

On The Beat

March 14, 1992

Summer '91

Random thoughts and new perspectives

In the summer of '91, The Beat won its first-ever Division Championship. We did it with great pitching, tight defense, clutch hitting and a bit of luck — all the cliches of "what it takes" that I've heard for years. We went 8-0-2, forcing a tie-breaker with The Fringe Players and winning the Division with a dramatic 4-run rally in the bottom of the sixth to come from behind for the victory.

A million thoughts raced through my mind after OB struck out Bob McDonough for the final out. I thought about how it felt to go 0-6 in the summer of '87. I remembered the incredible joy I felt when we beat Rockin' Robins in April of '88. In my mind's eye, I saw my brother Dennis scoring the winning run for The Monsters in the tiebreaker of 1990. Any adversity The Beat has faced in its 5 years was

instantly erased as my teammates raced to the infield for the mob scene at the mound. Never in my wildest dreams...

The Summer of '91 would never have happened if it weren't for the spring season before it. We played like mediocre Beer-Leaguers, with a 4-3

season and a humiliating loss to the Cobras to end the season. Somehow, the frustration and dissatisfaction brought us together and made for a summer we will never forget.

I feel one of the great things about the summer was the parity in the Division. The Gamecocks, Hammer-time and The Fringe Players are all excellent teams with the capability to run away with the Division Title.

Fortunately, we were better than all of them.

It's funny in a way, because after the 1990 season ended in a loss to The Monsters, all I could see was Dennis crossing the plate with his arms reaching up to the sky. But when the Summer of '91 ended, I thought about what the Monsters had told me the year before, "You're next!"

Dreams do come true, you know.

Coaches Corner

I can't let another issue of On The Beat go by without thanking all the people behind the scenes that make all this happen. I call them "The Can-Do Kids." I let my imagination run wild with bizarre ideas and they say "okay." First, I have to thank Wilfred, Eric and Kevin for the great work they did on the Championship buttons. Kevin is the original Can-Do Kid and thank God the word "no" isn't in his vocabulary. Wilf took over the art responsibilities when Kevin moved to the River

and Eric became Captain. I don't know where I'd be without them. Next, thanks to Darcy, OB, Robin and Anne. Darcy does the newsletter and pocket schedules. She and OB cranked out this newsletter with Joe Montana-like coolness under a very tight deadline. Robin bailed me out by having an Alumni Party and has always helped me get through Fan Appreciation Days by volunteering her time to do work while I'm on the field. Anne has been an excellent score-keeper and all-around Den

Mother, always tolerant of our endless coaches meetings and wild schemes. She has great perspective and we're grateful for her valuable input. Of course, I owe my gratitude to my ballplayers, past and present, for believing me and giving 110 percent and for sharing my love of the Beat. Last, but certainly not least, my sincere thanks to my lover Mark, who is sorry I ever started this ballclub, but indulges me and allows me keep acting like the 3-year-old I truly am.

BEAT TRIVIA

1. The Beat was named after a rock and roll song called "The Beat". Who performed it?
2. Who had The Beat's first at-bat and what did he/she do?
3. Who had The Beat's first hit?
4. The Beat won it's first game ever on April 16, 1988. Who caught the final out and who was the winning pitcher?
5. What uniform number did Mark Chan wear?
6. In the Summer of 88, The Beat participated in a home-run hitting contest sponsored by the S.F. Giants. Two charter Beat players represented the team at "Beat Night At The 'Stick". Can you name them?
7. Name the only Beat player to have earned a Ph.D. degree.
8. The Beat has had, at one time or another, 3 Canadians on the roster. Can you name them?
9. In February 1990, Sherilyn Austin's jersey was retired. What number did she wear?
10. In the Summer of 1990, The Beat came from behind to defeat the Van Ness Monsters to force a one game playoff of the Division Title. Who started the winning rally and where was the game played?



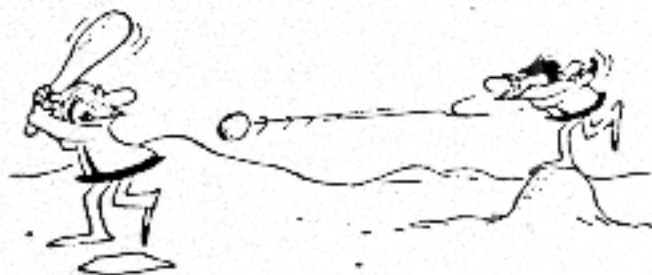
BRASS BEAT AWARD WINNERS

The Brass Beat Award is presented annually at the end of the summer season to honor the Beat member that exemplifies the spirit of the game both on and off the field. The Brass Beat Award was started in 1988 by team co-founder Kevin Austin. Those honored are:

1991 John Palmer
 1990 Mark St. Georges
 1989 Eric Meyer

FIRST PITCH CEREMONY

Throwing out today's first pitch are The Beat's first two "Game Ball Winners", Anna Sandoval and John Palmer. Anna earned her Game Ball with sheer guts, mowing down Rockin' Robin hitters picking up the victory by keeping hitters off balance all day long. John Palmer homered twice in that ballgame in 1988, the second being a 3 run shot to deep right for the game winner.



BATTING STATISTICS

THE BEAT - 1991

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	ST	AVG
AUSTIN	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	.500
BINGHAM	29	13	9	1	0	2	11	5	1	2	.310
BUTLER	44	16	26	5	2	2	17	0	1	0	.591
CARROLL	50	18	27	1	4	3	20	4	3	1	.540
GREEN	50	12	19	0	0	1	18	3	0	2	.380
HARVEY	36	11	16	1	0	0	5	4	0	1	.444
LAPPEY	46	16	18	0	2	1	10	6	1	2	.391
LANCASTER	23	7	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	.261
MEYER	46	18	16	3	1	1	17	2	0	2	.565
O'BRIEN	39	8	12	0	0	0	10	11	2	0	.308
PALMER	61	32	35	12	0	5	22	3	1	1	.574
RICKETTS	9	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.222
ST. GEORGES	58	27	28	3	0	2	13	5	1	0	.483
WENNER	43	5	16	1	0	0	7	4	1	2	.390
OTHERS	25	5	8	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	.320
TOTALS	559	193	249	32	9	19	161	54	11	13	.445

1. Elvis Costello, 2. Todd Sattler; Strikeout, 3. Jim Harvey, 4. Steve Bruckman; Anna Sandoval, 5. Ten, 6. John Palmer; Dennis O'Brien, 7. Kathy Blohm, 8. Eric Meyer, Shawn Katz, Joe Costa, 9. Thirty-Four, 10. Wilfred Spoon; West Sunset.

BEAT TRIVIA ANSWERS

and The Beat goes on...