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The Official Word on THE BEAT

BEAT LOSES HEARTBREAKER

The Beat suffered its third straight loss this summer season, this time at the hands of the Outsiders. In contrast to the previous two blowouts, this week the Beat lost a tight game on the final play. Young's single with one-out in the seventh scored Lee from second with the winning run for the Outsiders. That culminated a game in which the two teams were never separated by more than two runs, with three lead changes and two ties. Coming up a little short in this game seemed somehow to sting a little more than the blowouts.

Once again the Beat came out of the gate quickly by loading the bases with one out in the first with walks by Austin, Meyer, and Palmer. Tim Hesselgren promptly drove in two runs with a single, but The Beat went down quietly with two harmless outs to end their half of the first.

Hesselgren set down the Outsiders 1-2-3 in the first, but was scored upon three times in the second on two well-hit balls. The first smash got over Palmer's head to score two and the second smash got between Palmer and Meyer for a solo homer.

The Beat's stung outfielders got one back in the top of the third on a triple to left by Meyer and an over-the-fence double by Palmer to score Meyer. That tied the score 3-3.

The score remained tied for a few innings, as Hesselgren shut out the Outsiders in the third, fourth and fifth, at one time having set down nine straight, allowing no hits and a walk through the middle innings.

The Beat finally regained the lead in the fifth with two runs. Jim

Harvey singled, and with two outs, John Palmer hit his second fair ball over the fence (along with two that were foul) for another ground-rule double. Hesselgren continued making contributions from both sides of the field with a clutch single to score two runs.

Hesselgren's effective pitching continued in the sixth, but a costly three-base error by Palmer in left allowed the Outsiders to score two and tie the game 5-5.

The Beat came up short in the seventh, putting two men on with two outs, but Meyer hit into a deflected ball fielder's choice to end the inning.

Mental mistakes plagued the Beat in this one, and the bottom of the

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Coach's Corner

It's tough to be pumped and have words of encouragement after getting off to a 1-3 start. In all four games of the summer season, we've yet to play like the solid, cohesive unit I know we are. We've got four games left (all against formidable opponents) and it's going to take a lot of hard work to turn this season around. We've got talent and depth in every aspect of the game. I'd match this team against any team in any league because I believe in you all - I believe you're all winners! We've got our work cut out for us, but I'm confident we can turn it around, just like we did this spring.

We can finish this season with a respectable 5-3 record - I'm counting on you.

UPBEAT OPENER!

The boys of summer came out to play, and did they play. After a seven week break, The Beat showed signs of teamwork like they had never shown before, coming from behind to take the summer opener 9-4 against Pierce Street Manor.

Pierce Street led off the game with back to back singles off Beat pitcher Dennis O'Brien. O.B. walked the bases loaded then forced an infield pop-up. The next batter hit a comebacker to O'Brien who went to second looking for two to end the inning. Shortstop Kevin Austin made the pivot but firstbaseman Tim Hesselgren stretched early and the ball tipped off of his glove as two runs scored. Austin ended the inning with an easy 6-3 getting a piece of all three first inning outs for the third time this year.

The Beat came up looking for a big first-inning, but their punchless bats sent them down 1-2-3.

O'Brien ran into more trouble in the second, walking three batters in the inning. But The Beat showed what tight defense can do and managed to get out of this one with the bases loaded and no runs scored.

They came back in the bottom of the second looking to make a game of it. John Palmer roped a ball to the second baseman who couldn't hold on. Dan "The Man" Ullmann singled followed by Willie Doyle's second triple of the year scoring Ullmann and Palmer. Michael Harvey followed that up with a ground shot to the first baseman that scored Doyle, giving The Beat a 3-2 lead.

Pierce Street bounced back in the third and really went to work on O.B. After getting the first batter to pop out, O.B. walked the next two then gave up back to back singles. Luckily for The Beat, Eric Meyer had a career day on defense. Meyer picked up a bases loaded single in short centerfield and threw a bullet to catcher Roy Nelson gunning down the runner by five feet. O'Brien

The Beat 9, Pierce Street Manor 4

HOW THEY SCORED

■ **FIRST INNING:** DeGuzman singled. Kagawa singled. Gomez walked to load the bases. Yuke hit fielder's choice to O'Brien who attempted a 1-6-3 double play. DeGuzman and Kagawa scored when Hesselgren missed the throw to first. Pierce Street 2, The Beat 0.

■ **SECOND INNING:** Palmer reached on second-baseman's error. Ullmann singled. Doyle tripled scoring Palmer and Ullmann. M.Harvey grounded out to the first baseman scoring Doyle. Pierce Street 2, The Beat 3.

■ **THIRD INNING:** Eisenhardt walked. Dedo singled. Locke singled. Lloyd walked scoring Eisenhardt. Murphy singled scoring Dedo. Pierce Street 4, The Beat 3.

Nelson singled. O'Brien singled. Austin popped out to right field advancing both baserunners. J.Harvey sacrificed to right-center scoring Nelson. Pierce Street 4, The Beat 4.

■ **FOURTH INNING:** Hesselgren doubled. Doyle doubled scoring Hesselgren. Pierce Street 4, The Beat 5.

■ **SIXTH INNING:** J.Harvey singled. Meyer singled. Palmer tripled scoring Harvey & Meyer. Hesselgren sacrificed scoring Palmer. Bruckman reached on third-baseman's errant throw and advanced to second. Doyle singled advancing Bruckman to third. M.Harvey reached on fielder's choice scoring Bruckman. Pierce Street 4, The Beat 9.

BEAT BOXSCORE

PIERCE ST.	ab	r	h	rbi	THE BEAT	ab	r	h	rbi
DeGuzman	4	1	1	0	Austin	3	0	0	0
Kagawa	4	1	2	0	Harvey, J.	2	1	1	1
Gomez	4	0	0	0	Meyer	3	1	1	0
Yuke	2	0	0	0	Palmer	3	2	1	2
Gusjardo	2	0	0	0	Hesselgren	2	1	1	1
Eisenhardt	3	1	0	0	Ullmann	1	1	1	0
Dedo	3	1	1	0	Bruckman	2	1	0	0
Locke	2	0	2	0	Doyle	3	1	3	3
Lloyd	2	0	1	0	Harvey, M.	3	0	1	2
Murphy	3	0	1	1	Rothlein	3	0	0	0
					Nelson	2	1	1	0
					O'Brien	1	0	1	0
					Wenner	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	4	8	1	Totals	29	9	11	9

			r	h	e
PIERCE STREET MANOR	2	0	2	0	0
THE BEAT	0	3	1	1	0

Game-winning RBI-Doyle (1), E-Hesselgren, Palmer, J. Harvey
 Pierce Street 3, DP-Beat 1, LOB-Beat 4, Pierce Street 9,
 2B-Doyle (2), Hesselgren (4), 3B-Doyle (2), Palmer (2), SF-
 J. Harvey, Hesselgren, Strikeouts - Eisenhardt.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
PIERCE STREET MANOR						
Murphy	6	11	9	6	0	0
THE BEAT						
O'Brien	3	7	4	2	6	0
Hesselgren (W 1-0)	4	3	0	0	0	1

The Curse Of Parkside

Deja Vu? After a four game win streak, The Beat was brought back to Earth by the solid play of Sludge and a Beat self-destruct reminiscent of days past. Once again it was the diamond at Parkside that brought out The Beat's weaknesses. Pitcher Anna Sandoval was racked for 11 earned runs combined with seven Beat errors for a 16-7 final and Anna's first loss.

It started off looking good as The Beat scored four in the top of the first. Kevin Austin led off with a single to left followed by Jim Harvey's weak grounder back to the box. But the Sludge defense was thinking two before they could turn one and both runners were safe. E. Gwangwa Meyer came up with a single to left that was bobbled by the fielder allowing Austin to score from second. After John Palmer made an uncharacteristic first out with runners in scoring position by stepping on the plate, "Kid" Mark St. Georges came up with an RBI single in his first at bat for The Beat. The right fielder bobbled the ball advancing Mark to third and scoring Eric. Dan "The Man" Ullmann reached on an error by the shortstop scoring St. Georges. The Beat was up four to zip.

Sludge came roaring back in the bottom of the inning with a gift double for the leadoff batter that was controversially close. Two solid singles and a homer to deep center and the game was tied up. The Beat struggled on offense and defense as Sludge came up with three more in the second inning and another in the third.

Dano led off the top of the fourth with a single and was moved to second on Willie Doyle's fielders choice. Michael "Bam Bam" Harvey singled bringing Dano in from second. The Beat managed two more in the fifth as "Don't Knock The Walk" Austin led off with his 9th BB

of the season. Jimbo "Mighty Mouse" Harvey followed that with his second single of the day. Meyer hit a shot back up the middle that was picked up by the second baseman for the force at second but a wild throw to first scored Austin. Mark St. Georges came up again with a solid double scoring Meyer. Mark went 2 for 3 with two RBIs and a run scored in his big league debut with The Beat.

What was missing, however, was the punch that The Beat has shown recently. With the absence of Tim "The Intimidator" Hesselgren and "The Bomber" going a rare 0 for 3, The Beat couldn't keep up with the Sludge offense and their own errors on defense.

Sludge managed six runs in the fourth on some solid hitting and a couple of Beat errors putting the game out of reach. They picked up two more in the fifth and for the second time this year the curse of Parkside looms heavy over Beaten heads.

Sludge 16, The Beat 7

BEAT BOXSCORE

THE BEAT	ab	r	h	rbi	SLUDGE	ab	r	h	rbi
Austin	2	2	1	0	Yuen	3	3	2	0
Harvey, J.	3	1	2	0	Lee	4	3	3	3
Meyer	3	2	1	0	Chin	3	2	3	5
Palmer	3	0	0	0	Fong	3	1	2	5
St. Georges	3	1	2	2	Chang	4	2	1	0
Ullmann	3	1	1	1	Lew	3	1	2	1
Doyle	3	0	0	0	Won	3	0	2	1
Harvey, M.	3	0	1	1	Louie	2	0	1	1
Rothlein	3	0	2	0	Jay	2	1	0	0
Nelson	3	0	1	0	Lee	2	1	1	0
Sandoval	3	0	0	0	Yue	3	2	1	0
Totals	32	7	11	4	Totals	33	16	18	16

THE BEAT		r	b	e
THE BEAT	4 0 0 1 2 0	-	7	11 7
SLUDGE	4 3 1 6 2 x	-	16	18 6

Game-winning RBI- Lee, E-Palmer 2, J. Harvey, Doyle, Austin 3, Sludge 6, LOB-Beat 7, Sludge 6, 2B-St. Georges, Sludge 4, 3B-Sludge, HR-Sludge, SF-Sludge 3.

THE BEAT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sandoval (L 1-1)	5	18	16	11	2	0
SLUDGE						
Chin	6	11	7	3	1	0

REVENGE OF THE PRIDE GUYS

Last season's 23-10 drubbing by The Beat so embarrassed the humbled Pride Guys that they changed their name to Golden Court, then came back looking for blood. And blood they got at McCoppin Diamond on Saturday, August 13th as they sent The Beat down 18-5 in the team's worst defeat of the last year. Beat pitcher Denny O'Brien was shelled for 15 runs on 13 hits in the first two innings. After walking the leadoff batter in both innings, O'Brien gave up 8 doubles and a triple and posted an incredible 45.5 ERA for the game.

Meanwhile, The Beat bats were stifled by the opponents starter and didn't manage a run until Golden Court changed pitchers in the fifth. The only highlights in The Beat's offense were Eric Meyer's 3 for 3 day and Tim Hesselgren's 2 for 2, but lack of production left them stranded or forced out. John Palmer reached a low-point with his second consecutive 0 for 3 game, dropping his one-time team leading average to .500.

Hesselgren was brought in to pitch in the third and did a great job in forcing Golden Court to pop out, extending his streak of scoreless innings to six straight. But in the fifth, all hell broke loose as The Beat gave up three runs on just two hits and three errors, and it became obvious that Beat heads weren't into the game. In fact, The Beat seemed a bit jumbled all day, making poor throws that allowed runners to advance and turning singles into doubles. Without an offense to make up the runs, it was like signing their own death certificates.

The one saving grace was the fallibility of Golden Court's defense. The Beat came up in the bottom of the fifth trying to avoid the teams first ever shutout. Peter Wenner led-off the inning with a single. Gary Rothlein also got a single, then the errors started. Two more singles, a walk and four errors later, The Beat managed to break up the shutout with five runs. But it was too little too late as the inning and game ended on John Palmer's third inning-ender...need we say more?

Golden Court 18, The Beat 5

BEAT BOXSCORE

GOLDEN COURT				THE BEAT			
ab	r	h	rbi	ab	r	h	rbi
Woo	3	3	2	Austin	3	0	0
Wong	4	2	2	Harvey, J.	3	1	0
Garcia	4	3	2	Meyer	3	0	3
Ngai	4	2	2	Palmer	3	0	0
Young	2	1	1	Hesselgren	2	0	2
Chung	2	0	0	St. Georges	2	0	0
Fung	2	0	0	Wenner	2	1	1
Lee	1	0	0	Harvey, M.	2	0	1
Yee	3	2	2	Rothlein	2	1	1
Ngai	3	2	2	Nelson	2	1	1
Dare	2	1	1	O'Brien	1	1	0
Wong, E.	1	0	0				
Seto	3	0	1				
Quan	1	2	1				
Totals	35	18	16	Totals	25	5	9

	r	h	e
GOLDEN COURT	6	9	0
THE BEAT	0	0	0

Game-winning RBI - Garcia, E - J. Harvey, St. Georges 2, Palmer, Rothlein, Austin, Golden Court 4, LOB - Beat 6, Golden Court 5, 2B - Golden Court 9, 3B - Golden Court, SF - Golden Court, Strikeouts - Fung, Seto.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
GOLDEN COURT (2)	5	9	5	2	1	0
THE BEAT						
O'Brien (1 3-4)	2	13	15	13	2	2
Hesselgren	3	3	3	1	0	0



Beat Night at the 'Stick

The Beat's goin' to the 'Stick.

Home run derby, needing 30. Who's goin', when. Mets. August. Deadline. Ten tickets left and no Takers. But who cares? 'Cause,

It's Beat Night At The 'Stick.

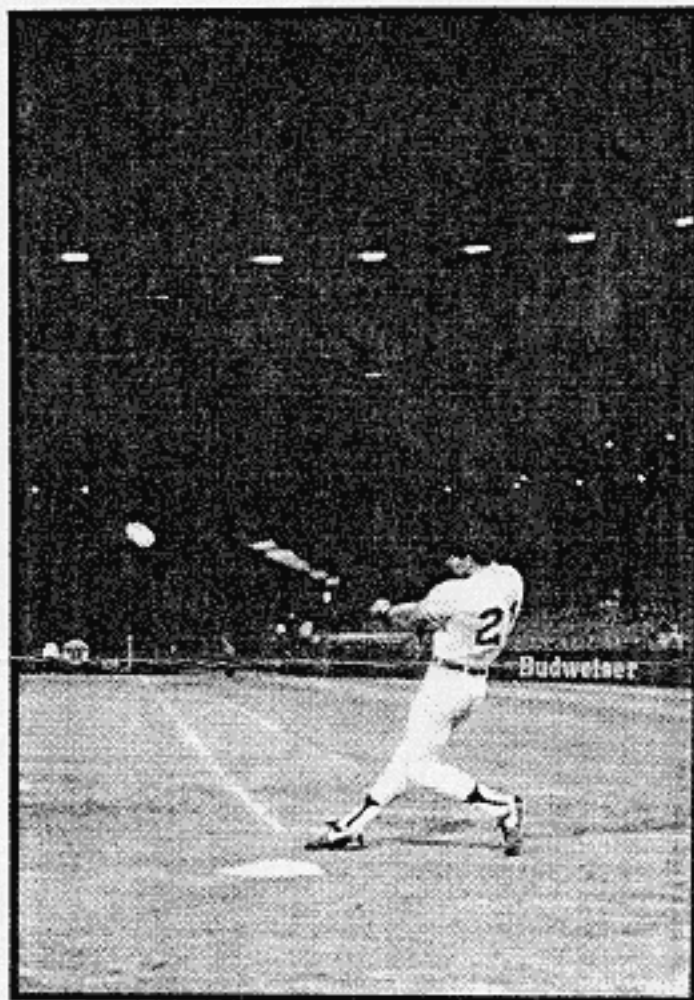
Frantic transit, scramble for a car. Too much traffic, hope we make it, have to park across the street. Rush to the gate, no one waitin', 'cept some guys who buy our last tickets. Forget the glove, run back to the car. Miss the singin', but who cares?

It's BEAT NIGHT at the 'STICK.

The score means nothing; nine Met runs make it a social event. (But oh, the ovation at the end of a half. Too much like some ugly Beat games). Eat, drink, talk, miss some pitches. Cold. Shirts, sweaters, jackets, mufflers, gloves. Full battle gear. High on hot chocolate, peanuts, and the game. Palmer's late (Mike Harvey says he'll hit) and the fans are restless. Nothin' new...

Innings roll by. Hero and Mom arrive to thunderous applause. Hot dog wrappers and spilt nachos. The Giants welcome A T & T, General Motors, Transamerica, and THE BEAT. Seven innings of dreck, then those first butterflies. 'Cause in the eighth, we go to the office, get the tools, go to the field. The jay-vee's are finishing, leaving the field for the real competitors. THIRTY-THOUSAND PLUS scream for the final pitch, 'cause they know, like the rest of us, its' BEAT NIGHT...

They let you on the field through a gate by the dugout. The team sits right behind. Check it out. The long bench. Hat racks with numbers. The famous water fountain, and it works (good taste). A boys-only room at the end (never mentioned in 36 years, you heard it here first). Twelve teams ahead of you, which seems like forever, but suddenly...



Palmer Shoots For The Stars

"JOHN PALMER of THE BEAT!"

Take the long way out. "Hey, get off the mound!" O.K., but that one moment was enough. Settle in at 45 feet, watch John dig in at the plate. The real plate. The one we've all dreamed about. Digging into the real dirt. Lining up some practice pitches.

"First pitch." First five hits in ten pitches. Got to reach the fences. A couple dinks, a few outside, then a shot. Not his best shot. Not quite the meat on the ball. A little toward the handle. But the right trajectory, that beautiful arc as the ball sails away, getting smaller. Thump. A few more pitches, a couple good swings, but number three was it. Trot back to the dugout, touching the dirt at homeplate, and, unconsciously (?) a tip of the hat. A look to the stands, and the team

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continued to have control problems giving up another walk and single, but the play by Meyer seemed to put the fire back into The Beat and Pierce Street was held to just two runs.

The Beat came back in the bottom of the inning with back to back singles by Nelson and O'Brien. Nelson advanced to third on a pop-up to right and Jim Harvey sacrificed him in to tie the game.

O'Brien was taken out in the top of the fourth and Hesselgren was brought in to pitch his first game. O'Brien had given up only two earned runs and four total runs on seven hits and six walks in his three innings of work. Hesselgren wowed the crowd with four scoreless innings giving up only three hits and no walks. Now it was up to The Beat's offense to come around.

Hesselgren doubled in the fourth and scored on Willie Doyle's double two batters later. Willie not only got the game-winner for that shot but ended up three for three with three RBIs on the day and came a four-bagger short of hitting for the cycle.

The Beat went down 1-2-3 in the fifth on three easy pop flies but came back in the sixth. Jimbo Harvey and Eric Meyer led off with back to back singles with John Palmer coming up. He took advantage of the situation with a two-run shot over the right fielder. But the tall Balboa Park grass slowed the ball and helped the fielders hold Palmer at third on what would have been an easy homer in most parks. Hesselgren sacrificed Palmer in for run number eight. Steve Bruckman reached first on the third-baseman's error for the second time of the day and was advanced by Doyle's single. Michael Harvey grounded into a 4-6 fielder's choice but managed to get Steve in for the ninth run.

All this time, Hesselgren and The Beat defense, led by Meyer's acrobatic play, held their opponents in check. Pierce Street had one last chance. The lead-off batter reached base on a shot to Jimbo at third. Jim made a back-handed stab but overthrew first-baseman Peter Wenner, advancing the runner to

second. The next batter hit a liner to left that was scooped by Palmer. The runner at second, expecting the ball to drop, was doubled off by a mile. All that was left was one last out and Hesselgren took care of that one with a swinging strike three to end the game.

This game showed that The Beat members have confidence in themselves and can win as a team. This lesson will be helpful as the team enters the second half, hoping to improve on last seasons 4-4 mark. Though the teams will be tough, The Beat of Game One can Beat them all.

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seventh was no different. After a leadoff single, a pop-foul was hit over third base. Jim Harvey made an excellent catch in dangerous foul ground, but the alert Outsider on first tagged up and slid under Harvey's late throw. Young delivered the winning hit next, but not without a close play at the plate. The throw from centerfielder Meyer was in time but skipped under catcher Michael Harvey's glove.

With two weeks off to stew over the losses, the Beat can hopefully stay sharp, regroup and come out strong in the second half of the season.

The Outsiders 6, The Beat 5

BEAT BOXSCORE

THE BEAT	ab	r	h	rbi	OUTSIDERS	ab	r	h	rbi
Austin	3	1	0	0	Mariano	3	0	0	0
Harvey, J.	4	1	1	0	Murata	3	1	1	0
Meyer	3	2	1	0	Wong	3	0	0	0
Palmer	2	1	2	1	Yee, J.	3	1	1	0
Hesselgren	3	0	2	4	Dockery	3	2	1	1
St. Georges	3	0	0	0	Yee, W.	3	0	1	0
Harvey, M.	3	0	0	0	Kawamoto	3	1	1	1
Bruckman	2	0	1	0	Lee	2	1	2	0
O'Brien	3	0	0	0	Yee, D.	1	0	0	0
Rothlein	3	0	2	0	Hodges	2	0	1	0
Wenner	3	0	0	0	Young	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	5	9	5	Totals	29	6	8	2

THE BEAT	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	-	r	h	e
THE BEAT	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	-	5	9	4
THE OUTSIDERS	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	-	6	8	3

E - Palmer 3, M. Harvey, Outsiders 3, LOB - Beat 8, Outsiders 5, 2B - Palmer 2, 3B - Meyer, HR - Kawamoto.

THE BEAT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hesselgren (L 1-1)	6.33	8	6	2	1	0
THE OUTSIDERS						
Mariano (W)	7	9	5	5	4	0

GAME BALL

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Pierce Street Manor - July 30, 1988

After another stellar performance in centerfield, Eric Meyer earned his first game ball after handling several tough fly balls and cutting down a Pierce Street baserunner at home plate.

Game Ball #2 goes to Beat 2nd Baseman Willie Doyle (also his first). Willie went 3 for 3 with a single, double and a triple - his double being the game winner.

Congratulations to both for an exceptional day at the yard.

☆ Play of the Day ☆

GAME 1 vs. PIERCE ST. MANOR 7/30/88

Eric Meyer gets his fourth defensive play of the day this year with another great play at the plate. With one out and the bases loaded in the third inning, Meyer picked up a bloop single up the middle and rifled the ball in to Roy Nelson covering home. This time Meyer's throw never touched the ground and the runner at third who delayed to make sure the ball dropped in was out by a mile. Pierce Street would score two more runs but that was all they could manage on the day. The Beat, however, took the play as a rallying cry and came from behind to win by five.

GAME 2 vs. SLUDGE 8/6/88

This one goes out to another textbook relay. With one out and the bases loaded in the second inning, Gary "Offline" Rothlein picked up a single to right-center and made a perfect online throw to Willie Doyle. The runner at first was looking third all the way but made a wide turn rounding second. Willie turned and whipped the ball into Jim Harvey at third. Harvey, covering his base like a catcher covers the plate, tagged the runner for an easy out number two.

GAME 3 vs. GOLDEN COURT 8/13/88

After 15 runs had crossed in the first inning and a half, Tim Hesselgren proved to be the brightest spot on this defense. Tim came in to pitch two scoreless innings with just one hit before giving up his first earned run of the year in the fifth. Tim set a Beat record of six consecutive scoreless innings and a staff best ERA of 1.00 at the end of the game.

GAME 4 vs. THE OUTSIDERS 8/20/88

Kevin Austin pulled this one out of the hat with an over the shoulder basket catch to cap off the second of two consecutive perfect innings for The Beat. With two outs in the fourth and the outfield playing deep, The Outsiders batter hit a Texas League Blooper to short center. Austin ran full speed toward center and looking straight up managed to come up with the catch to end the inning.



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In the top of the 2nd inning in game 3 at McCoppin, Beat 2nd Baseman Willie Doyle strained what appeared to be a stomach muscle while reaching for a ball thrown from the outfield. Medical tests revealed that the injury was a result of a back problem possibly caused by overexertion and fatigue. Willie is resting comfortably and hopefully will be back in the starting lineup on September 10th.

In violation of his contract, outfielder Dan Ullmann sprained his ankle in an exhibition football game. On 4th and goal from the opponents 7 yard line, Dan wedge his left ankle between an offensive and defensive lineman and was injured on a play that gained no yards. At press time, Dan's ankle was still tender, but he too, should be ready to go when action resumes.

And in an unorthodox roster change masterminded by Roger Craig, Kelly Downs was placed on The Beat's 15-day disabled list, since the Giants have no room on theirs for Kelly.

Rumor has it that Downs may start a game for The Beat this season to prepare him for his return to the Majors.



BEAT STREAKS

The coaching staff is requesting all players to please refrain from interrupting the scorekeeper during the game. Good scorekeeping is a complex job and accurate scorekeeping is the only way we can correctly calculate personal and team statistics. The scorekeeper must track every pitch and for each ball put in play must make the best possible call plus notations on movement of the batter and each base runner and any possible errors, RBIs, etc. We understand that players want to see how certain situations are scored but we ask that you save your questions and bring them up with Capt. Kevin (Mr. Stat) after the game. Also, the scorekeeper calls a play as she/he sees it, just as an umpire does. You may not always agree with the way something is scored, but that is part of baseball.

The coaches have spent a great deal of time giving you as much information as possible. We believe stats are an important part of baseball and we are concerned that some players are becoming a little too preoccupied with whether or not a hit was called an error or did they get an RBI. Everyone has good and bad days and everyone has calls go against them once in awhile. But let's not forget why we're here, to play ball and have fun.

Eric Meyer leads the current hit streak list with seven games followed by Tim Hesselgren (6), Roy Nelson (5), and Dan Ullmann (4). All four players have streaks going back into the spring season. Jim Harvey matched a Beat record eight game streak that ended at McCoppin on August 13th. Willie Doyle, Tim Hesselgren, Eric Meyer and Gary Rothlein all have streaks of three consecutive hits in the summer season, but while the others were hitting singles, Willie turned in a single/double/triple for a 2.000 slugging percentage in game 1 against Pierce Street Manor.

Kevin Austin turned in the summer's first (and so far only) defensive streak by getting a hand in on the first three outs against Pierce Street. That made it three games in a row that Austin was in on first inning outs. John Palmer turned in the most outs in a game this summer with six against Golden Court.

As for pitching, Tim Hesselgren is lighting up The Beat record books this season. In the last game against The Outsiders, Tim came up with nine consecutive outs over four innings including two consecutive scoreless innings before giving up his first run of the year.

BEAT NIGHT AT THE 'STICK

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stands cheering. A smile comes to the lips. The big smile.

"Two-hundred, thirty-five feet," they announce. In the pack; no one would catch Mr. Budweiser tonight. "I'm so proud of you guys," says manager Jim. "This is great."

And so, Victory, be not so vain. You cannot diminish the thrill and joy of Having Participated. I know. I was there...

It was BEAT NIGHT AT THE 'STICK.



"Drug tests? We don't need your stinking drug tests!!"