. At the bottom, Man Hands made another great fly ball snag.

At the top of the seventh, Flapjack managed a cannonball shot through the fence, but was held to first by quick Dutcher fielding. The Salmon made up for it at the bottom, though, with a Sketch-Nickles-Scooter relay tag that kept a confident Dutcher from a home run. Nickels and GusBus both successfully hit over-the-fence home runs in the eighth for good measure. In the last inning Lawman tried to add one of his own, but a clever Dutcher fielder was playing on the other side of the fence and made a crack catch on the bound. The Salmon held the Dutchers at the bottom of the inning to ensure their victory.

Both clubs met as friends after the match for a lovely meal provided by the Dutchers and their owner, The Wild Sicilian. All in all it was a fine afternoon for a lively vintage base ball match!

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SCOREBOARD										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final
Salmon	3	7	2	0	3	4	2	3	0	24
Dutchers	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	0	14

### ★ MOST VALUABLE SALMON ★



**The Bash Bros.**  
 Nickels, GusBus, and Lawman bashed multiple balls beyond the Beery Field fence, bestowing a bounty of aces for the club.





More photos from the match!



## Up to Bat

**AUG. 06** At the kind invitation of the McHenry County Historical Society, on Sunday, August 6th the Salmon are traveling to Fox River Grove, IL to meet the McHenry County Independants. The Salmon are hoping for a repeat of last year's match: a decisive victory over the Independants. Once again the match will be played at Algonquin Road Elementary School, however this year the organizers have guaranteed an all grass field for a historically accurate match. The match begins at 1:00pm.



[Above] Sketch swings away during last year's match in Fox River Grove

## On Deck

**AUG. 13** vs. Blue Island Brewmasters  
Memorial Park  
Blue Island, IL  
2:00 PM

## In the Hole

**AUG. 19** vs. Deep River Grinders  
Sheridan Elementary School  
Sheridan, IL  
1:00 PM

## — Three Facts and a Fib —

How well do you know your fellow Salmon? This week: **Aaron "Strings" Baer!**

### Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?

- A. He has five sisters
- B. His parents named him after Hank Aaron
- C. He somehow gets mistaken for Sketch during nearly every match
- D. He has a cat playing a lute tattooed on his rear end



ANSWER: D

## Weird History

From the 1860's until the 1890's, it was not uncommon for baseball to be played on ice during the winters in New York. The rules of ice baseball were similar, except the ball was painted red, matches were five innings, and players could skate through first base (this is thought to be the origin of players being able to run through first base in standard baseball).



## OH, JEEZ!



In the previous issue of *The Salmon Spectator*, we mistakenly reported that Lawman scored the game-winning RBI against the Wahoo Base Ball Club. Avid reader and ballist, Scooter, was quick to point out that it was in fact **SCOOTER** who drove in the walk-off ace. Please forgive our grevous error! ~ The Editors