



# ON THE BEAT

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## MONSTER MASH

Bragging rights for an indefinite period go to The Van Ness Monsters for (a. defeating, b. downing, c. decking, d. drubbing, e. demoralizing - go ahead and use whatever verb you think fits best) The Beat 15-5 this past weekend.

Before an out was made, the Beat had scored their first four batters. Kevin Austin led off the game with the only walk Bob Cain gave up all day. Jim Harvey followed with a single to right and Kevin moved to second. Eric Meyer came up and hit a grounder to third, and Dennis Harvey dropped the throw to second. Kevin scampered home for the first run of the afternoon. John Palmer then hit a three-run homer on a ball somewhat misjudged by the Monster right fielder. The Beat sent five more batters to the plate in the first, but could not bring another run across.

The Monsters cored on of their many runs that day in their half of the first without a hit. Jim Harvey wasn't his usual self in the first, making two errors. As a matter of fact, Jim looked more like suede than leather in that first inning. Anna pitched well in the second also, with the help of an Austin, Doyle, Hesselgren double play. It took the Beat out of the inning without any Monster runs scoring. Anna came out of the game giving up only 2 hits and 1 run over 2 innings.

The Beat got one more run in the third. John Palmer raced to third when a fly ball was muffed in right center. Tim Hesselgren promptly hit a sacrifice fly and drove in Palmer, giving The Beat a 5-1 lead.

But the lead dissolved quickly to the chagrin of The Beat players and the decidedly Beat-partisan crowd.

Three consecutive hits highlighted the Monsters' 5-run third. Darryl Rucker singled with one out and a man on first. Dennis Harvey doubled home Ellery Brown from second. Ron Moore followed with a double to drive home Harvey. Gerry (Trammell) Dasey then belted a two-run homer through the alley in right center to cap the scoring.

The Monsters followed with two more in the fourth, propelled by singles by Bob Cain, John Siquenza  
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### Coach's Corner

Despite three losses in a row, we're beginning to see The Beat "click as a team". Wins and losses don't really reflect how well a team is progressing and the performance of our team of late is living proof.

We held off the Monster's great offensive attack for 2 innings and maintained a 4 to 1 lead through 2. Against High & Dry, The Beat scored a team record 17 runs. Versus Pat O'Shea's, we turned a record 3 double plays.

In the past three weeks, we have faced some very talented, experienced ballclubs. I haven't seen any long faces on this club after these defeats, probably because everybody senses that this is a ballclub on its way up, intent on its quest for success.

The beauty of each new "Saturday" is that we get another shot at it, so let's take aim and blow the Pride Guys off the field.

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and J. Bailey. But the outcome was sealed in the Monster fifth, where the Monsters scored seven times with some solid hitting and a collapsing Beat defense. Aided by three errors, the Monsters nailed the Beat coffin shut with another hit by Dennis Harvey, Gerry Dasey's single, and a crushing double by Bob Cain.

Credit for the Monsters victory goes to their great pitcher Bob Cain, who became unhittable after a shaky first inning and held the Beat to a .222 batting average for the game. In the hitting department, Bob also helped himself with a double and a single, Gerry Dasey had a home run and a single, and Dennis Harvey, who went 2 for 2 with a double and a walk.

Congratulations to the Monsters, and The Beat can't wait to get revenge!



## beatnicks

Dave Hamner has disappeared off the face of the earth. Rumor has it that he is lounging in the Caribbean with Mark Chan. Anyone that knows of Dave's whereabouts please keep it to themselves.

Kevin Austin took a turn for the worse in The Beat's first at-bat against Pat O'Shea's. Trying to BEAT out an infield grounder, Kevin stretched out for the bag and landed on the first baseman's foot instead and left Kevin with a strained ankle. But he played out the game and was back in shape for the Monsters game last week.

Jimbo Harvey also got his share when a Mad Hatter's baserunner barreled into third and landed on Jim, twisting his knee. No major damage though and Jimbo also finished the game and was back in the next week.

## Quotables \*

"I've tested Mescaline. I've tested 'em all. But I don't think it should be mandatory."

- Bill "Spaceman" Lee on mandatory drug testing

# Beat Ballyhoo!

Pre-game antics were not lacking in the waning hours of Friday night as some yet unidentified Beat members cruised out to the Pacifica home of Monster secondbasemen Dennis Harvey.

A very family-like couple came forward as witnesses in the wake of Monsters weekend and reported three figures stalking Harvey's residential home. Suspecting the worst from Harvey and all his "beer-drinking, philandering associations", the couple followed the suspicious trio into a nearby 7-11 where they could ascertain a good description. The couple told police, "there were three shifty-looking males, two dressed in black with sunglasses, one with extremely clashing styles, and one that fits no other description except for the possible adjective 'leathery'". The "leathery" suspect also appeared to behave in a "crabby" manner, despite the fact that the two dark-clad figures appeared to be on some kind of drugs.

The couple followed the criminals back to Harvey's house and watched them assault Harvey's garage with some kind of "satanic message". Following some hushed cursing (probably some kind of beckoning to Satan) and apparent disorder, the evil figures successfully hexed Harvey's car by placing the message on top of the hood and roof. The couple also reported some kind of animal grunting, "something resembling a jackal or wolf", but police reports after the fact dismissed the sounds as Harvey's snoring on the nearby couch inside the house.

After attending the Beat-Monsters game on Saturday, the couple had no comment except to say that, "apparently the hex didn't work".

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"There are two things that don't mean anything in baseball: last year and yesterday."

- Whitey Herzog

## ☆ Play of the Day ☆

# BEAT NOTEBOOK

GAME 4 vs. High and Dry 4/30/88

Offense - We may as well call this the John Palmer show. John racked up two more four-baggers topped off with The Beat's first grand slam in the fourth inning. Honorable mention goes to Jimbo (that leathery little ----) for getting the offense off to a great start with a two-run homer down the first base line in the top of the first inning.

Defense - This one goes to E. Gwangwa Meyer for saving The Beat from another High & Dry homer in the third. Eric reached back and speared the ball hit well over his head. That play not only erased a possible homer, but ended the inning.

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GAME 5 vs. Pat O'Shea's - 5/7/88

Offense - The best we could drag out of this great defensive team was Eric Meyer's two for three day and The Beat's only RBI.

Defense - With one out and a runner on second in the third inning a fly ball was hit to Dan Ullmann in right-center field. Dan made the catch and the runner tagged. Dan whipped the ball in to Kevin Austin at short who made the easy on-line relay to Jim Harvey at third for the tag out. That goes down as a 9-6-3 double play (one of three for the day) and shows how a textbook relay works.

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GAME 6 vs. The Monsters 5/14/88

Offense - Credit Jimbo with finding a line-up that's starting to gel. Kevin led off the top of the first with a walk and Jimbo moved him to third with 3-2 single to right. Eric forced an error on Denny Harvey that scored the run and "The Bomber" Palmer hit HR #5. That's how a line-up is supposed to work.

Defense - E. Meyer did it again with a shoestring catch in the bottom of the third to end the inning and a big Monster rally.

The Beat got a good look at aggressive baserunning against Pat O'Shea's and learned how NOT to do the rundown play. With a runner caught between second and third base, the ball was thrown back and forth so many times that not only was the runner safe at third, The Beat was lucky he didn't score on an errant throw.

So for future attempts, this is how it should work. The ball first goes to the third baseman to keep the runner from advancing. The third baseman should show the ball with his bare hand to the runner and run him back to second. This is very important -- ALWAYS RUN THE BASERUNNER BACK TO THE BASE HE CAME FROM! If the runner ends up safe, at least he didn't advance a base. The third baseman should force the baserunner back until the runner has to turn around and commit himself to second. Then all it takes is an easy throw to the second baseman or shortstop covering second. If done right, this is all it will take.

All of the other fielders should be backing up and ready to move in if needed but also should stay out of the play until they are needed. The more bodies in the way, the more confusing it gets.

If it doesn't work this easily and the runner heads back to third, then start over. The throw should quickly go back to the first person backing up third to cut off that base again. That person then runs the baserunner back to second until he commits then throws back to second.

This method not only keeps the runner tied up, but keeps him running back to where he came from. If no errors are made, this is a high percentage play that at best will give you an extra out and if nothing else at least keeps the runner from advancing.

## SWAMPED OUT

After four days of rain, ending in a torrential downpour that followed the Dodgers in from L.A., game three scheduled for April 23rd against Bayside Cafe was called due to swamp. The Beat was up and ready to play but a lackadaisical grounds keeper succeeded in ending any chance of getting this one in.

But true to the spirit of The Beat, and only two days after a blowout of the Brewers in a gloomy Thursday night practice game, the team took on yet another challenge. This time The Beat retaliated against the team that made fools of them on opening day, i.e. the went DUCK hunting.

Playing with only a partial squad on a field set up in an outfield marsh, The Beat had its revenge in the form of DUCK soup by BEATING the quackers 4-3 in seven innings. A hollow victory since it didn't count but it still turned out to be a nail-biter and helped to keep the team pumped up for the next game.

As for the 0-4-1 Bayside Cafe, they are also the last opponent on the Spring Schedule so The Beat will get a chance to pick them apart two weeks in a row.

## Blowin' In The Wind

Many great baseball minds agree that the two keys to solid baseball is relaxation and concentration. On April 30th, a gale wind and terrible field conditions eliminated those keys and the game against High & Dry turned into an offensive bombshell and a defensive nightmare.

While the pitchers threw batting practice tosses to keep the ball from blowing out of the strike zone, The Beat hammered out a team high 17 runs only to be outscored by a High and (very) Dry 21.

The Beat scored big and often driving in 6 runs and batting around to lead off the first. John Palmer had another banner day going 3 for 3 with two 4-baggers including The Beat's first Grand Slam in the 4th inning. Dan Ullmann went 2 for 2 with a walk and scored all three times. In fact, The Beat top 8 of Austin, Jimbo, Meyer, Palmer, Tim Hesselgren, Willie Doyle, Steve Bruckman and Dano scored everytime they reached base. That's 16 runs in 24 at-bats.

Solid hits and deep flies into the trees were the order of the day. But in the end, the long innings spelled a tough defeat when the game was called in the bottom of the 4th with High and Dry rallying hard.

## Beat Meets Best

Rolph Park was the setting for The Beat's 4th regular season game against Pat O'Shea's Mad Hatters. The undefeated Mad Hatters sent Ace Bill Dunn to the mound and responded from the 1st strike to the last out. Holding The Beat to only six hits, Dunn & Company soundly trashed the visitors 11-1, with single runs in the 2nd and 3rd, and an 8 run rally in the fourth. The Beat could only scratch together 1 run, scoring in the 4th on back-to-back-to-back singles by Austin, Harvey and Meyer.

The game was somewhat disrupted with John Palmer's 4th inning ejection for undisclosed obscenities spewed toward the home plate umpire. The league considered a 30-day suspension for Palmer, but decided that missing two at-bats was punishment enough for "The Bomber" and for The Beat.

### DIVISION D-8 STANDINGS AS OF MAY 18, 1988

	W	L	T	PCT	GB
Pat O'Shea's	5	0	0	1.000	-
D.U.C.K!	4	1	0	.800	1
Van Ness Monsters	3	2	0	.600	2
Pride Guys	2	2	0	.500	2.5
High and Dry	2	3	0	.400	3
Rockin' Robins	1	2	1	.375	3
THE BEAT	1	4	0	.200	4
Bayside Cafe	0	4	1	.100	4.5

### GAME RESULTS

#### APRIL 30, 1988

High and Dry	21	vs.	THE BEAT	17
Pat O'Shea's	22	vs.	Bayside Cafe	0
Van Ness Monsters	15	vs.	Rockin' Robin's	8
D.U.C.K!	12	vs.	The Pride Guys	9

#### MAY 7, 1988

Pat O'Shea's	11	vs.	THE BEAT	1
D.U.C.K!	12	vs.	Bayside Cafe	6
High and Dry	16	vs.	Van Ness Monsters	2
Rockin' Robin's		vs.	The Pride Guys	RAIN

#### MAY 14, 1988

Van Ness Monsters	15	vs.	THE BEAT	5
D.U.C.K!	18	vs.	High and Dry	2
Pat O'Shea's	15	vs.	The Pride Guys	8
Rockin' Robin's	12	vs.	Bayside Cafe	12



## TRANSPORTATION

Hey! We got our first (although reluctant) entry for the joke contest. This one comes from Sherilyn Austin via the Levi Straus joke tree.

Q. How many Baltimore Orioles does it take to change a tire?

A. One, unless it's a blowout, then it takes the whole team.

Somehow, I think we can do better than this. Let's give Big Dave Hamner a REAL challenge. (Jim has a couple of good ones but they're not suitable for print.)

Don't forget, Saturday May 28th is an off-day for Memorial Day weekend. If anyone is interested in practicing that weekend, contact Kevin at 474-2397 and we'll see what we can do.

A special Get Well Soon wish goes out from all The Beat ballplayers and fans to the Team Den Mother, Mrs. Harvey, who was hospitalized early this week for recurring pain in her leg.

We all hope to see Mrs. H. back in her seat in the Luxury Bench as soon as possible.

Game #7 is at 10:00 a.m. on May 21 against The Pride Guys at Jackson #2. This one is really easy to get to by car and parking is a piece of pie. The park is at 17th Street and Arkansas at the foot of Potrero Hill and if you follow 17th Street you can't miss it. For our beloved MUNI patrons, the 22 Fillmore runs right past the park and the 19 Polk runs a block away. There are a handful of buses that run past 18th and Potrero about a quarter mile away including the 9, 33, 47 and 53.

Game #8 is also at 10:00 a.m. on June 4 against Bayside Cafe at Kimbell #1. Some of you will remember this park from a rainy March practice. Kimbell is located at Steiner and O'Farrell Streets in the Western Addition. Parking is relatively easy on the streets and the Japan Center parking garage is only a couple blocks away on Geary Boulevard. The 22 Fillmore, 31 Balboa and 38 Geary all run within a block of the park. The 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 24 are all within walking distance.

Both of these games are 10:00 a.m. starts, the earliest scheduled, so if we get there 45 minutes to an hour before gametime, we'll be able to work out on the field. Let's take advantage of it.

### BATTING STATISTICS AS OF MAY 18, 1988

#	NAME	AB	H	AVG	SLG	OBP	K	BB	2B	3B	HR	R	RBI	--CLUTCH HITTING--		
														AB	H	AVG
6	Austin, Kevin	16	6	.375	.375	.529	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	2	.667
20	Bruckmann, Steve	11	0	.000	.000	.455	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	.000
10	Chan, Mark	2	0	.000	.000	.333	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	****
36	Doyle, Willie	14	6	.429	.500	.571	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	4	2	.500
17	Hamner, Dave	11	4	.364	.364	.545	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	.000
7	Harvey, Jim	15	6	.400	.600	.533	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	3	1	.333
44	Harvey, Michael	10	3	.300	.700	.500	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	7	1	.143
00	Hesselgren, Tim	8	4	.500	.500	.500	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	.500
1	Meyer, Eric	16	5	.312	.312	.588	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	4	2	.500
14	Nelson, Roy	6	2	.333	.333	.333	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	****
19	O'Brien, Dennis	6	0	.000	.000	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
21	Palmer, John	12	7	.583	1.833	.750	1	0	0	0	5	8	13	4	3	.750
29	Rothlein, Gary	12	6	.500	.583	.500	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	2	.333
22	Sandoval, Anna	4	0	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
13	Ullmann, Dan	12	5	.417	.417	.538	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	3	1	.333
Totals		155	54	.348	.503	.503	6	5	2	2	6	35	29	44	15	.341