



CAMEL DROPPINGS

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IOB WINS FIRST GAME!!! (AND DID IT EVER HURT)

Talk about your Pyrrhic victories!

IOB blasted itself to a 1-0 start thanks to a few great plays and a really bad opponent. But it cost us as the injuries continued to mount.

Going into the game IOB already had five players with injuries, and two more fell Sunday with Greg and Nicole suffering Phalangicus Disruptus (hurt fingers).

Undaunted, IOB forged ahead like the champs they are. With what was later discovered as another broken finger, Nicole pitched a near-perfect game while assisting with several outs at First and batting 2-4, earning the game MVP award.

Maddox, Mike Madden and Jodi all had great hits. Maddox went 4-4 and had the game's only home run.



Solid play from everyone else sealed the deal. There was some inconsistency in hitting, which our manager Ty would, no doubt, like to see smoothed over. But overall, a good showing and performance by the champs.

Many would agree that the most exciting play was Madden's flip-back throw to First. Jodi (whose instincts were that of a seasoned veteran) was waiting there to complete the out.

There is only one more game in May because of Mother's day and Labor Day, but the IOB will take no holiday in curing its bad case of pop-up-itis.

As the team walked off the field with visions of beer at Joe's dancing in their heads, they had confidence knowing that no matter how bad they play, there is always a good chance the other team will play worse.

A toast to you IOB.

TEAM 602 NEEDS A CATCHING CLINIC

IOB's opponents must have been churning a lot of butter before the game.

They dropped innumerable fly balls which all but ensured their defeat.

Whether it was because it was just first-day jitters, or because they had some

foreign-exchange students on the team that might have been unfamiliar with the game, they succumbed hard to gravity's unpredictability.

It is the editor's opinion that some of them may have been traded from Detroit.



INJURIES ABOUND!

- Ankles (Mike Madden, Tony, John)
- Fingers (Nicole, Greg, Tony)
- Backs (Kevin Madden, Greg)
- Arm (Stacey)
- Egos (several)
- Livers (ongoing)

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PLAYER PROFILE—MIKE’S SOCKS



“These Dogs got game!”

A real aromatic tour-de-force, Mike’s socks have provided the unknown quantity in our wins, the un-definable

“critical mass” that pushes IOB into greatness.

Good luck? Bad luck? Whether you are superstitious or not, their presence cannot be denied (reviled, maybe.)

Caught here in their pristine state at our first game, they will start to obtain character as they slowly deteriorate into wretched, brown, mucky rags that threaten other living being around it. How does

their host Mike survive? Maybe it is that very same mysteriousness that allows us to find the courage to triumph week after week.

Key Stats:

Walks—They have been seen walking on their own.

Hits—Mike’s unfortunate habit of throwing his socks at people have scored some hits.

Smell—Cannot be measured by modern science.

2003 SCHEDULE (3 WEEKS ONLY)

Sunday, May 11th, 2003 (No Game—Mother’s Day)

Sunday, May 18th, 2003

3:00 PM	601 - Ishtar on Beta	V S	603 - GHOST #603	Grant Park Field 15
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Sunday, May 25th, 2003 (No Game—Memorial Day Weekend)

The schedule will be updated as the information is made available.

INJURY REPORT - MAY 18TH GAME

OUT:

Nicole (Finger)
Stacey (Arm)

QUESTIONABLE:

Kevin Madden (Back)
John Sangimino (Ankle)

PROBABLE:

Tony Yaniz (Ankle)
Mike Madden (Ankle)
Greg Miller (Finger)

EAR ON IOB—"OHH THE PAIN!"

Quotes (some are actually real) heard at our first game and afterwards:

1. "Ouch" Several
2. "Ouch" Several more
3. "I think I broke something" Nicole, shortly after trying to catch a short pop-up.
4. "I can't run!" Mike Madden
5. "Aaaaggh!" Greg Miller
6. "Me and you together would make at least one good player." Mike Madden to Tony referring to his hitting and Tony's running, since neither could do both.
7. "Stop making fun of my dog!" Jodi Million
8. "I'm not sure which will give out first, my knees or my back." Greg, shortly before injuring his FINGER.
9. "Argh! Take me now, God!" Tony, after ripping several hairs from his leg when he removed tape from his ankle.
10. "No really, stop making fun of my dog, dammit!" Jodi Million
11. "Social injuries are much more glamorous than sports injuries." Stacey Erickson
12. "AYIAYIAYIAYIAYIAYIAYIAYIAYIAYI!" Alyson Estrada

"We cannot learn without pain."

Aristotle

"Nobody is hurt. Hurt is in the mind. If you can walk, you can run."

Vince Lombardi

TY'S TAKE

Ty would just like to take this opportunity to say:

"Have a drink and a smile. And for Pete's sake ... NO MORE INJURIES!!!"



"Still smiling, Ty!"

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BRING IT ON!

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO GIZMO,
ONE BRAVE LITTLE DOG.



DROPPINGS

The following is an excerpt describing a famous softball team in Minnesota (called the "Norms")—the similarities to IOB are striking:

According to the Seniors Softball League web page, (and really, what better authority could there be?) the game we now know as softball was invented by Minneapolis Fire Captain Louis Rober in 1895 (it's kind of nice to know that softball was created in Minnesota!) Back then, the game of softball was played with a 16-inch ball to help the members of the fire station keep fit. He called the sport Kittenball.

Officially founded almost a century later in 1989, the Norms were once just a bunch of "rag-tag single-guy bar hounds" who worked in the same department at a large corporation and thought it would be cool to start playing softball together. Staying in shape was optional, as the team was founded on the premise "drink to win and win to drink." The idea of showing up to play softball as an excuse to chug a few beers with co-workers turned out to be a good one. It wasn't long before the players discovered that they could actually play the game of softball.

As time went on, player's lives settled. They married, moved on to other jobs in other parts

of the country and softball became less of a priority. Every year it seemed somebody would leave, but there would always be other "new jacks" to replace them. The team evolved. Now every year like an annual rite spring, the team management scours the resumes of the new hires of their various departments, and adds to a winning team's roster. The Norms have lived this way for over 12-years and will continue on for many more. Each year is unique and each team has included a cast of characters and champions that make the Norms one of 's finest traditions in Minnesota's long softball history.

Will IOB do the same for Illinois?

Picture of the week



1. "Ok guys, all those who are injured, look away."
2. "Jodi, I know your dog is old, but can he hit?"
3. "...and that makes three burritos. Amir? What do you want to drink?"
4. Greg: "Hey Ty, how does my ass look in these pant?"
5. Mike: "I wonder if I could play with those guys over there."



Lewis Rober, a fire-fighter in Minnesota, refined the game of softball and took it outdoors.

Thanks Lewis!