



ON THE BEAT

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The Official Word on THE BEAT

5 Homers Lead Hot Offense

BEAT BLOWOUTS!!

The Beat bats continued to scorch its opponents again this week, pounding the Bayside Cafe into submission 19-8. For the second week in a row, the game was called after 4 1/2 innings due to relentless Beat rallies. In their four innings, The Beat scored 5, 4, 5 and 5 runs respectively from all ends of the order in their romp in the first of two consecutive meetings with Bayside.

Home runs were the order of the day, with John "The Bomber" Palmer and Tim "The Intimidator" Hesselgren belting two each and Jim Harvey contributing with his second two run shot of the season in the first inning. The five home runs last Saturday fell one shy of the total Beat home run production of the season (6 homers in 6 games). But offensive production was not limited to home runs. Kevin Austin walked four times in four appearances, scoring each time. Gary Rothlein went 2 for 2, Tim Hesselgren had two doubles to complement his two homers in four trips. John Palmer went 3

for 4, Eric Meyer went 2-3, knocking in three runs (including the game winner), and Harvey singled in a run to give him 3 RBI's on the day.

If any one moment reflects The Beat's emergence as an offensive threat, it came not in any at bat or run scored, but in a moment after the top of the first in the Bayside game. Bayside had just scored four runs to start the game, and The Beat came off the field showing nothing but a pumped and determined 'Our Turn' look. The whole team exhibited a new confidence, an assurance about their ability to score runs. And as sure as The Beat felt, they promptly scored five runs and took the lead, never to fall behind again. And if confidence is the key to hitting, The Beat shall look forward to more and more offensive explosives.

Coach's Corner

Someone much wiser than me once said, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Having gone undefeated since our last issue of On The Beat, we're really beginning to look like a team. Our last two wins were true examples of teamwork at its finest. Clutch hitting, solid defense and good, consistent pitching have been the keys recently and all of your hard work has paid off. We have a chance to finish the Spring Season at .500 and we've got good reason to be proud.

DIVISION D-B STANDINGS
As Of June 5, 1988

	W	L	T	PCT	GB
Pat O'Shea	6	1	0	.857	-
D.U.C.K!	5	2	0	.714	1
Van Ness Monsters	4	3	0	.571	2
THE BEAT	3	4	0	.428	3
High and Dry	3	4	0	.428	3
Rockin' Robins	2	3	1	.400	3
Pride Guys	2	4	0	.333	3.5
Bayside Cafe	1	5	1	.167	4.5

GAME RESULTS

MAY 21, 1988

THE BEAT	23	vs.	The Pride Guys	10
D.U.C.K!	8	vs.	Van Ness Monsters	1
Rockin' Robins	8	vs.	Pat O'Shea's	4
Bayside Cafe	21	vs.	High and Dry	4

JUNE 4, 1988

THE BEAT	19	vs.	Bayside Cafe	8
Van Ness Monsters	8	vs.	The Pride Guys	0
Pat O'Shea's	9	vs.	D.U.C.K!	8
High and Dry	9	vs.	Rockin' Robins	8

BEAT Humbles Pride Guys

GAME BALL

The Beat surprised the Pride Guys with an offensive show, chalking up their second victory in six games.

Again displaying what seems to be a club pattern, The Beat scored quickly and often. Having scored 6 in the first versus High 'N' Dry and five in the first versus the Monsters, The Beat surpassed their own early outbursts with 11 runs in the first inning against the Pride Guys. The first nine batters scored, driven in by Willie Doyle, John Palmer, Eric Meyer, Gary Rothlein and Roy Nelson. Both Willie Doyle and Jim Harvey scored twice in the inning.

Unlike previous weeks, The Beat's defense held off their opponents and kept scoring. Although the Pride Guys scored in each inning, the closest the score got was 17-9 after 3 1/2 innings. Then The Beat put the game away with 6 runs in their half of the fourth, thereby giving the Pride Guys their last at bats in which the humble-pied guys scored only one run for a 23-10 final. Offensive standouts include Gary Rothlein (2-4, a walk and four runs scored in four appearances), John Palmer (3-4 with a triple, 3 RBI's and 3 runs scored), Michael Harvey (3-4, 2 RBI's, 2 runs), and Dennis O'Brien (2-4, 2 RBI's).

The Beat also came up big on defense in threatening situations. Michael Harvey ended a Pride Guys rally with an unassisted double play to hold the score at 17-9. Another Pride Guys rally was quelled in the top of the third when an Ullmann to Doyle to Nelson relay nailed an overconfident Guy at the plate. Both plays ended their respective innings and kept the Pride Guys at a safe distance.

Note: This game makes the first time The Beat has shortened a game by blowout, knocking the Guys off in 4 1/2 innings.

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The Pride Guys - May 21, 1988

Game Ball #1 goes to Mrs. Harvey for her inspiration to the team. We hope to see her back at the park soon.

Game Ball #2 was awarded to The Beat, teamwork was the key to victory and everyone's contributions were invaluable.

Bayside Cafe - June 4, 1988

Game Ball #1 goes to Tim "The Intimidator" Hesselgren for going 4 for 4 (two homers and two doubles) with 3 RBIs. Tim also scored two runs and had the kind of day we all dream of.

Game Ball #2 was presented to Kevin "Don't knock the walk" Austin for going 0 for 0 and scoring all four times he didn't bat. Kevin also had a great day defensively with 5 assists and 3 put outs.

Congratulations to all! Keep up the good work.



The Vikings, of course, knew the importance of stretching before an attack.

☆ Play of the Day ☆

GAME 7 vs. The Pride Guys - 5/21/88

Defense - With The Pride Guys building their second big rally of the day and only one out, Michael Harvey leaped up to rob an easy extra-base line drive and beat a leaning baserunner back to first for The Beat's first unassisted double play of the year. That play ended a potential big inning and changed the momentum of the game for good. Honorable mention goes to another great textbook relay from Dan Ullmann to Willie Doyle to Roy Nelson at the plate who tagged out a speeding baserunner for the third out and ending The Pride Guys only other big inning.

As for offense... well, what can we say? In the last two games (8 innings) The Beat has scored 42 total runs and has scored 5 or more runs in 5 of those 8 innings. Against The Pride Guys, the first nine batters reached base and scored. Gary Rothlein scored 4 runs in 4 plate appearances against The Pride Guys and Kevin Austin and John Palmer duplicated that feat against Bayside two weeks later. In fact, everyone that has played in the last two games has scored at least one run!

Now back to defense. In those last two games, The Beat has outscored their opponents 42-18 and the most runs given up in one inning is 5 in the third inning against The Pride Guys.

I think this pretty well shows that not only are the bats gelling but the defense and pitching is holding up well enough to avoid those 7-9 run innings that have been the death of The Beat in past games. The Beat is finally living up to its name, working together as one just as instruments in a band work as one, and this beat is ON!

Note: There is no play of the day for game #8 (Bayside Cafe), since the win was due to the entire team effort throughout the game.



The Summer Season starts July 30th. Our goal is to continue playing on Saturdays but the final decision rests with the League Office. Registration fees and the Summer Roster has to be turned into the League Office on June 15th. If you haven't signed the roster or paid your fees (\$20.00), please do so as soon as possible. See Jim.

BEAT NOTEBOOK

BATTING LEAD OFF

At one time or another, everyone on the team will get a chance to lead-off an inning. So how do you face this situation? Traditionally, the job of the lead-off batter is to get on base, run aggressively, take advantage of everything the defense gives you, and let the bats behind you do the job of getting you in.

As for the first part, getting on base, you can help the whole team here just by making the pitcher work. Now I know some of you are first-ball hitters but make the pitcher throw strikes and wait for your pitch. Everyone can afford to take that first strike, this is softball. This not only makes the pitcher throw more, but gives you a chance to see what the umpire is calling a ball or strike. Also, as anyone who has played defense for The Beat can attest to, the more pitches thrown, the harder it is for the defense to stay ready. If you can get ahead of the count, the defense tends to go back on their heels while at the same time the pitcher has to start laying the ball in for strikes. At this point, your odds of getting on base increase dramatically. You can draw a walk, force errors, or hit through gaps that may have closed up before. If you can get on first with no outs, you should score almost every time.

Letters ^{FROM} to the Editor

Yo! JOHN

Dear Fans and Players:

We have had a great verbal outpouring of ideas and suggestions for the paper. People have said, "I've got a letter for you" or a joke, or column, or whatever. So where are they? Help us out by putting your ideas on paper - they can be given to Jim, Kevin or Eric. We'll print just about anything with the tiniest bit of taste to it. And if you've got a joke to enter (Dave) give it to us in writing or we may just screw it up on purpose and sign your name to it.

-The Editors

Quotables *

"You can wear the hat backwards."
- Martin Mull on why baseball beats football every time.

"Don't grab your dauber on National TV."
- Mike Krukow

Send John "The Bomber" Palmer to the Stick! The San Francisco Giants are holding a softball hitting contest following 5 home games with the winners from each night going on to a final in September. To get "The Bomber" into this contest we have to get a group of 30 to attend one of those five games. Group prices are \$5 to \$6 per person for upper reserve seats and the 30 can cheer John on after the game.

Prizes include a trophy and personalized jersey for John. The group gets commemorative jackets, dinner at the Stadium Club, tickets to a Giants game and they get to take infield prior to the game.

Lets show our slugger some support and give him the chance to take some swings at "The Stick". For more information or to sign up contact Jim or Kevin.

Yo! John:

How does it feel being the most feared hitter in D-8?

- Bob Cain

"Better than being the least feared hitter in D-8."

Yo! John:

How could such a talented ballplayer have such bad taste in music?

- Yngwie J. Malmstrem

"It all started when I got a book on '10 easy ways to listen to Heavy Metal without getting hurt'. By the way, anybody have any tickets to AC/DC?"

Yo! John:

Is there any truth to the rumor that you're joining the navy?

- Roger Recruiter

"Only if I'm drafted, Rog"

TRANSPORTATION

This one's not only easy, it's a pleasure. On June 11th at 10:00 a.m., The Beat will end the Spring Season by making up the rainout against Bayside Cafe at Lang #2. Yes, The Beat returns home to the site of their very first victory with the chance to finish the Spring at .500. That's Lang Field, Gough and Golden Gate -- be there or you'll regret it!



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We're all glad to announce that Jim's mom is well and recovering at home after recent back surgery. She underwent surgery three days after being awarded one of the game balls for the May 21st game. "She's leathery" Jim said, "I think she gets it from me."