

ON THE BEAT

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The Official Word on THE BEAT 

• TURN OUT THE LIGHTS •

THE SEASON'S OVER Coach's Corner

The Beat's first season of ball came to an end last week with the team giving their best showing to date against the Fog Town Rats at Rolph Park. The offense finally came alive as The Beat battered out a season high 12 runs in six innings capped off by a six run third that saw the team bat around the order. But following a pattern of the season The Beat left the bases loaded twice and just couldn't come up with the clutch hit.

The Rats came out swinging with two runs in the first inning then sent down The Beat's first three batters in order and it looked like another bad one. But the Rats were held to one run in the second and John Palmer bounced back with a lead off triple that got past the right fielder. Palmer scored on an error and the bench began to perk up.

Just when it started to look good, the Rats pounded out six runs and were shooting for more when Jim Harvey stifled them in their tracks. With one out in the books and the bases loaded, Jim picked up a sharp grounder and whipped it in to Dave Hamner at the plate for the force. Dave rifled it back to Jim but the throw was
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THE PARTY'S OVER (FOR NOW)

First of all, I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication this year. We had some real ups and downs and I appreciate all the support you gave me. I'm proud to be surrounded by such talent.

The 87 season is over, but the 88 season blooms in Spring and The Beat will be back to play in both the Spring and Summer leagues. I hope to have all of you back next year, as we plan to make some exciting changes (including uniforms) and improvements to make us more competitive.

Now that the S.F. Softball League has had a chance to evaluate us, we are certain to be put in a more comparable division. The Beat is a team on its way up and another year of competition can only be to our advantage. Our play of late has shown how well we can do it and next year should be a good one. In 1985, the Giants lost a hundred games, and you all know what's happened this year.

I'll be in touch during the off season (scheduling as many scrimmage games as I can). Thanks again for all your hard work. Take pride in what you've done. You're The Beat!



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high and hard. Jimbo pulled the ball down just in time to catch the runner over running the bag at third.

Dan Ullmann led off The Beat's half with a solid single followed by two walks to load the bases. Then the bats came alive as Steve Bruckman, Palmer and Hamner hit back-to-back-to-back RBI singles. After a couple errors, a Dano sacrifice fly and Kevin Austin's first RBI walk, a pop out ended the inning but The Beat had scored six runs and were back in the game.

The Rats pounded out five runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth while The Beat could only muster two. But with a leadoff single in the sixth the Rats had their bats taken out of their hands as Kevin Austin leaped up to rob the Rats of a line drive base hit and whipped the ball back to first to catch the runner leaning the wrong way. A pop out ended the inning for the Rats and The Beat had one last chance. Bruckman and Hamner started the team off with singles and Denny O'Brien jumped in (literally) with an OB Two-step single to right. Marc DalBianco came through with an RBI single then Dan Ullmann drew an RBI walk followed by Kevin's second of the day.

But alas, it was not in the stars and The Beat came up four runs short as time ran out. The final score was 16-12 and the team had to take their last win of the season on a forfeit.

Way Back Then

Can you remember way back to August 22 when we played the Baseball Band? Well I can't. They beat us and who cares? Kathy Blohm got her first catch of the season on a screaming liner to right, Kevin Austin faked a bobble on a throw from the outfield and threw out the faked runner going from second to third, John Palmer got another triple and Jim Harvey got a double play "Play of the Day". You can look that one up in Play-of-the-Day because I'm not going to repeat it. So, is that enough for you? What do you want from us anyway, professional journalism? I can't even remember the score.

Letters to the Editor

Editor - You are The "BEAT" not the Beaten! You are winners because you are unique. Where else could you find a team like you guys and gals who are willing to keep trying to win when the odds are so against you.

Be assured that we will continue to be there to win or lose with you.

Pay no attention to those who say you are the Pits. They are close but not accurate.

"TWO FAITHFUL FANS"
(or at least one)

Editor - I just wanted to tell the team that they did a wonderful job this year and they should be proud of the way they played. I've never seen such exciting softball.

BLIND MELLON CHITLIN
P.S. Stop your bitching, I haven't seen a beer vendor in 20 years.

Editor - I've got a bone to pick with someone. When I was approached early this year for season tickets I was told I would see some first class softball. You jokers couldn't beat a team of 12 year old bobby soxers. Some countries would cut your hands off for playing ball like you do.

So I get out to the park and find out there's no beer! I have to watch this shit sober? Then, after paying for eight games, you only play six. I want a REFUND! I'll take this all the way to the People's Court if I have to.

That's the last time I buy season tickets from a mop-top wearing tye-dye.

A FAN
P.S. You guys don't need beer vendors, you need a good blow to the head.

(Editor's Note: The author of this letter was tracked down by the editorial staff and coaches and subsequently shot.)

SEASON FINAL BATTING STATISTICS

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 19, 1987

PLAYERS	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	NR	RBI	AVG.	SLUG	OBPCT
Austin, K.....	12	6	3	1	0	0	7	3	.500	.583	.700
Austin, S.....	11	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	.091	.091	.400
Bloch.....	8	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	.250	.250	.700
Bruckman.....	13	8	4	0	1	0	0	4	.615	.769	.615
Del Bianco.....	16	3	4	0	0	0	1	1	.187	.187	.411
Hamner.....	14	6	4	0	0	0	1	6	.429	.429	.500
Harvey.....	18	5	4	0	0	0	2	1	.278	.278	.400
McHose.....	12	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	.500	.500	.500
O'Brien.....	17	7	2	0	0	0	0	1	.412	.412	.588
Palmer.....	18	10	8	0	4	1	0	8	.556	1.166	.647
Sattler.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250	.250	.500
Ullmann.....	14	5	4	0	0	0	2	1	.357	.357	.625
Totals.....	157	60	35	1	6	1	19	28	.382	.471	.536

BATTING LEADERS

AT BATS	HITS	RUNS	BASK ON BALLS
Harvey.....18	Palmer.....10	Palmer.....8	Austin, K.....7
Palmer.....18	Bruckman.....8	Bruckman.....4	Austin, S.....4
O'Brien.....17	O'Brien.....7	DelBianco.....4	Bloch.....2
DelBianco.....16	Austin, K.....6	Hamner.....4	Harvey.....2
Hamner.....14	Hamner.....6	Harvey.....4	Ullmann.....2
Ullmann.....14	McHose.....6	Ullmann.....4	

RBI	AVERAGE	SLUGGING PCT.	ON-BASE PCT.
Palmer.....8	Bruckman .615	Palmer 1.166	Austin, K .700
Hamner.....6	Palmer .556	Bruckman .769	Bloch .700
Bruckman.....4	Austin, K .500	Austin, K .583	Palmer .647
Austin, K.....3	McHose .500	McHose .500	Ullmann .625
McHose.....2	Hamner .429	Hamner .429	Bruckman .615

☆ Play of the Day ☆

August 22 vs. The Baseball Band - In the third inning of The Beat's second blowout loss in a row, Jim Harvey stifled a no out Band rally by catching a roped line drive to third and whipping the ball to Dave Hamner at first doubling off a stunned Baseball Band base runner. That's Jimbo's second heads-up Play of the Day for the season.

September 19 vs. The Fogtown Rats - following a leadoff single in the top of the sixth inning, Kevin Austin lunged out to pull down a high line drive through the gap and came down throwing to double the runner off at first. "That's the one I've been waiting for all year" said Kevin after the game. The Rats went 3 up-3 down in the inning and were held scoreless for the first time in the game.

Honorable Mention: This one goes to the managers of The Office Machines and Victory Outreach for dropping their teams from the league just in time to avoid the wrath of The Beat.

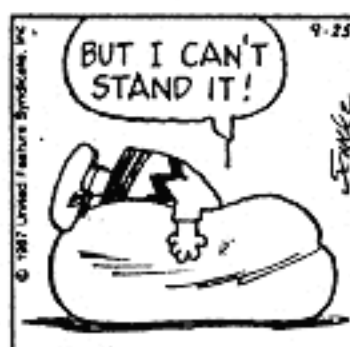


TRANSACTIONS

As the season comes to a close, The Beat must announce one last resignation. Prior to the final game, Mary Pactwa decided to resign from softball to go to school. According to manager Jim Harvey, "I've had it with this school shit. We're going to take this up with the American Scholastic Association and try to arrange temporary leaves for softball players."

BEAT VOLLEYBALL

Following the season final, there was some talk of off-season volleyball by the team members. We seem to have some interest in the idea and the coaches would love to get it together but we don't have the equipment, so...we would like your ideas. Would you be interested in playing and chipping in for volleyball equipment? Do you have friends that would like to play? Do you or anyone you know have equipment you/they would like to donate? Please let Jim or Kevin know if you're interested and we'll see what we can get together. Hope to see you there.



(Wo)Man on The Beat



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THE BACKBONE OF THE BEAT

So much has been written about the men of The Beat and their accomplishments, but I'd like to say a few words about The Backbone of the Beat, The Women.

When The Beat was conceived in February of this year, our sole objective was to gather a group of friends and play some ball. Certain individuals didn't have "what it takes", others rose to the occasion and shined. No one has shined more than Kathy Blohm and Sherilyn Austin. Playing in their 1st season of "organized ball", Kathy and Sherilyn went through the pains of learning how to judge fly balls, hitting the cut-off men, calling players off and improving their batting stroke. While they have a ways to go in becoming "complete" ballplayers, they've come miles in the past year.

The Beat is the only team in DD-9 (and quite possibly the DD Division) with women on their roster. Sherilyn and Kathy defied all the odds, looked adversity in the eye and broke their butts the best they knew how.

The Beat has many things to be proud of this season, the foremost of those being the women.

Jim

Quotables *

"Watch out for THE BEAT, next year!"
- Dan Ullmann

"I love our team."
-Kathy Blohm

FINAL STANDINGS SLOW PITCH DIVISION DD9

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT	GB
Warriors	7	1	0	.875	
Baseball Band	6	1	1	.812	1/2
Brown Sox	6	1	1	.812	1/2
Scandia Realty	6	2	0	.750	1
Fog Town Rats	4	4	0	.500	3
Bandits	3	5	0	.375	4
THE BEAT	2	6	0	.250	5
Victory Outreach	1	7	0	.125	6
Office Machines	0	8	0	.000	7

The Beat suffered two minor injuries at their Labor Day practice double-header. On a hit to right field, Sherilyn Austin advanced from first to third standing up. A rifle-shot throw from the cut-off got past the third baseman and Sherilyn took it like a trooper, in the rear. John Palmer twisted his knee in the fifth inning of the second game trying to hit a pitch to Marin but The Beat held on to win. Both John and Sherilyn were able to play in the last game on September 19.

T.J. McHose injured his ankle playing football and is out for the season. Manager Jim Harvey slapped his hand, said "I told you so", and insisted T.J. accompany Dan Ullmann to a wedding. It is reported that he never made the wedding and his parole officer has listed him as A.W.O.L. but rumor has it he was seen in the bleachers of The Beat's final game disguised as Bob Uecker.

In what became the shock of the year for The Beat, veteran player Dave Hamner blew up just after practice September 2nd. Doctors reported that people have been known to spontaneously combust for no reason but said that Dave must have had it coming after hearing reports of the jokes he was telling during practice. Dave managed to pull himself together just in time for the season final.

This Day in Baseball Folklore...

1957 - St. Louis Cardinal infielder Mellon Chitlin was blinded after being struck in the head with a Hoyt Wilhelm knuckleball. "I wasn't concentratin', I had my eye on the beer vendor" the rookie sensation said. It's been 20 years since he's seen a beer vendor.

1982 - After rising from the dead, baseball great Stephen A. Dobbs establishes the Stephen A. Dobbs Memorial Baseball Band in memory of himself. (It's also the only team that would take him.)

and The Beat goes on...