



# ON THE BEAT



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## BEATEN UP!

### AND LEFT FOR THE DEAD

The Beat had a glimpse of victory and a strong taste of Hell as the team continued its season in City League softball. With losses of 9-4 and 27-6, the players found out that they can play competitive ball against other rookies, but will face a tough climb against the veteran teams.

The first game opponents were The Warriors, a team of singles hitters and decent fielders. The Beat, playing as home team at Rossi Field, shut them down 1-2-3 in the top of the first, then tallied in the bottom of the inning as Kevin Austin scored on a John Palmer sacrifice fly. But the team left the bases loaded (en route to stranding eight in the first three innings), while the Warriors began scoring runs of their own. Marc DalBianco, Jim Harvey, and Dan Ullmann scored in the next two innings (on an error and RBI's by Dave Hamner and Dennis O'Brien, respectively), with Dano dancing daringly off third to distract the third baseman from a play at first, but only ten batters went to the plate the rest of the game.

The Warriors, meanwhile, got hot, scoring three runs each in the second and fourth toward their nine run total. For The Beat, the frustration was not in sloppy play (absolutely no errors by the team) but in watching singles fall in the gaps between fielders. By games end, every member of the team knew that they had arrived, and that "good game" meant more than an empty handshake.

The Brown Sox, on the other hand, 'walked' all over The Beat last Saturday, 27-6, at Rolph Launching Pad. The Sox sent 21 batters to the plate and scored 17

runs before the first inning was over. A stiff wind blew several balls off the left field screen and helped one ball over. "Who's there batting coach? Charles Atlas?" remarked Beat Manager Jim Harvey after the game.

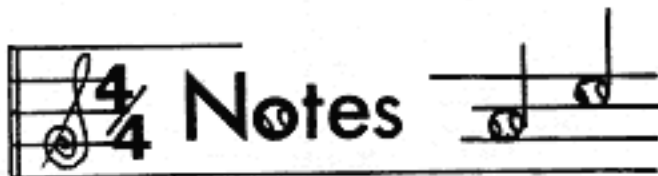
The Beat displayed some punch of their own, scoring 5 times in the top of the first. Back to back singles by Kevin Austin and Harvey, an RBI double by 1st Baseman Palmer and Steve Bruckman's 3 RBI triple/error set the pace for the team. Palmer homered in the 5th to round up The Beat's scoring.

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## Coach's Corner

### HALFWAY...AND HUNGRY

Now that we've gotten our feet wet in DD-9, things are starting to take shape for The Beat. It looks like we've put the jitters behind us and we're really beginning to gel as a team. In the four games we've played, we have increasingly improved--the number of errors have dropped, as have the number of walks. I'm confident the hitting will come around--the stats look good but we're lacking the "timely" hit. We've come a long way as a group and we obviously have a long way to go. I can't stress enough how important it is for you to attend practice. We need fine tuning to win in this division and practice will keep us sharp. Let's win!



### TRANSACTIONS

In what became the biggest surprise of the season, the remaining three members of the Gang of 4, Kordt Biesinger, Kent and Todd Gearou have all resigned from The Beat. Fleeing prosecution for off-Beat divergence, the three have left for Perth, Australia, where they will join the Pro Gator Wrestling circuit. "We have a contract that says we don't have to show up if we don't want to" said Kordt.

On the Up-Beat, the team has acquired a new den mother. Mrs. Harvey (Jim's mom), after lambasting the team last week, has decided to forcibly volunteer her services because we look like (deleted). "Jim never could take care of things himself" she said, "I had to clean his room for him until he was 28."

### TRANSPORTATION

Well folks, we have one more new park to look over in our schedule this season. Game 6 against The Office Machines (what kind of name is The Office Machines?) will be played at Balboa Park at the corner of San Jose and Ocean Avenues on diamond #1.

Next to City College, this park is easy to get to by car and public transit. First of all, it is right across Ocean Avenue from the Balboa Park BART station. Don't forget, Fast Passes can be used on BART within the city limits. The Balboa Park BART station is also the end of the line for the K-Ingleside and M-Ocean View Metro lines. One other convenient line is the 49 Van Ness/Mission which runs right past the park on Ocean Avenue.

The 26 Valencia and the 36 Teresita both run past the park and the 54 Felton stops at San Jose and Ocean. The 15 Third Street, 29 Sunset and 43 Masonic all run down Geneva Avenue on the far side of Balboa Park station. Remember, Balboa Park is at the south end of The City, so if your taking MUNI from across town give yourself plenty of time to get out there.

One last time, if anyone needs or can offer a ride please contact Jim or Kevin.

### BATTING STATISTICS THROUGH AUGUST 15, 1987

PLAYERS	AB	R	R	2B	3B	HR	BB	RBI	AVG.	SLUG	OBPTG
Austin, K....	8	5	2	1	0	0	4	0	.625	.750	.833
Austin, S....	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	.000	.000	.375
Bloch.....	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	.333	.333	.750
Bruckman....	6	4	1	0	1	0	3	3	.667	1.000	.667
Dal Bianco...	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	.100	.100	.300
Hammer.....	8	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	.375	.375	.444
Harvey.....	11	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	.364	.364	.417
McBose.....	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	.333	.333	.333
O'Brien.....	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	.300	.300	.600
Pactwa.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Palmer.....	11	6	4	0	2	1	0	7	.545	1.182	.636
Sattler.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250	.250	.500
Ullmann.....	11	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	.364	.364	.583
Totals.....	100	36	18	1	3	1	12	16	.360	.460	.536

## ☆ Play of the Day ☆

August 8 vs. the Warriors - In the first inning of his first game, Steve Bruckman made a diving catch into the flowers off the third base line to make the third out of The Beat's first 1-2-3 inning of the season. Steve made a third out catch in three consecutive innings.

August 15 vs. the Brown Sox - With two outs and runners on in the bottom of the second, a ball was hit to right center and fielded by Dan Ullmann. The relay got past Denny O'Brien at second but was grabbed by Kevin Austin backing up. Kevin turned around and fired a shot to Dave Hammer at the plate who applied the tag ending another Brown Sox rally.

Offensive Honors: John Palmer hit The Beat's first homer, a solo shot to right-center, in the fifth inning of game 4. Steve Bruckman hit a first inning bases-loaded shot that got through the second baseman and the right fielder for a triple and 3 RBIs and then trotted home on an errant throw from the field.



## BEATEN UP

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But the story of the day was The Brown Sox bats. Harvey's mother, in attendance in the luxury bench, called them "The Steroid Squad". Relying on sheer braun and no brains, The Sox scored in every inning but the third. Beat Leftfielder, Bruckman, had his hands full with a gale wind and herculean shots off the Brown Sox bats.

Beat Catcher Dave Hamner (replacing a vacationing T.J. McHose) stirred controversy in the fourth inning, complaining to the home plate umpire the Sox were using an "illegal bat". Complying with a recent rule which allows a team to protest one bat per game, the umpire sent the stick to St. Luke's Hospital for X-Ray. At press time, results were not official, but it was rumored the bat in question contained cork, metal and steroids. A formal protest could be filed when the results come back.

In all, it was a fun and exciting game for The Beat, who kept walks and errors to a minimum and were soundly Beaten by probably the division's best team.

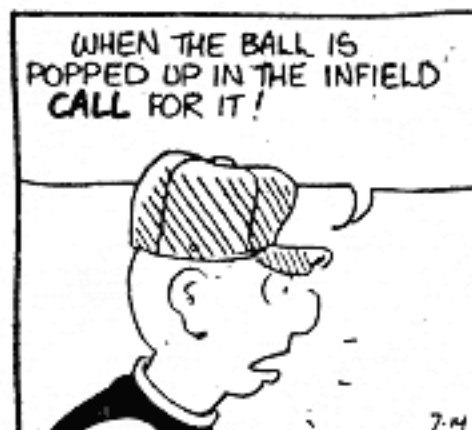
## This Day in Baseball Folklore...

1565 - Nostradamus predicts: "And a game called baseball will be born, and it will be good. And 100 years hence a man of evil will appear and scuff this ball, yet he will win the award of a younger man called Cy, and it will bring mass hysteria and lawyers, and it will be bad."

1981 - A quake registering 4.5 on the Richter scale hit Dodger Stadium at 8:45 p.m. The cause was reported to be Tommy Lasorda coaching third base with a runner rounding second. Said a fan, "Tommy went down to his stomach and the whole city shook."

1987 - In a private ceremony, Todd Sattler's jersey number, 44, was retired this week, until the transplanted Minnesotan completes law school. "We didn't publicize this 'cos we don't have jerseys yet, much less numbers," said a teary-eyed Beat Manager. Todd has been in contact with the front office, offering free food and lodging to any Beat Member willing to attend the 1987 World Series between The Giants and The Twins.

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AT WHAT POINT IN THE SEASON DID YOU FEEL YOUR TEAM MIGHT NOT MAKE A RUN AT THE PENNANT?



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WHEN THE PRESIDENT THREW OUT THE FIRST BALL AND THE CATCHER DROPPED IT AND A RUN SCORED.



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## Letters to the Editor

Editor - I can only hope that with the coming Harmonic Convergence, The Beat will merge with the higher selves of the Miracle Mets and pull this one out of the hat. A recent seance has predicted that for The Beat to go 0-8 would bring on a nuclear holocaust the likes of which no-one could possibly imagine. Either that, or everyone in the world will lose one sock while doing laundry before the end of the year. I could have my signs mixed up.

KEVIN HUNK-RA

P.S. I recently channeled for a man that was a beer vendor at Seals Stadium in 1937 and he wants to know where he is.

Editor - What's all this shit I keep hearing about a hormonal convergence and what does it have to do with baseball. Anyone that thinks a given day can bring on widespread disorientation and deja vu is as confused as I am. Anyone that thinks a given day can bring on widespread disorientation and deja vu is as confused as I am.

FORMER BEER VENDOR

P.S. You leave my hormones alone.



## beatnicks

Now that the fifth game is upon us, the injuries are mounting. The good news is that Marc has fully recovered from his tendonitis and Kevin has come back from the sprained wrist he got on opening day.

Now the bad news...Sherilyn "did something" to her back and is questionable for the next game. Dan (yes, DAN) played FOOTBALL and messed himself up. Because of the NO FOOTBALL clause in his contract, the star center-fielder forfeits a \$50,000 bonus and HAS to go to a wedding this week.

O.B. is still having recurring problems with the bad knee he got in the war but he is probable for Game 5. Dave Hammer is fatal but he's going to play anyway.

## Quotables \*

"Vuja de is the feeling that this has never happened before."

- George Carlin

"I was just fooling around with it, I wasn't using it."

- Kevin Gross on sandpaper in his glove

"We would have won if they didn't bat."

- John Palmer on Game 4

and The Beat goes on...