



ON THE BEAT



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The Official Word on THE BEAT ♪

BEAT OFFS THE BREWERS!

In their most dramatic win of the year, The Beat scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday night to beat the Brewing Company 14-13 at Moscone Field. With two out, bases empty, and trailing 13-10, The Beat strung five solid hits together, including the game winning single by Kent Gearou, to prove once again that the final out really is the toughest one to get.

The Brewers started the game off with two runs in the top of the first inning but The Beat answered back with a ten run second that should have put the game away. Eight batters reached base and scored and six knocked in RBIs in an inning capped off by a 2 RBI triple by "Dano" Ullmann (after hitting a one-bagger and scoring to start off the inning) and "O.B." O'Brien's second double and third RBI of the inning. "Jimbo" Harvey also had a two RBI double.

But the Brewing Company is a fine team, and began to claw it's way back into the game. While playing flawless defense, they scored two more runs in the fifth inning, then went on to work on relief pitcher Kordt Biesinger, recently brought up from the Minors and in need of some work. He got plenty. The Brewers scored three runs in the 6th, then took advantage of some of Biesinger's big league inexperience (four walks) and scored six more in the 7th. The Beat, which had been sailing along with a big lead, was now faced with allowing a comeback win for the third time in three days.

Things looked even bleaker in the bottom of the 7th, as Todd Sattler popped out and June Dibble grounded out to begin the inning. But "Cap" Austin hit a clean single to right-center followed by a "Dano" double to right. Denny Harvey

hammered a 2 RBI double through the third-baseman and O.B. followed that up with his third double and fourth "ribbie" of the game. With O.B. on second and a tie score in the books Kent Gearou capped off a three for four night with a line shot to left field for his second game winning RBI since May 1. Its never over till its over.

Need I say more? THE BEAT IS BACK!

Coach's Corner

Being a "Rookie Manager", I've experienced a lot of strange situation I never imagined I'd encounter. I was admittedly down after Sunday's doubleheader loss to the Brewing Co. Not so much by the level of play, but by the small turnout.

However, Tuesday night was particularly gratifying to see 14 of us out there for a chilly, foggy night game. All of us got a good degree of work in, which is crucial as we so quickly approach Opening Day. It's club policy that everyone who attends will play and I was glad to see everyone involved in such a dramatic game.

Thanks to you all for your hard work. There's still lots of work to be done so remember, if you can't make Sunday practice, let Kevin or I know ahead of time (Kev has an answering machine). The Coaching Staff is very, very excited about taking this team into League Play. We think you are too. Let's go out and do it.

Beat Drops Two

Last Sunday saw The Beat drop two close games as the exhibition season continued at Moscone field. But the defense continued to improve and the offense found some of its punch as the team moved toward its expected season opener later this month in the city league.

The bats really came alive in the first game. Sheryllyn Austin went three for four to lead the team, as The Beat led 7-3 after four innings. But the Brewing Company chipped away, with runs in the next three innings, tying the game at 7-7 through regulation. A brewer run in the eighth capped the comeback, and set the pattern for the day.

The second game was a fierce defensive battle. The Beat scored three in the third on Dennis Harvey's home run (aided by a Brewer outfielder caught watching a neighboring game).

But the Brewers again fought back, scoring single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. In the seventh, the teams agreed to play nine. That was just enough for the Brew Crew, who scored two in the eighth and five in the ninth, as a disheartened Beat saw another well-played game slip through their fingers.

"These types of losses can really devastate a team" said opposing Manager Pete Rose. "I doubt that they'll be a force in the division. In fact, they may never win another ballgame."



The coaches would like to congratulate and thank everyone that showed up for Tuesday nights victory over the Brewers. We had the best turnout of the year (all but two team members showed up) and we were able to field our own team for the first time in over a month. Thank you one and all!

PRE-SEASON BATTING STATISTICS								
THROUGH JULY 1, 1987								
PLAYERS	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG.
Austin, K.....	58	23	12	5	1	1	10	.396
Austin, S.....	33	6	4	0	0	0	2	.181
Biesinger.....	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	.200
Blohm.....	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Bruckman.....	13	4	4	1	0	1	3	.307
Del Bianco.....	32	11	4	0	2	1	6	.343
Dibble.....	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Gearou, K.....	24	15	4	0	0	0	3	.625
Gearou, T.....	18	4	1	0	0	0	0	.222
Huener.....	8	6	4	1	0	0	0	.750
Harvey.....	46	16	7	3	1	0	6	.347
McHose.....	16	5	0	0	0	0	3	.312
O'Brien.....	17	10	5	4	0	0	5	.588
Pactwa.....	31	7	2	0	0	0	3	.225
Settler.....	43	18	8	0	0	0	6	.418
Ullmann.....	52	25	14	4	4	1	9	.480
Totals.....	422	158	71	18	8	4	56	.374

Note: Statistics are compiled from games played after May 1, 1987 and due to variances in scorekeeping may not be 100% accurate.



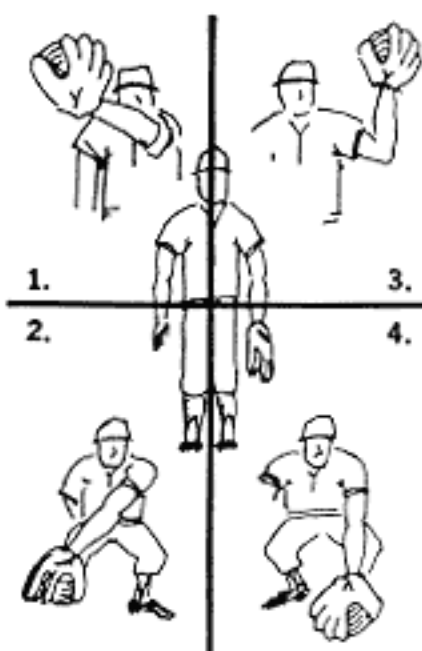
FROM THE CAPTAIN

This last weekend, Jim and I went out to the league sponsored clinic to see what we could learn. They had some very informative drills including how to throw using your leg, back and upper body muscles instead of just your arms and shoulders (this is primarily for outfielders and it helps add velocity and distance to your throws), a drill for scooping up balls that bounce at your feet, and a solid infield workout.

One other very important drill which I will try to explain here is how to correctly use your glove when catching the ball. The idea is to divide your body into four parts and use your glove accordingly:

1. Throwing side, above belt - backhand and overhand;
2. Throwing side, below belt - backhand and underhand.
3. Glove side, above the belt - forehand and overhand;
4. Glove side, below the belt - forehand and underhand;

Practice this with your glove at home and please ask me or Jim if you have any questions. We are more than happy to help with any problems you are having - all you have to do is ask! Remember, we're all in this to have fun and nothing is more fun than playing in a competitive ballgame and going home knowing you were an important part of that game. Win or loose, when everyone tries, EVERYONE comes home a WINNER!



It's still better to get your whole body in front of the ball, but that isn't always possible.

Letters to the Editor

Editor - I was in attendance of the June 21st game at Moscone. Having had seen The Dead at the Greek the night before, I was disappointed that all squirt bottles being sprayed in the crowd weren't tainted! Get your act together.

A DISGRUNTLED DEADHEAD

P.S. Where are the beer vendors?

Editor - I was at the game Tuesday night at Moscone Playground. Being a family man, I found the price of admission much too high, the parking was horrible and the bathrooms smelled like a Muni bus! My wife was winged with a foul ball, my kid choked on his hot dog and my car was towed. I'm dead against supporting the habits of a bunch of hop-heads with the prices you charge. What kind of operation are you running?

P. ZAFACE

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This Day in Baseball Folklore...

- 1879 - Ten years after Abner Doubleday invented the game of baseball, the first "doubleheader" was played and named in his honor.
- 1984 - Giants reliever Renie "The Weenie" Martin was given his unconditional release. Manager Frank Robinson was quoted as saying "He sucked as a pitcher, but he kept us loose".
- 1985 - Tommy Lasorda, in a blind rage after losing a series to the worst Giants team in the history of baseball, tore the proverbial kitchen sink off the wall of the clubhouse and proceeded to pour ketchup on it and eat it. He then left for his favorite Italian Restaurant.



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We are happy that there are no major injuries to report this week. But in the 4th inning of Tuesday's game, we had a scary close call.

On a high fly ball to right, Todd Sattler, playing his first game as Rover in the new three deep outfield, went racing over for a running catch. Sherilyn Austin had perfectly played the ball and was camped right under it. Todd caught the ball, but his collision with Sherilyn knocked her to the ground. She got up after a few minutes and finished the inning.

The basic lesson is that collisions occur, even in the pros, but we should do all we can to avoid them. On high fly balls especially, when people have time to run under the ball, players need to call for it, repeatedly, when they are sure they can make the catch. The infielders will defer to the outfielders, the rover defers to the deep fielders and everyone defers to the center fielder. Let's have fun and not get hurt.

FIRST AID

Since the start of practice in early Spring, the coaches have tried to maintain a team first aid kit out of our own pockets. However, this has turned out to be rather costly. Since at one time or another everyone on the team will probably require some type of first aid (even if its only a bandage) we would appreciate it if team members could contribute to this most important problem.

All we are asking is for team members to make a small contribution of whatever you have on hand. If everyone on the team could bring 4 or 5 standard sized bandages or a couple gauze pads or the remainder of a roll of medical tape or tube of Betadine or other antiseptic ointment, then we should be set for the rest of the season. The coaches are more than happy to supply anything else that is needed but we would greatly appreciate your help.

GREAT AMERICA

Your coaches and editors are happy to announce Great America's Summer Fun Days. Enclosed with your issue are two coupons worth \$4 off of each admission from July 11 through July 26. Each coupon is good for one day only, but up to six admissions on that day. Should anyone need extra coupons, contact Kevin and they're yours!

We are also entertaining the idea of a Beat Day at Great America during this period. We will need to do some ride sharing to accomplish this but it could be great fun. Please contact Kevin, Jim or O.B. with your suggestions.

Quotables [☆]

"It seemed to me they just kept chipping away, and I kept losing them. I was getting spanked out there (and I loved it). My ego was hurt. When we were down 13-10, it's hurtin'. I was going to finish if I had to crawl."

- K. Biesinger

ON THE BEAT is published bi-weekly (we hope) by three guys who should know better. We would really like it if people would contribute letters, articles, poetry, suggestions, whatever, to this effort. We really enjoy it, but need something to print, or we'll have to keep babbling on like this.

and The Beat goes on...