

CAMEL DROPPINGS



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ISHTAR OLDER, SMARTER

Season 13 began on May 15th. And who did the Camels have the pleasure of playing? Why their old friends The Slammers, the same team that beat IOB on opening day last year.

In a new tradition, the Slammers beat Ishtar 6-1. Were these arch-nemeses formidable? No. Were the Ishtar-ians formidable? Not much at all. Aside from a few golden moments, many of the bats were dry and the defense was a little rusty.

Despite manager John's best efforts, the team might finally be showing its age. What they needed was a boost in confidence. Well, it was delivered the very next week. The Camels spat and roared to a whopping 16-4 victory over a motley assortment of independents (read: don't have enough friends yet). And boy did Ishtar look smart and confident as they

took the field in uniform. Ok, the Indy team was really lousy, but whatever works.

Kudos go out to GAM in Game One for showing how offensive he can be. Kudos go out to manager John for the season's first home run in Game Two. A shout out also goes to Tom Ellis for being brave in the face of oncoming fly balls. He met them "head" on and now is paying the price. Camel Droppings wishes him a speedy recovery.

Laura showed her prowess by turning a sweet double play. And newcomer Megan brought a much-needed athleticism to the team. Gloves are now a fixture, and that's ok.

All-in-all, everyone is psyched and improvements are expected down the road. At least that is what the fairy said in my dream.



"I thought it was going to hit me here."

So it is with a little more pain, a little more noise, a little more ointment and a little more common sense that the pillars that are Ishtar on Beta stand strong for another go at it.

And even though they may not be victorious in the end, they will at least still be holding their beers.

And they can do that for quite a long time.

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OPPONENTS' CORNER



THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOD



A wayward slab of ham attacks John's brunch plate.

With Joe's closed early Sunday's until after Memorial Day, the hapless Camels scrambled to find a new locale after their 1st game. Jack Sullivan's had great food and plenty of space.

The only question now is if the move will be permanent.

With no sponsorship this year, and a little-improved menu, it's a good bet that the Joe's era may finally be over. But will Jack's be it?

This author can only comment that having a case of crabs never felt soooo good, even if they are just the legs.



SCHEDULE/LEAGUE INFO

SEASON 13 RECORD : 1-1

- Game 1 – May 15: SLAMMERS 6, ISHTAR 1
- Game 2 – May 22: ISHTAR 16, INDY Team #5 4
- Game 3 – June 5: TBD

SEASON 13 SCHEDULE (All games on Field 11)

- May 29: NO GAME, Memorial Day weekend
- June 5: Schpongled 10:AM
- June 12: The Dupers 12:PM
- June 19: BRAVEST 11:AM
- — — TASTE OF CHICAGO — — —
- July 10: Jimmy's Muffler Shop 11:AM
- July 17: Sorry, Were Partyin 11:AM

PICTURE POTPOURRI

The Camels are real "SWINGERS!"



MANAGER'S MUSINGS by John Sangimino

As I reflect upon the wealth of talent that is Ishtar, I'm inclined to think that (after just two games into the season) our team would probably excel in many other competitions beyond softball. For example, given the rise in popularity of reality TV and game shows, here are the top fourteen reasons why I believe Ishtar on Beta would collectively kick butt:

Top 14 Reasons Why Ishtar On Beta Would Be Competitive In Any Reality TV/Game Show

#14 – Laura's new affiliation with PAWS gives her insights on how to "talk with" the animals. (Survivor)

#13 – Stealthy Cathy and Katrina possess the ability to avoid being spotted by the competition. (Survivor, Amazing Race)

#12 – Experience dodging pepper spray and breaking up student fights in the 'hood' has steered Megan against sudden attacks. (Survivor, Amazing Race) Plus she speaks a little Jive.

#11 – The ability to cook great ribs and a personal mantra of "Just to be safe"...(as in, "we should order another pitcher of Bud Light, just to be safe makes Ty solid leader for any tribe. (Survivor)

#10 – The GAM's vast knowledge of all things fact (and fiction) would reduce Alex Trebek to a cowering infant behind his podium. (Jeopardy, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire)

#9 – Mike Madden will eat anything for modest (if any) reward. (Survivor, Fear Factor)

#8 – John would avoid getting the team voted off the island by strategically showing up late to every tribal council meeting. (Survivor)

"Plus she speaks a little Jive."

#7 – Kari and Amir are overqualified to tackle any challenge involving 16 inch balls. (Couples Fear Factor)

#6 – Tony has experience driving the kind of small cars found in most underdeveloped nations. (Amazing Race)

#5 – Paula & Mike Halfman – Pioneers in the emerging sport of Spider Hunting/Killing. (Survivor, Fear Factor)



"Mojo? Where's my Mojo?!!!"

#4 – After living in New York and trying out for an ESPN Reality Show, Amy knows what not to say (and with whom to avoid eye contact). (The Apprentice)

#3 – Ballet-like catch in left field after near-fatal groin injury makes Tom a natural for the catwalk. (Top Model)

#2 – Nicole shrank Tony's team jersey so small that now he can't fit into it (which is quite an achievement when you consider Tony's brawn). (The Simple Life)

And the Number One Reason Why Ishtar On Beta Would be Competitive In Any Reality TV/Game Show...

#1 – Kevin somehow negotiated to play on opening day (leaving his wife Shannon home with 3 children all under the age of 2) – the man could sell anything. (The Apprentice)

WHAT IS GAM LOOKING AT NOW?

It's been a CAMEL DROPPINGS favorite three years running! Silly GAM, what on earth are you looking at now?



Is it Tom's unlucky year (he caught a ball with his groin and is out indefinitely)? Or is he just saying we are 13 seasons down?

And GAM is also wondering why Kevin looks like he is miniaturized and playing air guitar.

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This issue is dedicated to ...

***1. Kari and Amir! Way to go
on finishing school!***

***2. Nicole, Laura and Greg!
Congrats on your new
positions!***

DROPPINGS



Tom's accident in game one made my sick mind to wonder "Did he do it on purpose to get "special attention" from his wife, Leah? Well, I found he was not the only one!

Actual new story:

Sicily Man Shoots Self in Groin to
Get Sympathy From Girlfriend

ROME (Reuters) - A man in Sicily asked a friend to shoot him in the groin in the hope of making his ex-girlfriend feel sorry for him, police said on Friday.

Police in the central Sicilian city of Piazza Armerina said they became suspicious when the 27-year-old

went to hospital with wounds from a hunting rifle's pellets in the groin area.

At first he said the wounds had been caused in a hunting accident, but later admitted he had asked a friend, 16, to shoot him in an attempt to win back the affection of his girlfriend, who had apparently left him because of his violent character.

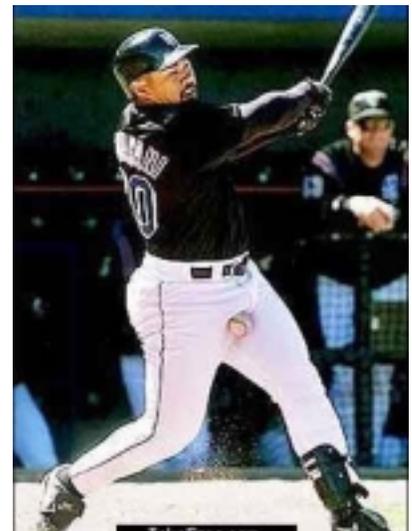
The man's wounds are expected to heal, doctors said.

Police said the man, and the 16-year-old, had been charged in connection with the shooting. Local reports said the man's ex-girlfriend had made clear she never wanted to see him again.

PICTURES OF THE BI-WEEK



- 1. Men named "Mike" have been known to have chronic "Look Down" syndrome.***
- 2. Mike to Mike: "Hey, what size are you?"***
- 3. "Well would you look at that? My feet are oozing juice!"***
- 4. "Awww shucks ... [Rubbing foot in circle] I'm not that cute."***
- 5. "Hmmm ... maybe I should pick up the ball and throw it to First base."***



He decided scratching alone wasn't cutting it.