



CAMEL DROPPINGS

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TO THE BRINK ... AND ON TO VICTORY!

Win number two is in the books, but it almost didn't happen.

Playing an undermanned (and underwomanned) team, IOB unexpectedly fell behind 4-2 halfway through the game, mainly due to some defensive snafus.

It all came down to the last inning and the Camels finally grew a pair of humps and stepped up to the plate!

Mike Maddox hit what was to be the winning run as IOB took the game 5-4. Whew!!! They just had to hold off their opponents one last time

Mike Madden was able to crawl a couple of outs to First to seal the deal in the



bottom of the last inning. He didn't let the opposing female players intimidate him for a third time.

Cathy Smith pitched a great game as always, posting a slew of strikes. But she was the latest casualty in IOB's "Year of Injuries." Kudos to her for continuing the game after she apparently broke her fingers.

Inconsistencies on the defense hurt the team early, but they eventually found

their stride with some great outs at Third thanks to a few Miller/Maddox collaborations and great catches in the outfield from Amir and Tom.

Slightly less impressive was the batting performance, though some (like Ty, Tony and others) may have finally shaken off the winter blahs. Semi-solid hitting from the rest of the team contributed to the win. But time will tell if the bats will slowly improve or go limp.

The team beaten was called the "Demonds". It just goes to show that although they can't make a great play on the field, they sure can make a play on words. It's good to have some skills ...

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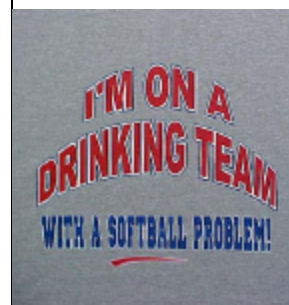
Members of IOB have survived several harrowing experiences on the field of battle. But the term "Play Hard" applies even stronger to their social outings. A double-dipping over Memorial Day weekend ensured that alcoholic quotas were amply met and probably

exceeded. The team enjoyed a party at Lion's Head for Tom's 34th birthday (complimented by several 'Table Topper' orders) and a Cubs Rooftop outing, thanks to Kari Deville and her roommates. Camel Droppings hears they were even nice enough to invite

the police. :) Way to go guys!



T-SHIRT OF THE WEEK



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PLAYER PROFILE—AMIR UDDIN



“Amir swings a big stick!”

Amir has been a strong addition to the team, adding speed and instinct. He rotates between outfield positions and occasionally subs infield. And he rarely misses.

Amir is also well known for acts of generosity, most notably bringing a cooler of refreshments to IOB’s playoff games last year, wetting our palettes and allowing us to take the field with energy. And few will forget the great pictures Amir has shared with

all his teammates from different parties (always showing us at our best/ worst).

Shown here stepping up to the plate, Amir is of steel will, unvexed resolve and uncompromised integrity, or something like that . . .



2003 SCHEDULE (3 WEEKS ONLY)

Sunday, May 25th, 2003 (No Game—Memorial Day Weekend)

Sunday, June 1st, 2003

10:00 AM	601 - Ishtar on Beta	V s	607 - Bar Louie	Grant Park Field 10
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Sunday, June 8th, 2003 - **DOUBLE HEADER**

12:00 PM	601 - Ishtar on Beta	Vs	609 - Slammers	Grant Park Field 10
1:00 PM	601 - Ishtar on Beta	Vs	604 - Joe Mama	Grant Park Field 10

We play Bar Louie next? Please! They’ve sucked ever since they got rid of their meatball sandwich. Oh wait ... all the meatballs joined their softball team!



INJURY REPORT - JUNE 1ST GAME

OUT:

Nicole (Hand)

Cathy (Hand)

The pitching curse continues . . .



QUESTIONABLE:

John Sangimino (Ankle)

Stacey Erickson (Wrist)

PROBABLE:

Mike Madden (Ankle)

Greg Miller (Misc.)

Kevin Madden (Baby)

EAR ON IOB

Quotes (some are actually real) heard at the last game and afterwards:

1. "I can't hit the Mother [Bleep]ing ball! Those Mother[Bleep]ers!" Jodi Million after her last at-bat
2. "Let's play some serious defense guys! It's only the game on the line!" Tony to the field in the bottom of the last inning
3. "So who do you think was hotter, the lefty in today's game or the 2nd base girl from last game?" Mike Madden, at Joe's afterwards
4. "Tom, you shot your wad!" Statement heard at Lion's Head after waitress shook a Table Topper, causing the beer head to foam over the very phallic container
5. "I'm only going to do TWO shots—honest." Jen Kleist
6. "Car Bomb? What's a Car Bomb?" Laura Berger
7. "Bleeegghhh!!!" Mark Pizarro leaving his 'signature' on Lincoln Ave. after leaving Lion's Head
8. "Kari, I didn't know you had an 'Open Door' policy for your apartment?" Heard on Memorial Day

I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day.

Frank Sinatra

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

Henny Youngman

TY'S TAKE

See Ty Hit.

See Ty Run.

See Ty Coach.

Our leader must do it all.



BOTTOM-OF-THE-THIRD-PAGE BLUES!

This section of the newsletter is becoming harder and harder to fill. The editorial staff is too busy coming up with stupid one-liners for the Picture of the Week to come up with something meaningful here.

So the call goes out to anyone and everyone wishing to submit a guest article, joke,

picture, witticism, stab, slam, slur, comment, announcement, more jokes, questions, idiotic diatribe or anything else that occupies space.

In the meantime, enjoy the following block of white space ...

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BRING IT ON!

THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO THE
NEWEST MEMBER OF THE ISHTAR
TEAM—SYDNEY MADDEN!
CONGRATULATIONS SHANNON AND
KEVIN.

Picture of the week

1. “Must ... make myself ... look bigger.”
2. “I love you guys! Can we group hug?”
3. GAM: “They should have called him ‘The Dork!’”
4. Tony’s Tai Chi Softball debuts this week.
5. “Yes ladies ... It’s true ...”



DROPPINGS



Now why aren't we more mean to our ump's? Maybe we need to drink more BEFORE the game (The following is from a Texas newspaper:)

By JEFF LANGLEY

The softball players want the right to continue chugging beer before, between and after games, the umpires are sick of abuse from drunken players and the city just wants its fees.

The city, adult softball players and umpires in my hometown cleared the benches in a brawl over a plan to ban beer drinking within 300 feet of a city field.

Drinking beer among adult softball players is as much a part

of the game as smoking cigarettes in the dugout, dropped pop flies, wheezing, slow stumbling around bases, jiggling beer guts, faint memories of past athletic ability and glory and cussing and demeaning umpires.

Heckling umpires is as much a part of the grand game of baseball as a major leaguer going into the stands to attack a fan or spitting in an umpire's face. It's as much a part of the sport as a major leaguer sitting out a game because of heavy abdominal gas or charging a little kid \$25 for an illegible name scrawled on a scrap of paper.

Why, chastising umpires for their poor vision or low intelligence is as American as apple

pie. Therefore, I'm asking readers to help create and assemble greatest-ever umpire insults. I'll hurl the first few.

- Hey, ump, that was a strike! What are you -- BLIND -- or did a branch of your family tree sprout from Helen Keller?!

- Hey, Sleeping Beauty, wake up! That ball was foul!

- Hey, Mr. Blue, he went around! Strike three! Was your mother the pointy-headed lady in a carnival freak show, or are you just stupid because of bad environment?



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—The Editorial Staff