



ON THE BEAT



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TAKING A BEATING

The Beat lost its first two games to open its inaugural season, as City League Softball began the summer session. By scores of 16-4 and 15-5, the team was slapped in the face by the reality of organized play, but left the field last Saturday confident that they could compete in their division.

The opener on July 25 actually provided the excitement of a brief glimpse of victory. Facing a 5-1 deficit against Scandia Realty (6-2 last season), The Beat scored three times in the third to pull within a run. Marc DalBianco and Todd Sattler (playing his last game for The Beat this season) each singled, and, with two outs, John Palmer hit a stinging triple just inside the right field line. Dave Hamner, who had scored The Beat's first run ever in the second inning (on a T.J. McHose RBI single), then singled Palmer home for a 5-4 score. The excitement in the stands, let alone on the field, was almost unbearable. But the rally ended on a foul third strike, and the rest was disintegration. While Scandia played an error-free game, The Beat defense threw the ball away often. Toss in some walks, and a Beat advantage in hits (15-13) became a laughter for Scandia.

The second game also offered hope, as The Beat returned to its birthplace and sentimental home, Lang Field. The team seemed ready to take this one, as they notched two runs in the top of the first off another Palmer triple, scoring Kevin Austin and Dan Ullmann who had walked ahead of him. But the "home team" Bandits ("a good team, but beatable" said Manager Jim Harvey after the game) scored seven times in the bottom of the inning, and it

was catch-up ball after that. Harvey and McHose added RBI's and the team's defense tightened up, but the Bandit hitters were relentless, and 15-5 was probably an accurate reflection of the game. But the team looked more relaxed and "team-ish" than in it's opener, and the problems (though there) seemed surmountable.

Game three is against The Warriors, who are 2-0, beating the Bandits in their opener. It will be a big challenge for The Beat, but the team is starting to look like it will meet the challenge.

Coach's Corner

TWO DOWN - SIX TO GO

We're now one quarter of the way through the '87 season and we've learned some very tough lessons. Now that the "Opening Day" jitters have gone away, I think we all know the importance of concentration - from the first pitch to the final out. I'm confident that if we maintain the level of intensity we showed in pre-season (and sporatically in our first two games), we will BEAT our share of teams.

In Game 2, we were much more relaxed and we all had a much better time. At times, we resembled that team that used to "Battle the Brewers". It's time to rekindle the 'fire in our bellies' and keep our heads out there. Anticipate... Concentrate.

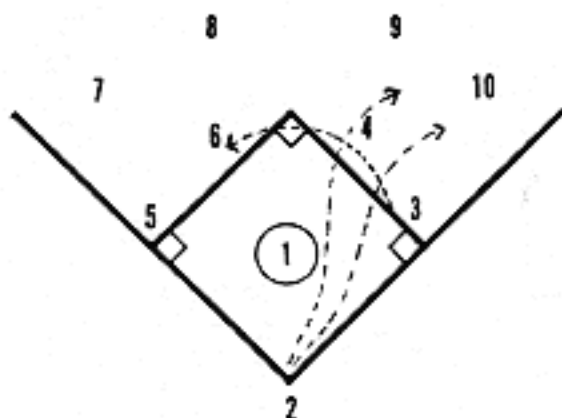
Let's put one under our belt.



RUN-STOPPERS NOTEBOOK

1. The single to right with a runner at first.

Situation - A runner at first with 0-2 outs. Batter hits to right field. Runner from first tries to take third.



Problem - Where does the fielder (9 or 10) throw the ball? Throwing to third may allow the hitter to advance to second. An errant throw allows the runner to score and gives the hitter an extra base. But the team can't just give up the base all the time.

Solution - There are two points of judgement for the defense on this play: 1. The throw; 2. The cut. If the single is so deep that the outfielder cannot throw the ball to third on the fly, then the throw should go to the secondman, and no play should be made at third. But if the outfielder can reach third on the fly, then the hit probably was not deep enough to ensure the runner will make it. Make the throw to third. No one should cut the ball off unless the third baseman calls it (too late, way off line). The pitcher backs up third, the shortstop stays at second for a possible return throw, and the catcher guards home.

If done right, the worst is runners at first and third, and the best an out at third with a runner at first. Much better than a run scored and a runner at second, with the wheels turning and turning....

TRANSPORTATION

Our fourth game, on August 15 against the Brown Sox, will be played at Rolph Park at Army and Potrero. Rolph is pretty easy to get to either driving or by public transit and parking is reasonable.

The park is located at the end of the line for the 33 Ashbury and a block from the end of the line of the 47 Van Ness. The 9 San Bruno runs right past the park. The 27 Bryant and 48 Quintara/24th Street both run within a couple blocks and the 48 offers a link with the 24th Street BART station little over a half mile away. BART riders may also get off at the Civic Center station and catch the 9 San Bruno running up Market Street.

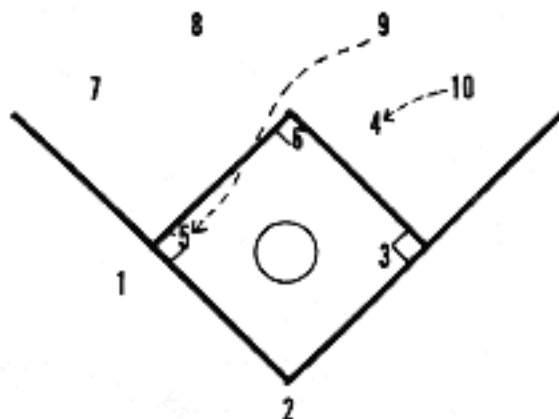
Once again, if anyone needs or can offer a ride please contact Jim or Kevin.



TRANSACTIONS

Kordt Biesinger, June Dibble, Logan and Moose were re-acquired by The Beat after the coaching staff checked out the drugs traded for and found them to be lacking. Said one coach, "Pure crap, we were ripped off!".

Following the madness and confusion of opening day, June, Logan and Moose announced their joint retirement from softball and will move to Hawaii to ride motorcycles and pilot stunt planes.



☆ Play of the Day ☆

July 25 vs. Scandia Realty - With one out and runners on first and second a high fly dropped in behind the pitchers mound but was called an infield fly out. Due to confusion in the field and a quiet call by the ump the runners went. Kent Gearou threw to Jim Harvey at third and Jim kept it together and made the tag for the third out. Heads up baseball Jimbo!

August 1 vs. the Bandits - After struggling in the field through the pre-season, Sherilyn Austin was given the chance to start in left-center field and didn't let The Beat down. With a runner on first and no outs Sherilyn made a catch on a high fly that went up like a rallying cry for the whole team. Keep up the good work Sherilyn!

Honorable Mention: John Palmer has a triple and two RBIs in each of the first two games.

OPENING BEATS

The following are firsts for The Beat's first season:

OFFENSE

At Bat Todd Sattler
Hit Jim Harvey
Run Dave Hamner
Double Kevin Austin
Triple John Palmer
RBI T.J. McHose
Base on Balls Kevin Austin
Reached on Error Dennis O'Brien
Out (K) Todd Sattler

DEFENSE

Strike Out Marc DalBianco
Ground Out Kent Gearou
Line Out Kevin Austin
Fly Out Dan Ullmann
Error Kevin Austin

Letters to the Editor

Editor - I've been to both games so far and I want to know what the hell is wrong with this club. I get up at 8:30 in the (deleted) morning on Saturday to get out to the park by 10:00 to see you clowns drop the ball and get blown away. I could be doing something constructive like watching The Jetsons. I haven't seen such a bunch of clumsy jokers since the '84 Giants.

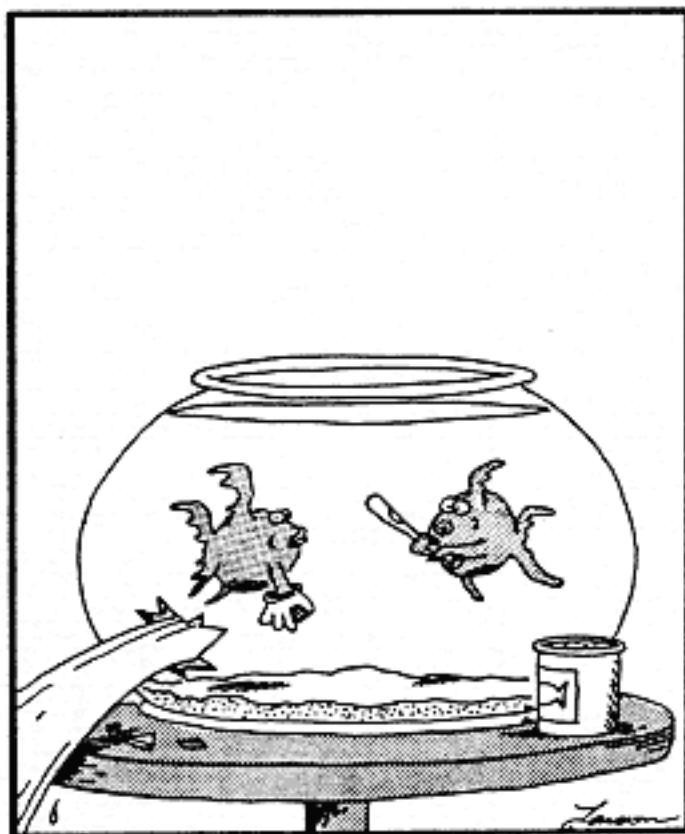
JIM'S MOM

P.S. You don't even have beer vendors.

Editor - I have yet to attend a Beat game but last Saturday morning I had the displeasure of catching "Beat Vision" on my satellite dish. I was quite insulted by the commentary, especially with the references to the invention of Baseball. My suggestion is that if The Beat went back to the basics instead of "hot-dogging", they would find my game easy as cake.

BORIS PICKEMOFF

P.S. Where are the Vodka vendors?



(Wo)Man on The Beat

I think everyone will agree that opening day was pretty crazy. There was a great deal of confusion and nervousness on the part of team members and errors and mistakes were made, but these things happen. What is tough to deal with, however, are the vocal complaints and the backstabbing of team members. In case we all forgot, the main reason for doing this was to have fun. Opening day wasn't much fun, but we didn't play much like a team on opening day.

In the second game we saw a total turnaround. We still had the nerves, and the errors and mistakes. We still got blown out almost as bad as the first game. The big difference was that we played like a team. Everyone backed up team members, cheered on team members, jumped in when needed and held together like a team. The final result--we lost 15-5 but everyone went home smiling and proud to be a part of it. Now that's a team.

- K. AUSTIN



This Day in Baseball Folklore...

- 1986 - Steve Carlton, after being acquired by the San Francisco Giants, loses track of how many teams he has played for when he runs out of fingers to count on.
- 1987 - Al Campanis refutes his statement about blacks lacking buoyancy, stating that he was using Tommy Lasorda as a comparison, and "nobody can stay afloat like Tommy".

Quotables *

"I was really impressed, especially because of the two young ladies who really held their own out there."

- Game 2 Ump

"When a man gets older he's expected to acquire certain enthusiasms. My enthusiasm is baseball. In baseball, the individual stands at the plate one on one with the pitcher. But in the field every player is a part of the team.

So remember, be a part of the team!"

- Al Capone



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Marc DalBianco, after only two starts, has reportedly developed a slight case of tendonitis in his pitching arm. All along Marc has maintained that his inability to consistently throw strikes has been because of a "twinge" in his right elbow. "With a little rest and some heat I should be able to go on Saturday", he said after leaving the team's medical facility.

and The Beat goes on...