



# ON THE BEAT



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# ★ Play Ball! ★

The Beat was officially entered in the San Francisco City Softball League last week, gaining a berth in Division DD-9. Playing in a division of 9 teams, The Beat will play eight games in an effort to move on into the Playoffs while improving its league positioning for next season.

The news came at the end of a successful exhibition season that saw a rag-tag band of boozers, dopers and Deadheads come together to form a softball team to watch out for in the novice division. Though ending their warmup with a losing record, the team has built on a nucleus of individual talent to become an efficient and coordinated group which should never be embarrassed and will win its share of games.

The final exhibition game was a good example of this, as The Beat took on The Van Ness Monsters at Lang Field. The two teams share a common heritage, with Dave Hamner and Dennis O'Brien formerly of The Monsters, and Beat Coach Dennis Harvey the current Monster second baseman. Going into the fourth inning The Monsters were leading 2-1 in an extremely well played defensive battle. But The Van Ness hitting experience finally came through as Denny H. and his gang tagged the ball for three runs en route to an 8-3 victory. Hamner, Kent Gearou and T.J. McHose all had RBI's for The Beat, and several people continued personal hitting streaks. But Monster pitcher Bob Kane constantly kept The Beat batters off balance with his high-arching strikes, and The Monster defense behind him kept any rallies from developing.

"The game was a lot closer than the score indicated," said Beat Manager Jim Harvey. "Several members of The Monsters told me they were impressed with how well

we played together, especially for our first year. I think the team is ready for league play."

The Beat's first-game challenge is Scandia Realty, a solid team that went 6-2 in the spring league and moved up a division. The team will have to use everything it has learned, and then some, to win the game. By Saturday night, The Beat will have had it's first taste of organized ball. Hopefully, it will be the taste of victory.

## Coach's Corner

### THE PARTY STARTS SATURDAY

After several months of practice, Opening Day is upon us. After breaking camp last week, I looked through the spring statistics and was very pleased at the progress everyone has made. Our timing has come around and we're beginning to play smoothly as a unit. We're as ready as we can possibly be to open the season and it should be quite a dogfight.

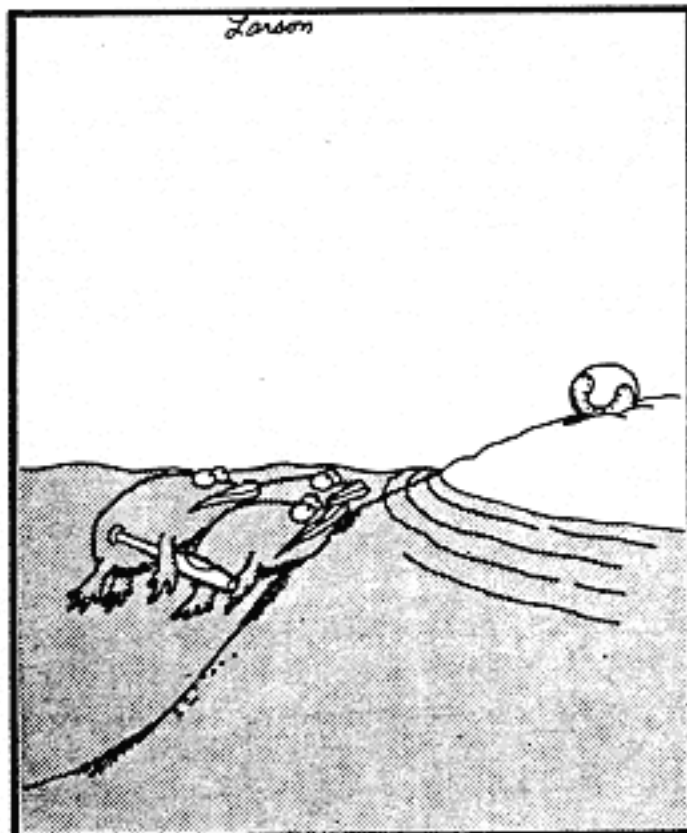
Just a few reminders as time grows near...The last page of this edition contains a roster and this season's schedule for you to post on your refrigerator. Everyone has also been issued a pocket schedule and more are available if needed. You must be at the ball park 45 minutes before gametime. If you cannot make it, call either Kevin or I. Our numbers are listed on the roster.

A few notes to start the season with: Always anticipate the ball coming to you. Know where you're going to throw it when

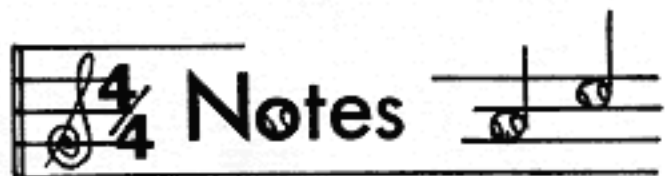
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## TUESDAY NIGHT BLOWOUT!

In an unexpected practice game on the night of July 7, The Beat hammered out 23 runs in seven innings for their biggest win of the year. While the defense held tight, allowing only two runs, the offense was the big story. The Beat batted around the order in four different innings and was held scoreless in only two. The game was highlighted by Coach Harvey's 3 for 7, coming one single short of hitting for the cycle. With a double, triple and homer, Jim scored five runs and batted in another five. "Cap" Austin had his best offensive game going 5 for 7 with three doubles, five runs scored and one RBI and reached base in all seven at bats without drawing an out. Dan Ullmann went 3 for 6 with two "Dano Doubles", four runs scored and three RBIs. Todd Gearou scored three while going 3 for 6 and Todd Sattler scored four while going 1 for 7 but reaching base three times on errors. John Palmer, The Beat's newest player, went 3 for 5 for the losing side while scoring their only two runs in this 23-2 Tuesday night debacle.



Great moments in evolution



On Saturday, July 25th, there will be a party at Sherilyn's place, celebrating Jim Harvey's 31st birthday, Todd Sattler's departure for Minnesota, and the arrival of Opening Day. Please bring any beverage and munchie you like to consume and join us at 776 Bush Street, #408 (between Mason and Powell). For specific directions, ask Kevin or Jim or call Sherilyn direct at 788-7528. Public transit is recommended. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

### TRANSACTIONS

Free agent John Palmer signed a one year contract with The Beat after going 3 for 5 and scoring the only two runs for The Beats opponent in the July 7th 23 to 2 thrashing. Second Baseman Dennis Harvey was given his unconditional release to make room for Palmer. Harvey was picked up by the Van Ness Monsters but will continue to coach third base for The Beat.

In a suprise move, The Beat has traded Kordt Biesinger, June Dibble, Logan and Moose to an unspecified dealer for five drugs to be named later.

### \$\$ FOR UNIFORMS

Due to a shortage in the team's treasury, we regret that we won't have uniforms ready for Opening Day. We are hoping that team members will be willing to contribute to cover this expense. The estimated cost of uniforms (jerseys and printing) is \$15.00 per player. Jim will be in charge of collecting the money. The sooner we get a commitment from most of the team, the sooner we can order the jerseys. If there is any problem with the cost of the jerseys, please see Jim.

### COACH'S CORNER

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you get it. Good ballplayers earn their hits, but we don't want to give them any more than they've earned. Be relaxed and stay within yourself.

While on the bases, listen to your first and third base coaches. Use your good baseball sense.

The whistle blows at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Let's be safe and have some good fun tearing up DD9. See you at 9:15.



A few weeks back, our fearless captain tore a good sized gash in his ankle sliding into second base (the wrong way). He then reinjured it sliding into home a week later. After a two week infection, it is finally looking better and should be fine by the season opener. There are two morals to this story.

First: Everyone on the team should learn how to slide the right way. That is, on the back of the thigh and butt, NOT on you shin or ankles. The best way to practice this is on tall grass. If you have any questions the coaches would be happy to give pointers.

Second: There is a lot of dirt on a baseball diamond, so don't play macho if you get hurt. If you get a cut or scrap, clean it thoroughly and wrap it up. We probably have the most complete first-aid kit in the league (thanks to your donations) so let's use it! If you have any questions on cleaning or dressing an injury talk to Jim. He's not only a manager but a skilled medic also.

Lastly, we are still a little short on medical tape and if anyone knows where to find a box of Betadine swabs please let the coaches know. Contributions are always welcome!

1787 - Today marks the bicentennial celebration of the invention of baseball by Russian impresario Boris "Lefty" Pickemoff. Calling the game Lapta (or Hit-and-Run), Pickemoff declared that the game would radicalize the world proletariat and be "Easy as cake" to learn.

1987 - Mayoral hopeful Art Agnos has resigned under pressure from his job as Executive Treasurer of The Beat. Last Sunday it was reported that Agnos absconded with team funds, invested it in Sacramento real-estate and laundered the profits through ZZZ Best Carpet Cleaning.

Quotables

"I think we should put all the names into a hat and draw the starting lineup that way."

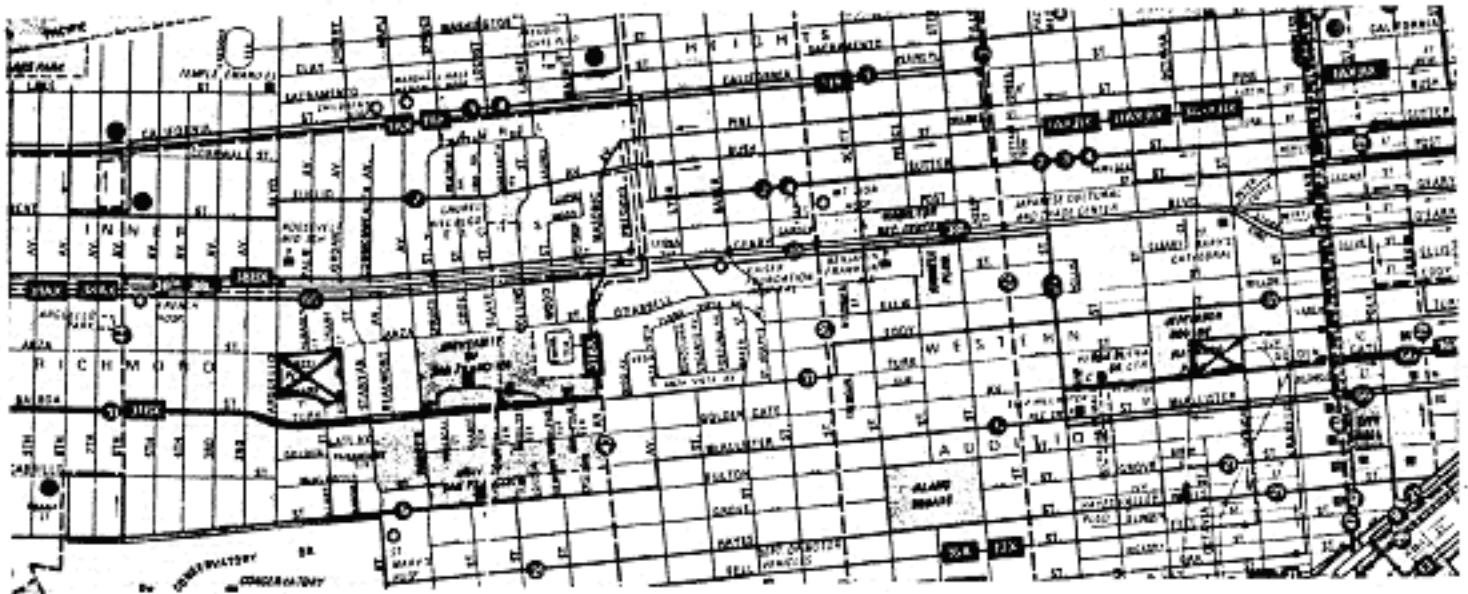
- Mary Pactwa

"Piece of pie."

- Boris "Lefty" Pickemoff

FINAL PRE-SEASON BATTING STATISTICS

Table with two main sections: 'THROUGH JULY 19, 1987' and 'BATTING LEADERS'. The first section lists player statistics including AB, R, 2B, 3B, HR, RBI, AVG, and SLUG PCT. The second section lists batting leaders for AT BATS, HITS, RUNS, RBI, and AVERAGE, as well as DOUBLES, TRIPLES, HOME RUNS, GWRBI, and SLUGGING PCT.



## Letters to the Editor

Editor - What's all this commie s\_\_\_ I keep hearing about the f\_\_\_\_\_ Ruskiies inventing baseball? Baseball is the Great American Pastime. What ever happened to Mom and apple pie? I'll tell you what happened. They were (deleted) by a group of (expletive deleted) and that's all for good ol' Mom. Sure, they talk like Americans, "Easy as cake", "Piece of Pie", but do they know what the f\_\_\_ their talking about? NO! Go back to Russia you (deleted) slimeballs and leave American Sports to Americans.

JUDGE ROY ORBISON

P.S. Where are the f\_\_\_\_\_ beer vendors?



## TRANSPORTATION

Our first three games are played at Rossi Playground or Lang Field. Both are easy to get to by public transit and parking is fairly reasonable.

Rossi Playground - Arguello and Anza (one block from Geary). The 31 Balboa and 38 Geary lines both run within a block of the park. For those taking BART, get off at Montgomery Station and catch the 38 from Geary and Market. The 2 Clement, 5 Fulton and 21 Hayes all run within two to three blocks of the park. The 1 California, 4 Sutter and 44 O'Shaughnessy are within walking distance.

Lang Field - Gough and Golden Gate (two blocks from Van Ness). The 31 Balboa and 5 Fulton run within a block of the park. The 21 Hayes, 38 Geary, 42 Downtown Loop, 47 and 49 Van Ness are within a couple blocks and the 2 Clement, 3 Jackson, 4 Sutter & 22 Fillmore are a block farther.

If anyone needs a ride or can offer a ride, please contact Jim or Kevin. If you need a ride, give us a chance to round one up, please don't call at the last minute.

On Friday, July 24th, Bob Dylan and The Grateful Dead appear 'alone and together' at Oakland Stadium. Many Beat members will be in attendance and all are encouraged to attend, however all are asked to refrain from having too much fun. You know who you are and you know what I mean. Dig the show and remember that game time is 10 the next morning.

and The Beat goes on...

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SEASON SCHEDULE 1987

DATE	OPPONENT	PARK	TIME	H/V
July 25	Scandia Realty	Rossi #1	10:00 am	H
Aug 1	The Bandits	Lang #1	10:00 am	V
Aug 8	The Warriors	Rossi #2	1:45 pm	H
Aug 15	The Brown Sox	Rolph #1	1:45 pm	V
Aug 22	The Baseball Band	Rossi #1	1:45 pm	H
Aug 29	The Office Machines	Balboa #1	1:45 pm	V
Sept 5	Labor Day	No Games Played		
Sept 12	Bye			
Sept 19	The Fog Town Rats	Rolph #1	1:45 pm	H
Sept 26	The Outreach	Lang #1	10:00 am	V

Rossi Playground - Arguello Boulevard at Anza Street  
 Lang Field - Gough Street at Golden Gate Avenue  
 Rolph Park - Army Street at Potrero Avenue  
 Balboa Park - San Jose Avenue at Ocean Avenue

All games are played on Saturday. All players MUST be at the field 45 minutes before game time for warm-ups. Anyone that is not at the park when line-up cards are handed in will not be eligible to start the game. If the team comes up short at the time the line-up cards must be submitted, The Beat will have to forfeit. Each forfeit carries with it a \$25 fine and the second forfeit will mean our expulsion from the league for the rest of this season and the next. Team members who do not show up or are late for the game without contacting Jim or Kevin will be responsible for covering the \$25 fee.