



# THE SALMON SPECTATOR

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## Salmon Bag Both Beer Garden Bouts

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The Salmon swam north last Sunday to beautiful Estabrook Park in Milwaukee for two matches of base ball against the Milwaukee Grays. The Grays certainly brought their big sticks, but the Salmon were uncharacteristically up for the challenge!

The first match got off to a lively start with a lead off double by Strings, followed by a triple by Nickels. Several nice RBIs gave the Salmon an early lead. The Milwaukee strikers really hit their stride in the fourth, though, and managed to even up the score.

A Sketch double and some impressive running by Four Eyes helped the Salmon pull ahead at the bottom of the fourth, but Milwaukee came back again at the top of the fifth.

All tied up at the bottom of the inning, a deep (and obviously fair) shot down the line double for GusBus, followed by a Rye Bread RBI, secured a narrow Salmon victory.

The second match also began well for the Salmon, with solid hitting tallying four aces, a trend that continued for much of the match. The defense was also strong, with outfielders including Nickels and Strings making

nice catches. Jack-of-all-positions Dizzy also made a great bound out in left in the third inning that prevented at least two Milwaukee aces.

The opponents rallied in the fourth with deep shots and aggressive running. A great grab by Goose in left finally ended the inning and kept the tally to six aces.

The fifth and final inning belonged to Scooter who made three hands dead as first baseman and kept the Grays from adding to their total. A special mention goes to the catching staff as well, Four Eyes, Uncle, and Sketch, who made several tick outs throughout the matches and proved up to the challenge of an 1860's rule set that included stealing.

After a long afternoon of base ball, both clubs met as friends and enjoyed a lovely meal courtesy of the Grays. Milwaukee remains one of the Salmon's favorite away fields both because of the excellent location, and the gentlemanly comportment of the club. Hip, hip, hurrah!

### SCOREBOARD

Match One:

	1	2	3	4	5	Final
GRAYS	2	0	0	6	2	10
SALMON	5	2	1	2	1	11

Match Two:

	1	2	3	4	5	Final
SALMON	4	4	3	4	3	18
GRAYS	0	0	0	6	0	6

CURRENT RECORD: **8** WINS, **1** LOSS, **1** TIE



### Quotes from the Manager

(Brennan "Sketch" Probst)

I was initially nervous about this double-header, as the Grays have historically beaten us badly at Estabrook...

...But every player contributed and we came home with two wins. Big hitters brought the thunder, while contact hitters placed the ball beautifully. It's easily the best we've hit all season. And our defense was strong as well! The pitching staff was on point, and expert fielding in the outfield stifled the Grays' long ball approach.



### Up to Bat

**AUG 23 & 24** They built it, and the Salmon are coming. On Friday, August 23rd the Salmon are swimming out west for a weekend at the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, IA. Built in 1989, the site is practically vintage these days, and includes the eponymous field, farmhouse, and barn. On Saturdays the public is invited to the 1:00pm Ghost Saturdays games, touted as the "Greatest Show on Dirt." The Salmon match on Friday begins at 7:20pm, and the matches on Saturday begin at 6:00pm.



[Above] Salmon stand before the corn during the 2017 Field of Dreams trip. (Photo by Tintype)

### On Deck

**SEPT 07** vs. Railroaders  
Historic Methodist Campground  
Des Plaines, IL  
1:00 PM

### In the Hole

**SEPT 14** vs. Grinders  
Lincoln Park  
Chicago, IL  
1:00 PM