

CAMEL DROPPINGS

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IOB GETS THEIR 'BOOTY' HANDED TO THEM!

Well smack me on the ass and call me Sally!

IOB, after a three-game winning streak, suffered a tough double-header Sunday. The Camels played a great first game, behind the hitting of Shuster, Maddox and Sherman. But they could only tie the persistent Slammers with a 5-5 score.

Then came Joe Mama. Maybe Camel Droppings should have refrained from insulting their team in the last issue. In a veritable hitting extravaganza, the Mamas drowned out IOB's cries with a 13-9 romp.

Big moments from the first game include Greg's Strike-out AND Home Run ("Look at that man run!") and solid defense by all.



Mike holding his 'bat'.

As the score of the second game shows, it was quite a titanic battle. IOB even earned more runs than the first game. But after the 4th inning, things looked dim for our heroes. Highlights include a great Double Play with Laura Berger at the pivot and Alyson's foul ball catch. Mike Maddox also showed us yet again that he should be in a competitive league by scoring another

HR. Lowlights include Tony getting caught having tea between Second and Third and Ty's attempt to catch a fly with his chin.

Paula and Kari (in her first game) filled in as pitchers, both throwing several strikes. Paula came close to fulfilling the injury prophecies on the mound by slightly jamming her thumb.

Did it all really matter, though, since there was a cooler of beer and bags of food (thanks to Tom, and John). Tony relieved himself in the shrubbery, Nicole played with Joe Mama's Pugs, women were screaming all around us (something about Avon's breasts) and it rained! See people, it's all about uncanny, madcap silliness.

OH THE FOLLY OF IT ALL...

Success is a fickle thing and softball in Grant Park has often proven to be more than a mixed bag.

A good example was the dichotomous performance by Mr. Madden and Mr. GAM. Both struck out (or 'fouled out', according to Mike—whatever lets him

sleep at night) in the first game only to redeem themselves later: GAM with his miracle run around the bases and Mike going 3-3 in the second game.

GAM rewarded himself later by staring at the opposition. His eyes are more sore than his back.



"Me Likey the Booty!"

DORK OPPONENT OF THE WEEK:



"Kiss-My-Butt Betty (from the Slammers) was a little too serious at the plate.

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PLAYER PROFILE—MIKE MADDOX



“My biscuits are burning!”

Mike Maddox is literally “speed” for the team. He is a

power hitter that has now taken the title as “Most Aggressive Base Runner.” As anyone will tell you, that is the key to winning softball.

This pantheon of persistence doesn’t slow down on the field either. He would go for a ball if it headed straight for a trolley parked on Michigan Avenue.

Mike always gives more than 100% and is a true athlete. Everyone else just pretends.

So, thanks for raising the **BAR**, Mike, while the rest of us go to one after the game!



2003 SCHEDULE (3 WEEKS ONLY)

Editor’s Notes:

1. Two weeks off for the Taste of Chicago? That sounds like a great time to ferment and construct special submissions to the newsletter (Pictures too). Check out www.ci.chi.il.us/SpecialEvents/Festivals/Taste2003 for details.

2. Happy birthday to Jenn Kleist and Greg Miller! (We won’t mention ages—Greg might cry.)

Sunday, June 15th, 2003

NO GAME—FATHER’S DAY

Sunday, June 22nd, 2003

11:00 AM	601 - Ishtar on Beta	Vs	611 - Indy Team #611	Grant Park Field 10
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Sunday, July 13, 2003 - ***TWO WEEKS PRIOR ARE OFF FOR TASTE OF CHICAGO***

11:00 AM	601 - Ishtar on Beta	Vs	605 - Hot Zone All Stars	Grant Park Field 10
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INJURY REPORT - JUNE 22ND GAME

OUT:

Nicole (Hand)
Cathy (Hand)
John Sangimino (Ankle)
Stacey Erickson (Wrist)

QUESTIONABLE:

Tony Yaniz (Thumb)



“Can we get a ‘Thumbs Up’ for next week?”

PROBABLE:

Mike Madden (Ankle)

EAR ON IOB

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

1. "Ahhhh...Screw you ump!" Kari DeVille



2. "Hey! Who's in Center Field? No one's in Center! Oh wait, there is Brett." Ty, after not being able to see Brett standing behind Greg, who was at Shortstop

3. "I got it! I got it! Wait, I can't see it!" Maddox, while running for a pop fly (which he caught)

4. Tony: "She looks like an 8 yr-old." Paula: "Yeah, until she turns around!"

Referring to Joe Mama's short but gifted girl in the white tank top

5. "Ooooooooooohh!" The collective sound of four men at Joe's after they saw the zoomed digital picture of 'Bootylicious'

6. "I hope no one thought I was a dyke!" Nicole, after saying that she took several pictures of women's asses on the opposing team

"You can't think and hit at the same time."

Yogi Berra

"Be on time. Bust your butt. And have some laughs along the way."

Whitey Herzog

"I'm working on a new pitch. It's called a strike."

Jim Kern

TY'S TAKE

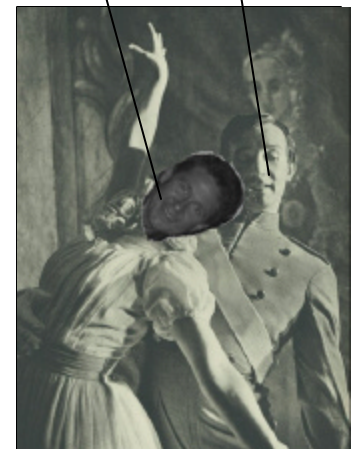
Back by popular demand...

Ty's Love of the Dance Series!



"Darling, do you think we should get another pitcher?"

"Yeah... we probably should."



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Alas...no submissions this week...

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BRING IT ON!

This issue is dedicated to Tom and John for bringing refreshments to cure our pain (and our sobriety!)



DROPPINGS

The NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association) is alive and well. The following excerpts about Gay Softball are, of course, for GAM's benefit!

As baseball season kicks off this month, the gay softball season also begins to heat up. Tens of thousands of gays and lesbians across the country are just now engaging in their annual softball leagues and headed to weekend tournaments, jockeying for position for the Gay Softball World Series in August.

The very beginning of NAGAAA was in 1977, before the group had its name, when softball leagues from New York and San Francisco wanted to hold a

World Series to determine the best gay softball team in the U.S. That first game pitted hometown San Francisco against New York. The home team won.

NAGAAA has since grown to include almost 50 gay softball leagues in 30 cities with over 15,000 members in the U.S. and Canada.

One of the leagues that joined 15 years ago was the Potomac Softball League in Washington DC, which joined shortly after Jim Marks was invited to play. "I had just come out and the first guy I met asked me if I wanted to play softball." Marks has played ever since, and even has served as the local League Commissioner.

Marks is best known as his drag

personality, Bubba D. Licious. Every year at the Gay Softball World Series, since 1990, there has been a talent show that raises funds for local youth, AIDS or cancer non-profit organizations. Various teams put together skits and performances for the show and it raises several thousand dollars every year. Almost every year since 1992, Bubba has hosted that talent show.

"Now that leagues are growing," says Marks, "this is really important because it allows more and more people to play as more people come out of the closet."

NAGAAA is presently unable to be a part of the Federation of Gay Games. In their bylaws, NAGAAA restricts the number of non-gay players who can be

Picture of the Week



1. "Help! A Guinea Pig's got my ass!"
2. Amir: "Hiiiiyahhhh!!! And that's how you do an Aikido throw."
3. Maddox: "Hat's off to you all, you beautiful son's a bitches!"
4. Kevin: "Look at these fu#&ing bozos! It wasn't like this back in '95."
5. Amir: "Look at our arms, Mike...we're huge!"



"Oooh! Hey Cecil, check out #69. Do you think he'll throw a ball my way? Pass the lotion."

on any given team. With the Gay Games' policy of total inclusion, NAGAAA cannot be instated into the Federation until that rule is changed, which isn't likely to happen anytime soon.