



ON THE BEAT

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THE TEAM TO BEAT!

The Beat gained a bit of respectability by finishing the 1988 Spring season at .500 and by being the only team in D-8 to win their last three games in which they outscored their opponents 54-24. The Beat came home to Lang Field, the sight of the team's first win back in April, and drubbed a pitiful Bayside Cafe for the second week in a row, winning this one 12-6. The lowly Bayside had to acquire Monster rival and Beat coach Dennis "The Menace" Harvey just to field a team but still only managed two three-run innings over the course of six.

The Beat came out of the box roaring with Kevin "Don't Knock The Walk" Austin's lead-off triple against the same pitcher used by Bayside the previous week (giving up 19 runs in that one). "I own him", pronounced Austin. Jimbo "Mighty Mouse" Harvey followed that with a deep fly to right field sacrificing the run in and giving Jimbo his first game winning RBI.

The Beat jumped out again in the second with "The Intimidator" Hesselgren's lead-off double followed by a Willie Doyle triple and Michael "Bam Bam" Harvey's single for two more runs. They struck hard again in the third picking up four more runs on RBI singles by John Palmer and "Bam Bam" along with Hesselgren's 2 run triple.

All this time Bayside was being held scoreless, with only two hits, by Dennis O'Brien's formidable knuckleball and a tight Beat defense topped off by Austin's two inning-ending 6-3 doubleplays. Bayside managed only four batters in each of the first three innings.

The momentum changed a bit in the fourth as The Beat went down 1-2-3, all on infield groundouts. Anna Sandoval, pitching in relief of an ailing O'Brien, was racked for four hits and three runs in the bottom of the fourth on some solid line-drive base-hits. The Beat defense kept it interesting with another great relay from Dan "The Man" Ullmann to Willie Doyle to Big Dave Hamner who blocked out the plate as the runner came barreling in looking for another run but becoming just another out.

But The Beat is on a tear and they matched Bayside's at bat with singles by Jimbo and E. Gwangwa Meyer and a two run double by "The Bomber" Palmer who scored on the same play when Denny Harvey left the bag at third. The pitcher cut off the throw from the outfield and tried to gun down Palmer at third by throwing to an uncooperative third base coach.

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Coach's Corner

We ended Spring very strong, taking the last 3 in a row and we surpassed our opponent in virtually every offensive category. We've proven to the league and to ourselves that we're more than capable of winning. And with the additions we've made for the Summer, our chances of taking the division title are as good as anyone's. Its going to take hard work and teamwork, but we've got what it takes. From the first strike of Opening Day to the last out of the season, we're going for it. The fun starts July 30th. See you there!

HOW THEY SCORED

□ **FIRST INNING:** Austin tripled. J.Harvey hit a sacrifice fly scoring Austin. Beat 1, Bayside 0.

□ **SECOND INNING:** Hesselgren doubled. Doyle tripled scoring Hesselgren. M.Harvey singled scoring Doyle. Beat 3, Bayside 0.

□ **THIRD INNING:** Austin walked. J.Harvey reached on second base error. Palmer singled scoring Austin. Hesselgren tripled scoring Harvey and Palmer. M.Harvey singled scoring Hesselgren. Beat 7, Bayside 0.

□ **FOURTH INNING:** Godfrey singled. Potter singled scoring Godfrey. Gi singled. Paroll singled and Potter and Gi scored on throwing error by Meyer. Beat 7, Bayside 3.

□ **FIFTH INNING:** J.Harvey singled. Meyer singled. Palmer doubled scoring Harvey and Meyer and came in on error by pitcher. Beat 10, Bayside 3.

Chinye singled. Zimmerman singled. Godfrey singled scoring Chinye. VanRaden singled scoring Zimmerman. Gi singled scoring Godfrey. Beat 10, Bayside 6.

□ **SIXTH INNING:** Rothlein singled. Ullmann walked. Sandoval singled scoring Rothlein. Austin singled scoring Ullmann. Beat 12, Bayside 6.

BEAT BOXSCORE

THE BEAT	ab	r	h	rbi	BAYSIDE	ab	r	h	rbi
Austin	3	2	2	1	Lombard	3	0	1	0
Harvey,J.	3	2	1	1	Chinye	4	1	1	0
Meyer	3	1	1	0	Zimmerman	4	1	2	0
Palmer	3	2	2	3	Godfrey	4	2	2	1
Hesselgren	3	2	3	2	Van Raden	3	0	2	1
Doyle	3	1	1	1	Potter	3	1	1	1
Harvey,M.	3	0	2	2	Alfonso	3	0	0	0
Rothlein	3	1	1	0	Gi	3	1	2	1
Ullmann	2	1	1	0	Paroll	3	0	1	0
Bauer	3	0	0	0					
O'Brien	1	0	0	0					
Sandoval	2	0	1	1					
Totals	32	12	15	11	Totals	30	6	12	4

THE BEAT	1	2	4	0	3	2	-	12
BAYSIDE CAFE	0	0	0	3	3	0	-	6

Game-winning RBI-J.Harvey (1),E-Doyle,Palmer,Meyer, Bayside 3, DP-Beat 2,Bayside 1, LOB-Beat 4,Bayside 7, 2B-Hesselgren (3),M.Harvey,Palmer(4), 3B-Austin, Doyle,Hesselgren, SP-J.Harvey

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
O'Brien (W 3-3)	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sandoval (1-0)	4	10	6	4	1	0

PITCHERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W-L	ERA
O'Brien	25	64	54	37	16	0	3-3	10.36
Sandoval	13	21	22	9	14	2	1-0	4.85
Rothlein	7	16	15	14	10	0	0-1	14.00

Perfect Innings - Rothlein (2),O'Brien(1),Scoreless Innings - O'Brien (8), Sandoval (6), Rothlein (2), Consecutive Scoreless Innings - O'Brien (3),Runners Stranded - O'Brien (29),Sandoval (17),Rothlein (11)

★ Play of the Day ★

GAME 3 (PPD) vs. Bayside 6/11/88

Defense - Kevin Austin came up with not one but two 6-3 double plays, grabbing sharp grounders, tagging second and throwing to Hesselgren at first. Both plays came with runners in scoring position and ended their respective innings (1st and 3rd). "I've screwed up two of those already this year" he said, "it was nice to be able to make up for them both."

Offense - Tim "The Intimidator" Hesselgren only went three for three with a double, triple and single. "I was going to switch hit the next time and try for the cycle," groaned Tim. In the last two games, "The Intimidator" is seven for seven with a single, 3 doubles, a triple and two home runs and ran away with the spring batting title sporting a .733 average.

GAME BALL

Sponsored by: Bayside Cafe (again)

Only one went out to an individual this time, an individual who in his own words "didn't have a great day out there." But this game ball was earned, not for play on the field, but for hard work off the field. In less than one year Jim Harvey took a rag-tag bunch of beer drinkers and deadheads and made them respectable.

Nine months ago The Beat finished it's first season going 0 and 6 and only played two games that were even close. Jimbo took the lessons that were learned through last year's losses, made key acquisitions, took a firmer approach to practice and showed this team that it can win.

No longer is The Beat that rag-tag group from last year but a real team, that looks and plays like a team, and on any given day could beat any team in its division. We are now a force to be reckoned with in this town and everyone involved can thank and congratulate Jim Harvey, for his diligence and hard work has paid off.

PLAYOFF REPORT

Yo! JOHN

Pat O'Shea's Mad Hatters came one run shy of winning the D League Championship last week at Jackson Playground. After pulling off their first playoff victory in over ten years, the Hatters met stiffer competition in each game and eventually ended up beating themselves.

The first game was a sound 8-2 trouncing at Rolph Park followed by a 12-7 win at Jackson three days later. But going into the semi-finals, O'Shea's started to self-destruct. With the bases loaded, the Mellow Roasters (we don't make up the names, we just print them) put a fly ball over the center fielder. That combined with a wild relay allowed four runs to score. O'Shea's battled back to tie the game in the sixth and took the game into extra innings. The visiting Hatters managed to manufacture a run in the top of the 8th then shut down the Roasters in the bottom half to win it 9-8 and take them into Thursday night's game at Jackson.

For the third game in a row, O'Shea's lost the coin toss and batted first. They scored 3 runs in the top of the first but the game soon turned around. In the bottom of the third, the opposing Il Giardino hit a hard bases-loaded liner to right field but as the right fielder charged in the ball got under his glove and rolled to the fence. Once again, a wild throw let the batter score and for the second time in a week O'Shea's gave away 4 runs. O'Shea's rallied back to tie the game but squandered a possible go-ahead run. With a runner on third and one out, O'Shea's hit a sharp grounder to the second baseman playing deep who made an easy play at first -- but the runner at third held. The next batter popped up to left field and that all important run was left at third base.

Il Giardino came up with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth then shut down O'Shea's 1-2-3 in the seventh to walk away with the trophy for Spring. For O'Shea's, there's always the summer season.

Yo! John,

John, you lead The Beat in almost every major offensive category including home runs, runs, and RBIs. You could be D-League's best player. Have you ever considered free agency?

-Leigh Steinberg

"What's free agency?"

Yo! John,

What's your least-favorite part about play for The Beat?

-June Dibble

"My least-favorite part about The Beat happens each time I hit a home-run. I'm admiring myself as I round third and all of a sudden everyone on the team is touching and grabbing me, hugging me, screaming in my face, and generally distracting me from myself. Yo! I hate that."

Yo! John:

What advice could you give to a second year, 31 year old, leathery, line drive hitting third baseman to help his home run stroke?

- Jim's Mom

"Use a lot of steroids."

DIVISION D-8 STANDINGS As Of June 11, 1988

	W	L	T	PCT	GB
Pat O'Sheas	7	1	0	.875	-
Van Ness Monsters	5	3	0	.625	2
D.U.C.K!	5	3	0	.625	2
Rockin' Robins	4	3	1	.571	2.5
THE BEAT	4	4	0	.500	3
High and Dry	3	5	0	.375	4
Pride Guys	2	6	0	.250	5
Bayside Cafe	1	6	1	.143	5.5

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THE BEAT	12	vs.	Bayside Cafe	6
Van Ness Monsters	8	vs.	The Pride Guys	7
Pat O'Shea's	15	vs.	High and Dry	4
Rockin' Robin's	12	vs.	D.U.C.K!	5
Rockin' Robin's	18	vs.	The Pride Guys	3

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Bayside tagged Anna for three more runs in the bottom of the fifth with five hits, including four consecutive singles, but it was too little too late. The Beat struck for two more in the sixth as Gary "Offline" Rothlein and Ullmann scored on back-to-back RBI singles by Sandoval and Austin.

The Beat defense ended this one the way it started, by seeing only four batters in the bottom of the sixth inning and holding Bayside scoreless. □

BEAT STREAKS

From the beginning The Beat has been a team of peaks and valleys. It took until 1988 however for the offensive streaks to work in their favor and the team discovered against The Pride Guys just how a team can work together. The first 9 batters facing those prideless guys scored to cap off an 11 run first inning that was by far the team's best. Two more Beat records toppled when they ended the game with a team high 23 runs then came back the next week with another team high 5 home runs against Bayside Cafe. This offensive outburst continued into the final game against Bayside as The Beat ended a streak of scoring in 11 consecutive innings.

But don't think this towering teamwork came without shining displays of individual talent. Gary Rothlein topped off the 1988 Spring Season with the only 8 game hitting streak. In fact, Jim Harvey was the only one to come close with a six game streak. But if you want shining streaks, try these on for size. John "The Bomber" Palmer and Tim "The Intimidator" Hesselgren lived up to their nicknames by hitting in seven consecutive at-bats. But that's not all. John's 7 hit streak included 4 home runs, 6 runs scored, 10 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 2.714. All Tim could muscle in his 7 was 2 home runs, a triple, 3 doubles, 4 runs, 6 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 2.571.

Tim hit his 2 home runs in consecutive at-bats but John matched that trick 3 times this year, twice

during his 7 hit streak. John also managed to score a run in 6 consecutive at-bats twice, a feat matched by Kevin Austin only once. Four of Austin's runs came on 4 consecutive walks in one game and Austin, Palmer and Rothlein each had games in which they scored 4 runs in 4 at-bats. As for RBI's, Palmer came up with 6 in only 2 consecutive AB's (thanks to a grand slam) but Michael Harvey had 4 consecutive at-bats with an RBI in each.

Now that's all well and good but you can't win a game without defense and the middle infield was definitely the hot-spot for action. Willie Doyle and Austin lead the team with 32 outs each (assists and put-outs) followed not so closely by Palmer's 23. Austin and Doyle also lead the team with 8 outs in a game, Austin's in only 5 innings and Willie's in 6, but Kevin took it a step further by turning in 6 consecutive outs to lead off game 7 against Bayside. Of course the hot-spot proved a little too hot at times as Austin was tagged with 3 errors in one game and Willie with a season-high total of 7.

The Beat's defense turned it's share of double plays this year, in fact they got 10 (while the offense only hit into 3) and topped another record when they came up with 4 in one game against Pat O'Shea's. Jim Harvey and Doyle were each in on 3 of the DPs that day. But true to form for a first baseman, Hesselgren led the team with 6 DPs on the season while Michael Harvey turned in the only unassisted double play in Beat history.

Let's not forget pitching. The Beat rocked it's opponents for 16 scoreless innings on defense capped off by 4 each against Rockin' Robins and game 7 vs. Bayside. Dennis O'Brien lead the pitching staff with 8 scoreless innings and turned in 3 consecutive against Bayside. Anna Sandoval picked up 6 scoreless innings in only 13 innings pitched and led the staff with an impressive 4.85 ERA.

All in all, this season gave us great team performances and great individual performances that can only lead us to wonder...what could happen in the summer. □



BEAT NOTEBOOK

AIRWAVES

We are pleased to welcome Radio Station WORM in Minnesota to The Beat Radio Network. Former Beat players Todd Sattler & Kathy Blohm petitioned baseball fans outside the Metrodome before a recent Twins homestand. They reportedly gathered over 30,000 signatures just to be able to follow their favorite softball team. "Once A Beat, Always A Beat" said Katrina, "Abdul's my favorite."

Also joining The Beat Airwaves is station KONA in The Big Island of Hawaii. Future Beat sluggers Wade and Dallas Harvey (in The Beat's farm system) are avidly following the performance and antics of their dad, Michael "Bam Bam" Harvey. A big aloha to you both.

TRANSACTIONS

The Beat is pleased to report the signings of two new ballplayers. At the urging of 2nd Baseman Willie Doyle (obviously bucking for a finders fee), The Beat acquired the rights to Peter Wenner and Mark St. Georges from the infamous "Ad League". Peter is sure to add some much needed lefthanded punch and Mark has all the tools for becoming a major contributor with his sharp bat and versatility in the infield. Both are recent transplants from the East Coast and are anxious to make their mark on The Beat.

In the biggest surprise of the season, Dave "The Rifleman" Hamner filed for free agency and was picked up by our arch-rivals The Van Ness Monsters. Dave struggled at the plate this spring, sporting a .235 batting average but shined as one of the best defensive catchers in the league with numerous runners tagged out at the plate.

Mark Chan was reported missing in action after the third game of the season. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Chan is requested to inform the coaching staff so that they can initiate the court-martial procedures.

AGGRESSIVE BASERUNNING

In the last issue we discussed getting on base. Unfortunately, a lot of players think that once they are on base they have done their job, but there is a lot more to base running than just running the bases.

The first rule of thumb is...USE YOUR HEAD! Just like on defense, you should be thinking one play ahead so you have an idea of what you're going to do when the ball is hit. If the batter lines one through the infield, make sure it gets through before you run all out. Take a step or two off the bag then balance your weight. If the ball is caught you can still dive back if you have to. But if you get caught leaning the wrong way, even if you're a step or two off the bag, you're out.

If the ball is hit to right or right-center, be thinking third base all the way. Not only is it a long throw from right to third base but the fielder will have to throw the ball around you --this gives you a better chance because the throw can hit you while you're running or pull the third baseman off the bag. Most important in trying to take the extra base is to not waste time watching the ball. You should be running as hard as you can while watching the third base coach and always be prepared to slide!

And REMEMBER--There are two cardinal rules of base running. First, NEVER MAKE THE FIRST OR THIRD OUT AT THIRD BASE (second base is still considered scoring position). Second, if you are on third base with less than two outs and the ball is hit in the air STAY ON THE BAG! You can always tag and run when the ball is caught. Few things upset a batter more than hitting a good sacrifice fly and seeing the runner stuck on third because he wasn't prepared. It not only costs the batter an at-bat, but your run just may be the game winner!