



# THE SALMON SPECTATOR

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## Slammin' Salmon Win Chicago Showdown

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Last Saturday, the Chicago Salmon and Deep River Grinders met in Lincoln Park for a friendly base ball bout. The venue was packed with Salmon fans, as well as curious passersby. Tensions were high, as the Salmon were coming off a two-match losing streak (five if you count the infamous Field of Dreams Movie Site trip). Everyone was wondering- Would the Salmon bats come alive? Would the losing streak be broken? Would Scooter finally be able to smile again?

After losing the initial coin toss, the Salmon batted first. Things started out promising in the top of the first with a lead-off double by Strings, who was then able to score off a sacrifice fly by Nickels. Another run was scored off an RBI by Lawman, who scorched a shot into right field that nearly struck an oblivious pedestrian. With two runs tallied in the top of the first, the Salmon were feeling good. But now it was the Grinders' turn to strike, and strike they did. Two Grinders batters were allowed to reach base, who were then batted in by a three-run blast by their rover, Patches.

The Salmon retook the lead in the top of the second, thanks to lightning-fast baserunning by Goose and Grounds who both scored off a Razor single. A double

by Jumbo Shrimp plated another run, and once three hands were dead, the score was 5-3 in favor of Chicago. Man Hands owned the bottom of the second, making three tick-outs as catcher while wearing man pants.

The fourth is when the Salmon began to break the game wide open. Smooch led the inning off with a screaming double, and was then driven in by a Dizzy daisy-cutter that pinballed off a tree in left field. Later in the inning, Goose crushed a ball into deep center for a three-run honker of a home run. Eight runs were tallied that inning, and the Salmon assumed a comfortable lead that they would hold for the rest of the match.

The Grinders scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth, but it was not enough to catch the Salmon. Scooter secured the victory with a tick-out as catcher, and lo and behold, a smile formed on his face! The beaming birthday boy was then able to enjoy baseball themed ice cream cones prepared by Peaches, made to celebrate his special day. Boss Lady provided a fantastic feast of sandwiches and salads, and a mystery chef dropped off a fancy Salmon-shaped galette pastry to the delight of everyone. *Hurrah!*

### SCOREBOARD

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Final
SALMON	2	3	0	8	4	0	6	0	7	31
GRINDERS	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	9

CURRENT RECORD: **9** WINS, **3** LOSSES, **1** TIE



### Quote from the Manager

Mark "Razor" Uittenbogaard

Seems like the home team continued to get all the bounces. Every time we hit the ball, it would bound away. Every time *they* hit the ball, it would bound right to us!



### Three Facts and a Fib

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

Lori "Peaches" Hamburg

#### Which Ballist Fact is Bogus?

- A. She lived in Guatemala for two years.
- B. She and her brothers are all left-handed.
- C. She always uses coupons at the grocery store.
- D. Her first Cubs game was in Montreal when they played against the Expos.



Answer: C

### Up to Bat (LAST DATE OF THE SEASON!)

**SEPT 21 & 22** The Salmon are traveling to Nappanee, IN and Benton Harbor, MI this coming weekend for the annual Michigan Barnstorm. Saturday's event will be a round robin with the Elkhart County Railroaders and the Valparaiso Lookouts at the famous Nappanee Apple Festival. Sunday's event is the second Michigan Invitational with ballists from the House of David Echoes and other clubs from the Great Lakes state. A weekend full of vintage ball and old friends is the perfect way to finish out the 2024 Salmon season.



Plajack bats during one of last year's matches in Nappanee, IN