



The  
**Salmon Spectator**

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## One Last Hurrah in Des Plaines

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The 2023 Salmon season came to a close last Sunday with a match against the Deep River Grinders at the Historic Methodist Campground in Des Plaines, IL. A film crew from WGN captured the match, which certainly contributed to the ballists all playing their absolute best, and showing off their good sides. It was a chilly fall day, but the Salmon were warmed up right from the start!

The first inning belonged to Nickels. He started things off at the top with an amazing snag on the bound, and he later managed to tag out a runner off second base. At the bottom of the inning he struck a triple, giving the home club an early lead. The top of the second was three up, three down with Scooter making a great out as pitcher. The Grinders were finally able to score in the third inning, but were held at two thanks to a foul tip grab by Peaches as catcher, a quick pop up catch by Pig as pitcher, and a nice catch by Strings in left. Solid Salmon bats increased their score at the bottom of the inning. Scooter's fine pitching earned him a rare vintage ball strike out at the top of the fifth, and kept the Grinders from scoring for another inning. At the bottom of the sixth GusBus smashed a corker over the fence for a ground rule double, and Pig followed suit in the seventh. Though the visitors tallied one more ace in the ninth, a nice play by Nickels and an incredible one-handed grab by GusBus brought the match to a close in favor of the Salmon.

After the match both clubs enjoyed a bountiful feast prepared by Boss Lady and reminisced about a most excellent season. Many thanks to all of the ballists, families, friends, and spectators who came out to the ball fields this year. It was truly one of the most enjoyable Salmon seasons yet, and next year is sure to be even better. Hip, hip, hurrah!

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final
GRINDERS	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5
SALMON	4	0	3	0	0	1	7	0	-	15





More photos from the match!



**28**  
Seasons of  
**Salmon**  
Base  
Ball

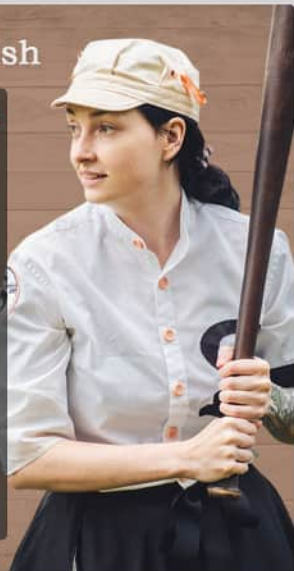


2023 was a banner year for the Salmon! From April through October the club played 22 matches. It was the winningest season in recent memory and had many highlights, including the inaugural Portage Vintage Base Ball Festival, and the annual Michiana Barnstorm weekend. Here's hoping 2024 is just as good of a display!

## Three Facts and a Fib

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

**Madelyn "Man Hands" Grish**



*Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?*

- A. She played varsity softball in high school.
- B. She absolutely LOVES clowns.
- C. She is a full time video game streamer and content creator.
- D. She has two cats named Bonnie and Reinhardt.

## Thanks for Everything!

The Spectator would like to show appreciation to everyone who took on extra duties during the 2023 season. Special thanks to the following:



**Scooter**  
Coach



**Iron Jaw**  
Coach



**Nickels**  
Coach



**Zeus**  
Equipment  
Manager



**Boss Lady**  
Meals, Laundry, &  
Scheduling



**Mama Baer**  
Score & Note  
Keeping

**The Chicago Salmon 2023 Season**

**Final Record: 16 Wins, 6 Losses**

**Total Aces Tallied: 280** (Avg 12.73 Per Match)

**Total Aces Allowed: 186** (Avg 8.45 Per Match)

**Miles Traveled: 2,050** (From H.M.C. Round Trip)



April 30  
vs. Grinders  
**W 19 - 5**



May 6  
vs. Long Nine  
**L 6 - 7**



May 6  
vs. Prairie Chickens  
**L 4 - 8**



May 20  
vs. Brewmasters  
**W 7 - 5**



June 3  
vs. Grays  
**L 3 - 4**



June 3  
vs. Red Stockings  
**W 10 - 5**



June 11  
vs. Lookouts  
**W 15 - 2**



June 11  
vs. Railroaders  
**W 22 - 10**



July 8  
vs. Grays  
**W 20 - 8**



July 15  
vs. Dutchers  
**W 9 - 8**



July 15  
vs. Monitor BBC  
**L 2 - 22**



July 15  
vs. Wahoo BBC  
**W 12 - 11**



July 29  
vs. Dutchers  
**W 24 - 14**



August 6  
vs. Independants  
**W 22 - 4**



August 13  
vs. Brewmasters  
**W 10 - 3**



August 19  
vs. Grinders  
**W 13 - 5**



August 27  
vs. Grays  
**L 3 - 13**



September 16  
vs. Railroaders  
**L 12 - 13**



September 16  
vs. Lookouts  
**W 14 - 7**



September 17  
vs. Echoes  
**W 14 - 7**



September 30  
vs. Quarrymen  
**W 24 - 21**



October 8  
vs. Grinders  
**W 15 - 5**