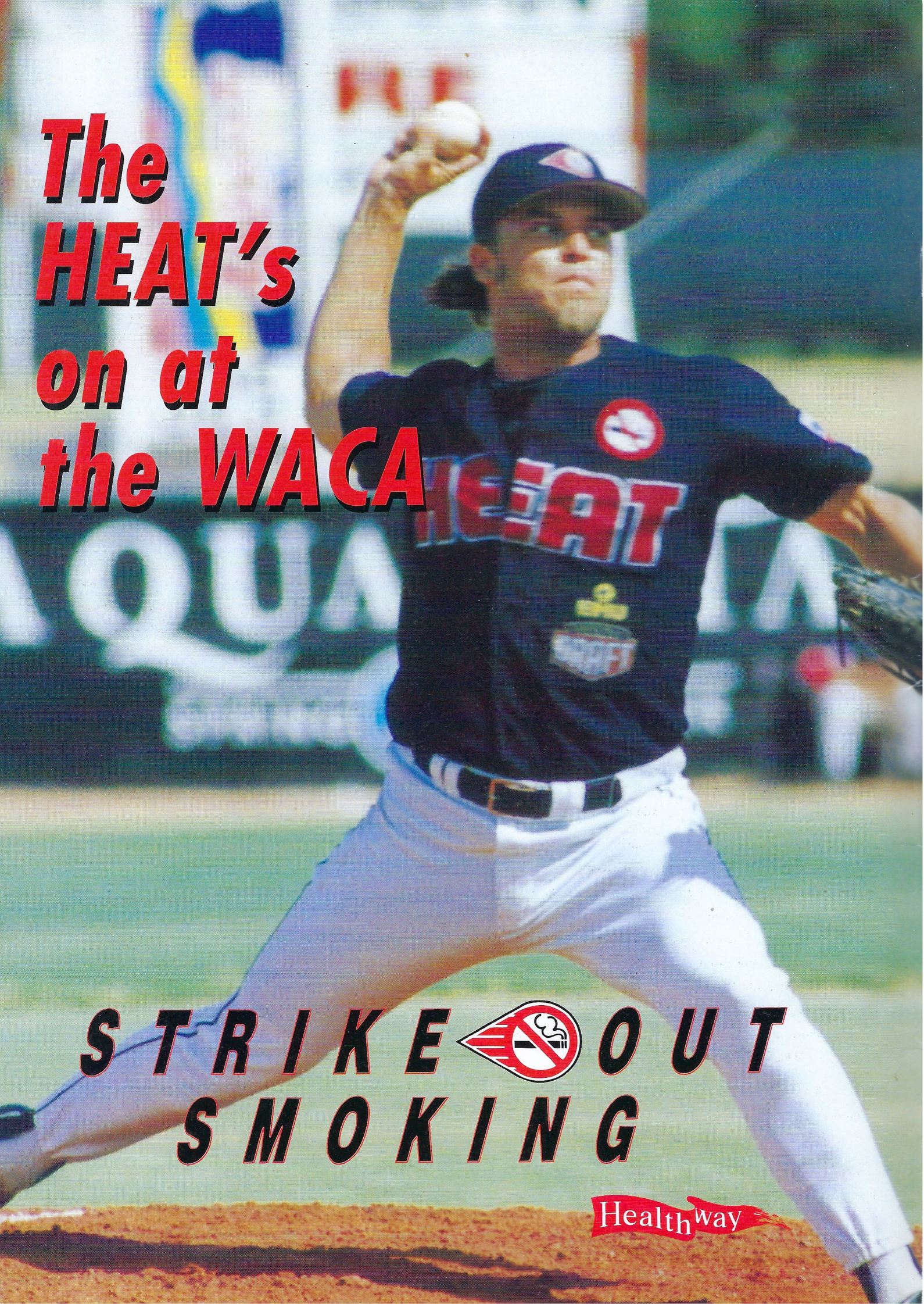



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THE LEGEND LIVES ON ...

Seven years ago in early 1989, the Australian Baseball League was formed. On July 4 of that year, the Perth HEAT was launched into baseball history.

The driving ethos behind the HEAT was to build a team: a winning team. This requires dedication: the ability to spot talent: the ability to harness it. Excellence unleashed.

This has proved to be a winning formula. The Perth HEAT is the most successful team in the League, with a 224 - 120 all time win-loss record. That's an astounding .651 winning percentage.

The HEAT has come a long way. They are the only team to appear in the Championship series four times (1991, 1992, 1993, 1995.) They are the only team to make the playoffs six times (1991 - 1996) and the only team to finish fourth or better every year since the inception of the ABL. The HEAT won the National Championship in 1991.

The team has had twenty-two First Team All-Star selections in the past six years - the most by any team and thirteen Second Team All-Star selections in the past five years. Perth HEAT hold the record for the most runs in a game - 24, and most total runs in a series, 50. Perth HEAT have featured the most US Major League Players to play on a team at once - four players (Greg Jelks, Graeme Lloyd, Mark Ettles and Scott Klingenbeck). Eight Perth HEAT/Orioles players have gone to play in the Major League (Graeme Lloyd, Damon Buford, Rick Krivda, Curtis Goodwin, Mark Ettles, Kip Yaughn, Scott Klingenbeck and Jay Powell.)

Four Perth HEAT players represented our country in the Australian Baseball Team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Shane Tonkin, Jason Hewitt, Fred Lindberg and John Moore.

In 1996 the Perth HEAT has moved their home base to the WACA. The team is stronger. The team is more dedicated than ever. In the 1996/97 ABL season, the legend lives on ...

FROM THE MANAGEMENT



Welcome, and what a season this promises to be.

Over the past few seasons, many opportunities have been presented to Perth HEAT and the sport of baseball which has culminated in our successful venture with the WACA for the next three years.

The initial move brought some new hurdles and challenges for Perth HEAT and their supporters, however through careful and considered negotiations, we have successfully completed the major transformation to the field.

Perth HEAT along with WACA Management have spent many hours designing, developing and building this fantastic set up for baseball using the leading edge of technology to create our new home.

This move, along with continued support from our members and sponsors will relaunch Perth HEAT as a major contributor to sport within Western Australia and continue as the premier baseball team in Australia.

I offer my best wishes to the team for the 1996/97 campaign and take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to a rewarding year for us all.

Regards

DOUG MATELJAN
General Manager

HEADING INTO THE NEW SEASON - PLAYING OPERATIONS

June 9 1996 saw the commencement of the pre-season program for Perth HEAT players and started off with three weekly sessions in the gymnasium.

We have successfully implemented the Baltimore Orioles pre-season program which includes various stages for weights, throwing and skills sessions throughout the four months leading up to the start of the season.

The highly qualified coaching staff chosen this season, offer our players the best opportunities to improve the essential skills needed to give us the ability to succeed.

MANAGER	Joe Ferguson
ASSISTANT COACH	Tony Adamson
PITCHING COACH	David White
COACH	John Tourville

The quality of our ball club continues to improve with the strengths being the quality local players we have to select from. Not only have we maintained the key players on our roster, we have been successful in the recruitment of Greg Jelks back to the team.

Perth HEAT has also initiated a youth program, inviting young prospects from the W.A. Baseball Academy Program, along with selected players from the local State League. And, gauging by the quality, Perth HEAT fans have a lot to look forward to over the coming seasons.

Some young players to watch this season and beyond:

Ben Risinger, Gerard Prosper, Toby Barnett and Peter Moylan.

Once again, the Baltimore Orioles are sending us some of their best prospects. With the ABL now allowing Major League players to participate and the number of imports increased from three players to four, the quality of overseas players and level of competition continues to grow.

The outstanding HEAT imports are:

ALVIE SHEPHERD Pitcher **JEFF WILLIAMS** Pitcher
MELVIN ROSARIO Catcher **JUAN BAUTISTA** Shortstop

The Perth HEAT players will be the fittest and strongest they have ever been. However, these two ingredients alone will not guarantee success. The players understand the sacrifices and effort it takes to secure that elusive ABL title. Perth HEAT has pledged itself to the pursuit of excellence and its mission to remain the most successful team in the league.

BASEBALL RETURNS TO THE WACA



Now that the Perth HEAT has moved their home base to the WACA, baseball in Western Australia has come full circle. The WACA was the original playing ground for baseball when the West Australian Baseball League was formed in 1935. It was also the home ground for the WA team in the Claxton Shield competition from 1937 onwards.

Many cricketers played baseball aiming to keep their batting eye in form, during the off season. With a growing number of keen

players, a season of night summer baseball was introduced. Hence the need for the excellent lighting facilities which were then installed at the grounds.

Not only has baseball grown since those early days - so has the WACA. It is now a world class sporting facility - home to cricket, baseball, football, rugby and soccer.

As a multi-purpose venue, the WACA has been faced with the need to accommodate the various different sports on the playing surface. The Perth HEAT have worked with the Cricket Association to create world-first technology allowing baseball to be showcased one night and another sport the next.

Large steel dishes, six metres in diameter, have been built. Some of these dishes hold all grass and others a combination of grass and clay cutouts for the bases and the pitchers mound. When filled these dishes weigh some 20 tonnes.

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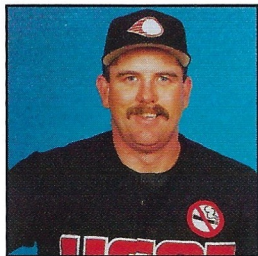
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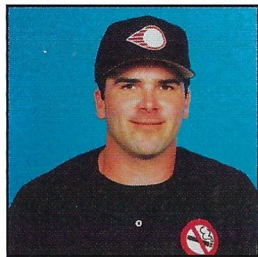
This is Joe's first season as Field Manager with the HEAT. Having spent most of his career as Catcher for the LA Dodgers Major League, Joe is now Field Manager with the Baltimore Orioles A Team, the High Desert Mavericks.



COACHES

Tony Adamson

Tony brings his expertise back to the HEAT this season. Having been an outstanding player with the team for six seasons, this is Tony's first year as Assistant Coach.



John Tourville

This is John's second year as Coach with the HEAT. When not in Australia, John is the National Coach with the Swedish Team.

David White

David is in his second year as a Pitcher with the HEAT and this year doubles as the Pitching Coach.



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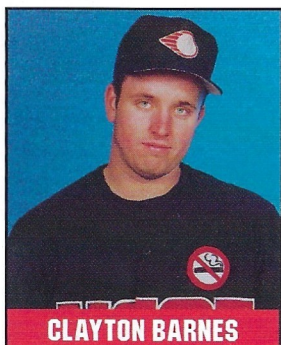
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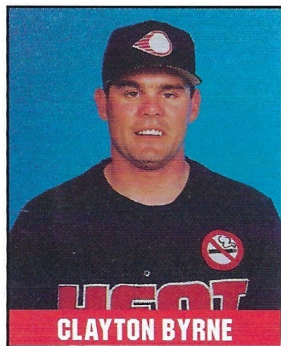
Born: 17/1/76, Brisbane Queensland.

Bats: Both Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON	Paul Kelly
FOOD	Chinese
GROUP/SINGER	Pearl Jam
TV SHOW	Ned and Stacey
MOVIE	Dazed and Confused
HOBBIES	Card collecting

Clayton's success in the junior ranks has seen him participating in both the State and National U16 and U18 teams. A utility player, Clayton can play in either infield or outfield and he bats from either side. Clayton is a Storeman at SuperValue and plays with South Perth.



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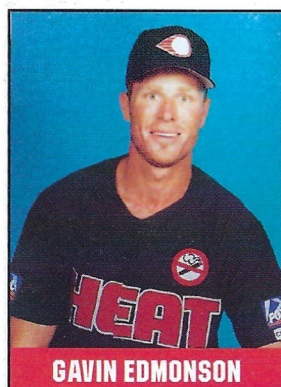
Born: 12/2/72, Guildford W.A.

Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON	Cal Ripken Jr
FOOD	Spaghetti
GROUP/SINGER	Gang Gajang
TV SHOW	ESPN
MOVIE	Braveheart
HOBBIES	Surfing

Clayton is a veteran HEAT player, who played in the Championship winning team in 1991. He has played professional baseball with the Baltimore Orioles for five seasons. This season Clayton will concentrate on his Centre Field position and is a good chance for the League MVP Award. Clayton is a Sales Rep with WA Fork Trucks and plays with Wanneroo.



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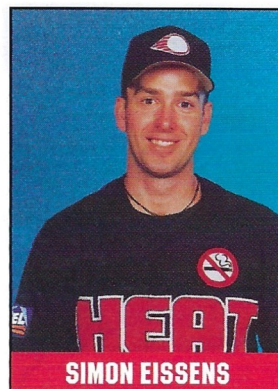
Born: 19/6/72, Subiaco W.A.

Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON	Mike Piazza
FOOD	Oysters/pasta
GROUP/SINGER	Pearl Jam
TV SHOW	Seinfeld/Melrose Place
MOVIE	The Rock/Monty Python and the Holygrail
HOBBIES	Computers

This year Gavin will move from Centrefield to Rightfield. Gavin has previously played with the Los Angeles Dodgers. With good power, a great arm and good speed, Gavin is the only positional player with the HEAT last year to play uninjured and we trust he will do as well this year. Gavin and his wife Katherine are expecting their first baby this year. Gavin plays with Morley.



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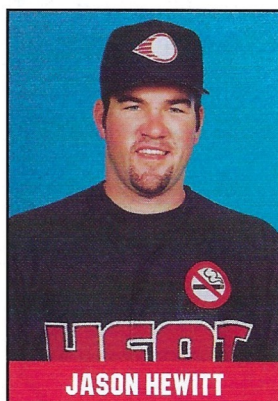
Born: 10/6/68, England.

Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON	Greg Lemond
FOOD	Iced Coffee
GROUP/SINGER	M People/ Harry Connick Jr
TV SHOW	Star Trek Next Generation
MOVIE	Usual Suspects/ Shawshank Redemption
HOBBIES	Computer games, golf, movies

Simon continues a great pitching career with the HEAT. He was the HEAT's MVP in 1993/94 and has the best winning percentage in the ABL. Simon is a Video Sales Rep and plays with Morley.



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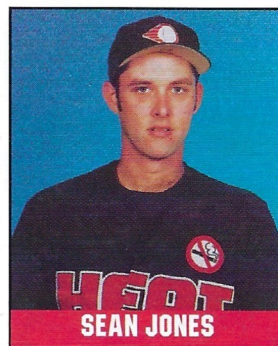
Born: 17/9/74, Subiaco W.A.

Bats: L Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON	Michael Jordan & Roberto Alomar
FOOD	Road Dinner
GROUP/SINGER	Bon Jovi, Michael Jackson, Madonna
TV SHOW	Seinfeld
MOVIE	Roadhouse
HOBBIES	Gym, All sports, music,

Jason has had a great year in baseball. Winning last year's HEAT's MVP, he was the runner up in the ABL top batting average (.397) and a starting infielder with the Australian Olympic Team in Atlanta. This season Jason moves from short stop to second base. A left handed batter, Jason is expected to have many doubles and double plays. Jason works with PMFM's Roadrunner as well as in the HEAT's school program and plays with South Perth.



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Born: 28/7/69, Brisbane Queensland.

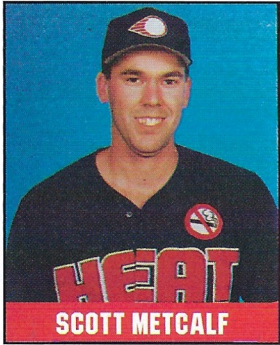
Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON	Hakeem Olajuwon
FOOD	Lasagna
GROUP/SINGER	Sound Garden
TV SHOW	American Gothic
MOVIE	Star Wars Trilogy
HOBBIES	Reading, computers

Sean provides great defense for the HEAT in his position as starting 1st baseman. He is also a strong hitter with homerun power. Sean played with the Melbourne Bushrangers from 1991-93 season but has since returned to play for the HEAT. Sean is a Sales Rep with Vodaphone and plays with Morley.

PLAYERS



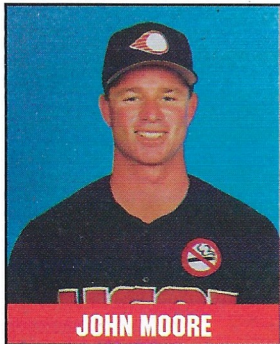
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Born: 11/1/72, Perth W.A.
Bats: L Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON Bo Jackson/John Worsfold
FOOD Steak
GROUP/SINGER Beatles, Elvis
TV SHOW Melrose Place
MOVIE Star Wars
HOBBIES Golf

Scott has outstanding power in batting and hits many home runs. He has played professionally with the Baltimore Orioles and was the HEAT's and the ABL's MVP in 1994/95. His stats last year were excellent and Scott should continue to improve this season. Scott is a stockbroker with Hartley Poynton and plays with South Perth.



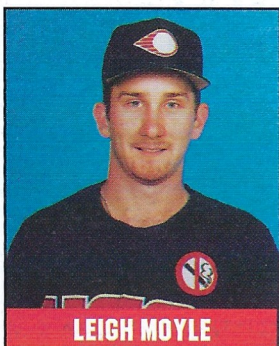
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Born: 1/2/69, Perth W.A.
Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON Peter Matera, Mike Tyson
FOOD Pasta, chicken
GROUP/SINGER Screaming Jets
TV SHOW The Footy Show
MOVIE Forrest Gump, Mad Max I, II
HOBBIES Beach, water-skiing, old cars

John was the catcher on the Australian Olympic team and will share duties as HEAT catcher this year with Melvin Rosario. He will also play in the left field. John has excellent hitting power with the ability to hit many home runs and was the Designated Hitter in the ABL All-stars. John is an electrician with the MEWA and plays with Perth.



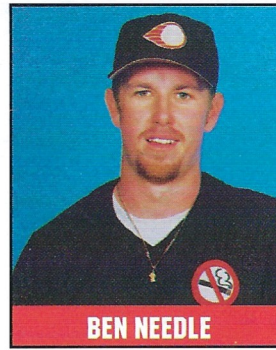
NUMBER 5

Born: 8/11/73, Mt. Lawley W.A.
Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON Cal Ripkin Jnr
FOOD Roast chicken
GROUP/SINGER Aerosmith, Jimi Hendrix
TV SHOW Mad About You
MOVIE Stripes
HOBBIES Music

Leigh played last season as a utility infielder with the HEAT and will back up this year in the middle infield. His improved power this year due to his off season training program, means he will push the starters for a position. Leigh is an electrician and plays with Perth.

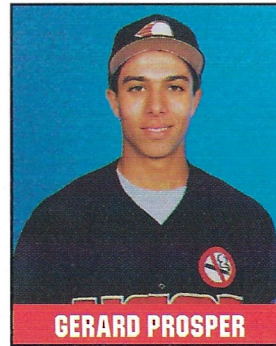


Born: 8/7/77, Perth W.A.
Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON Frank Thomas
FOOD Everything
GROUP/SINGER Bush
TV SHOW Home Improvements
MOVIE Murder In The First
HOBBIES Sleeping

Ben returns to the HEAT after a year in the USA College season. He has good power and a strong arm and will back up Greg Jelks at 3rd base. Ben has played on a number of national junior teams and is presently studying. Ben plays for Gosnells.



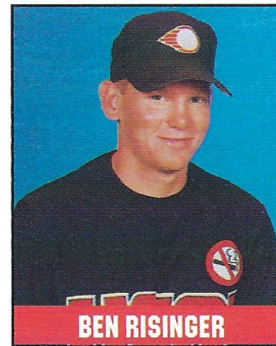
NUMBER 4

Born: 10/2/78, Subiaco W.A.
Bats: L Throws: L

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON Lou Brock
FOOD Lasagna
GROUP/SINGER TLC, Alanis Morissette
TV SHOW Friends
MOVIE White Men Can't Jump
HOBBIES Reading comics

Gerard is a rookie prospect outfielder who may see some action this year. He has played in the AAA Team for Australia and has lightning speed. Gerard is a student and plays with West Stirling.



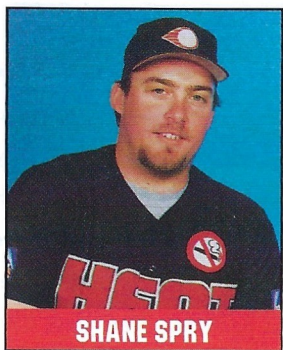
NUMBER 23

Born: 25/11/77, Perth W.A.
Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON Mike Tyson
FOOD Mac's Pies
GROUP/SINGER Presidents of USA, Garth Brooks
TV SHOW Friends
MOVIE Rudy
HOBBIES Fishing, golf

This will be Ben's second season as a utility infielder with the HEAT. He will back up at Shortstop for Juan Bautista. Ben has played college ball in Iowa and with the Australian U19s. He has great hands and a strong arm. Ben works with the Perth HEAT Junior Development Program and plays with Wembley.



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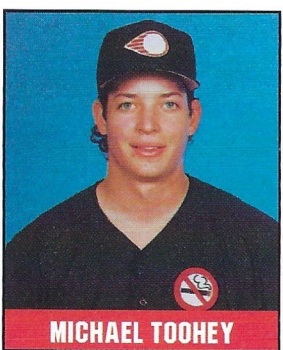
Born: 4/9/75, East Fremantle W.A.

Bats: L Throws: L

Favourite:

- SPORTSPERSON** Tony Lockett
FOOD Mac's Pies
GROUP/SINGER Pearl Jam, Midnight Oil
TV SHOW Full Frontal
MOVIE Shawshank Redemption
HOBBIES Golf, fishing

Shane was the starting rightfielder with the HEAT last season and may move into left this year. He has played with the Chicago White Sox and is an excellent left handed power hitter. Shane works with the Perth HEAT's Junior Development Program and plays with South Perth.



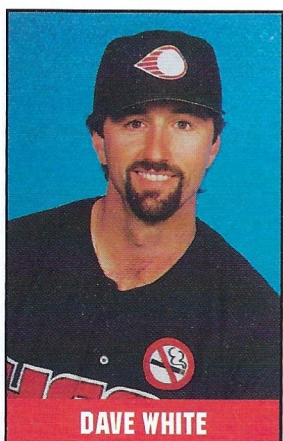
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Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

- SPORTSPERSON** Brett Heady
FOOD Prawns
GROUP/SINGER Bush
TV SHOW X Files
MOVIE Empire Strikes Back
HOBBIES Weight Lifting

Michael is a backup catcher in his first season with the HEAT. He has a strong arm and good power. Michael is studying Civil Engineering at UWA and plays with Gosnells.



NUMBER 34

Born: 18.12.61, Chicago U.S.A.

Bats: Never Throws: R

Favourite:

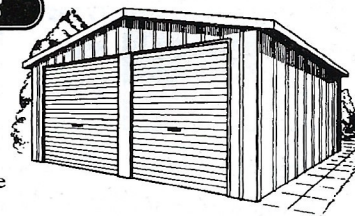
- SPORTSPERSON** Nolan Ryan
FOOD Spicy anything will do nicely
GROUP/SINGER ZZ Top, Boston, Pavarotti, Steely Dan
TV SHOW Seinfeld/Full Frontal
MOVIE Caddy Shack/Top Secret
HOBBIES Gene splicing/DNA Separating/Nuclear fusion Golf.

Dave is a second year veteran right handed pitcher for the HEAT. He was used as an opening pitcher last season and this year will double as Pitching Coach. Originally from Chicago, he has played with the Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins. Dave is the Perth HEAT's Development Officer and plays with Wanneroo.

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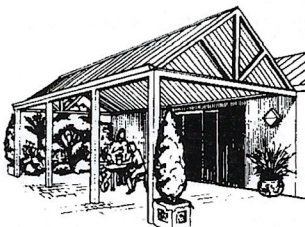
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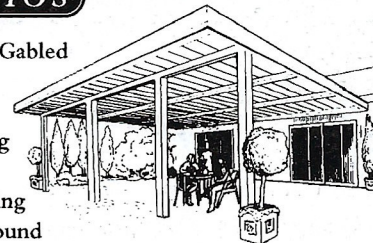
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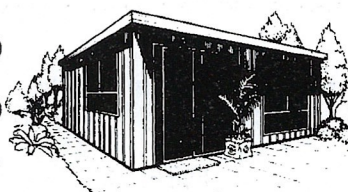
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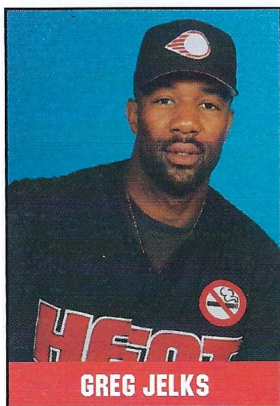
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PLAYERS



NUMBER 44

Born: 16/8/61, Alabama U.S.A.
Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON *Michael Jordan, Bo Jackson*
FOOD *Pasta*
GROUP/SINGER *Blues, Jazz, R & B*
TV SHOW *Sports Tonight*
MOVIE *Field of Dreams*
HOBBIES *Horseback riding, golf, body surfing*

Greg returns to the HEAT after a short stint with the Melbourne Reds. He will start at 3rd base this year. With great power and bat speed, Greg is the League's most feared hitter. Greg has played with the Philadelphia Phillies and Minnesota Twins and is looking to a big year with the HEAT. Greg plays with Morley.



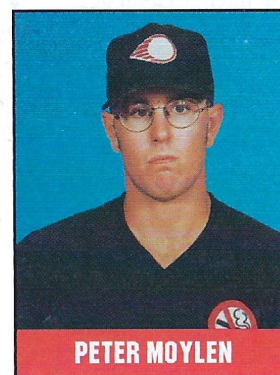
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Born: 12/2/71, Mt. Lawley W.A.
Bats: No Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON *Richard Charlesworth*
FOOD *Italian*
GROUP/SINGER *Concrete Blond, The Angels*
TV SHOW *The Footy Show, Sports Tonight*
MOVIE *Delirious*
HOBBIES *Golf, sleeping and playing pool*

Shane had outstanding success at the Atlanta Olympics, with the overall third best ERA, the best ERA for Australia and he was also voted the team's Best Pitcher. He was used as a Starter and a Reliever with the HEAT last year and will fill both roles again. Shane is a Mentor with the Ministry of Justice and plays with Perth.



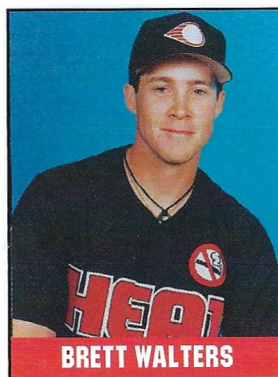
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Favourite:

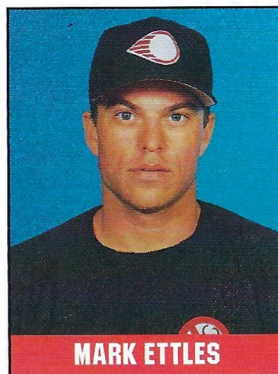
SPORTSPERSON *Greg Maddux*
FOOD *Steak*
GROUP/SINGER *2 Pac*
TV SHOW *Simpsons*
MOVIE *The Fan*
HOBBIES *Volleyball*

This is Peter's rookie season pitching for the HEAT. He played with the State U18's for two years and plays with the Minnesota Twins. There is a good prospect of seeing Peter on the mound with the HEAT this year. Peter plays for South Perth.



NUMBER 21

Brett is a right handed pitcher. He was used in relief last year and will do the same this season. An arm injury prevented Brett from pitching much last year, but if he stays injury free this year, he is expected to be one of the HEAT's best pitchers. Brett plays with the San Diego Padres and South Perth.



NUMBER 27

Born: 30/10/66, Subiaco W.A.
Bats: No Throws: R

Favourite:

SPORTSPERSON *Billy Jean-King*
FOOD *Seafood*
GROUP/SINGER *Midnight Oil*
TV SHOW *Seinfeld*
MOVIE *Hunt For Red October*
HOBBIES *Surfing & Fishing*

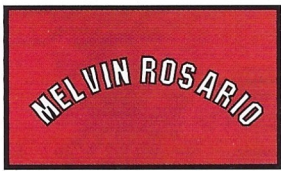
An ex-Major Leaguer with the San Diego Padres, Mark is now a Pitching Coach in the Detroit Tigers system. Mark has a great curveball and split finger fastball. He will more than likely be in the starting rotation for the HEAT this year. Mark plays with South Perth.

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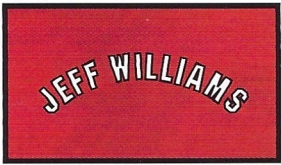
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Born: 25/5/73, Bonad,
Dominican Republic.
Bats: Both Throws: R

Favourite:

A switch hitting starting catcher, Melvin has power from either side of the plate. He has a great arm and good defensive skills. He resides in Miami, Florida.

- SPORTSPERSON** -
- FOOD** Chinese
- GROUP/SINGER** Los Rosario
- TV SHOW** Married With Children
- MOVIE** Speed
- HOBBIES** Reading and Nintendo



Born: 16/4/69, Salina Kansas.

Favourite:

Jeff is a pitcher with Baltimore's Triple A Rochester team. He has an ERA of 1.13 and with good fastball, curve and change-up, Jeff should be a good addition to the HEAT.

- SPORTSPERSON** Roger Stubach
- HOBBIES** Golf



NUMBER 27

Born: 24/6/75, San Pedro de Marcoris,
Dominican Republic.

Bats: R Throws: R

Favourite:

Juan is one of four imports from the Baltimore Orioles. His hometown is San Pedro de Marcoris in the Dominican Republic. He will be the HEAT's starting shortstop and is well known for his defence.

- SPORTSPERSON** Tony Fernandez
- FOOD** Rice and Chicken
- GROUP/SINGER** Merenge
- TV SHOW** Cartoons
- MOVIE** Free Willy
- HOBBIES** Dance



NUMBER 52

Born: 12/5/74, Berwyn, Illinois, U.S.A.
Bats: No Throws: R

Favourite:

Alvie is a right handed pitcher with a 95 mile per hour fastball. He was the Baltimore Orioles first round draft choice in 1995.

- SPORTSPERSON** Nolan Ryan
- FOOD** Any kind
- GROUP/SINGER** All kinds
- TV SHOW** Sports Centre
- MOVIE** Seven
- HOBBIES** Dance and Country Karaoke

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The ABL competition commenced in 1989 with eight teams to give Australia's elite baseball players and future Olympians an opportunity to compete at the highest level.

The inaugural 1989/90 season was extremely successful with average game attendance's during that summer of 2,325 and by season end approximately 376,000 spectators had attended ABL games.

Each ABL team has established working agreements with a USA Major League Team. The agreements allow ABL teams to recruit some of America's finest young players to play in the ABL during the MLB off-season and MLB coaches to further develop the skills of Australian players. The agreements also enable many Australian baseballers to further their careers as professional players and fulfill their dreams of playing baseball in the Major League.

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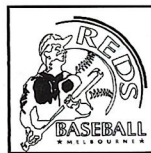
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THE OTHER TEAMS

MELBOURNE REDS Although the Reds were last season's runner up, with many player movements this season, they could be in a struggle to make the finals. Major League affiliation - New York Yankees. 1995/96 season placing: 2nd.



MELBOURNE MONARCHS The Monarchs should drastically improve with the acquisition of Phil Dale, Damion Moss and Aaron Harvey formerly of the Reds. Excellent prospect of a playoff berth with an outside chance of the ABL title. Major League affiliation - Atlanta. 1995/96 season placing: 5th.



HUNTER EAGLES Without the support of a Major League affiliate in 1995/96, the Eagles finished in last place. The Eagles return to Marathon Stadium in Newcastle this year. They still struggle with availability of local talent. May only slightly improve but not enough to reach a seventh place finish. Major League affiliate - New York Mets. 1995/96 season placing: 8th.



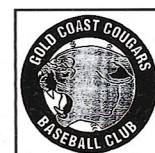
SYDNEY BLUES Last seasons ABL champions to the surprise of every club and they continue to be the quiet achiever of the league. With its numerous professional Australian players and ex-professionals, they must be considered as a good chance to defend their title. The Blues move back to Parramatta Stadium after a one year stint at the Showgrounds. Major League affiliate - Toronto Blue Jays. 1995/96 season placing: 1st.



BRISBANE BANDITS Last season's favourite for the ABL Championship. Faded in the final weeks of the season and were eliminated in the preliminary finals. With the return of David Nilsson in a player/coach role, the Bandits must be considered, along with the HEAT, as league favourites for the title. Major League affiliate - San Diego Padres. 1995/96 season placing: 3rd.



GOLD COAST COUGARS After some controversy as to their existence in the ABL for this season, the Cougars are back. To be in contention for the finals, they must rely on good import players and good seasons from their Australian Olympic players. Major League affiliate - Boston Red Sox. 1995/96 season placing: 6th.



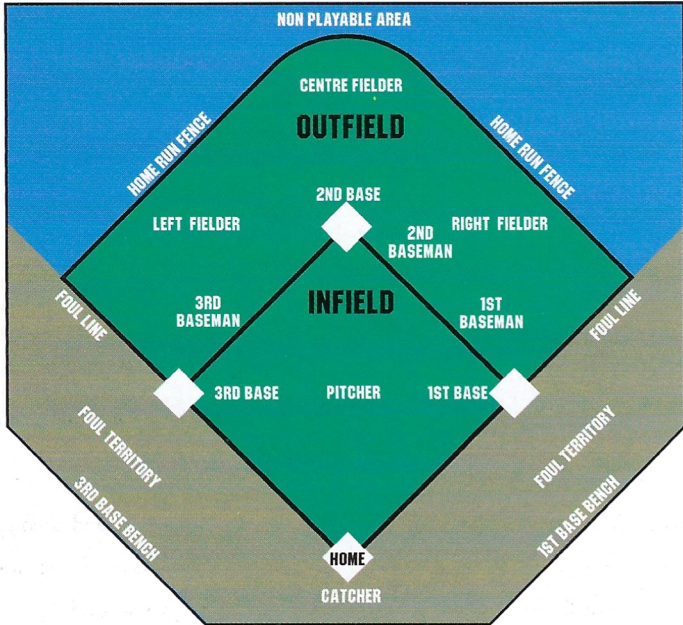
ADELAIDE GIANTS The Giants missed out on the finals last season with sub standard imports. Great young pitching and a good development program should improve their chances, however, they may still be a year or two away from being in contention for a championship. Major League affiliate - LA Dodgers. 1995/96 season placing: 7th.



BASEBALL. HOW IT IS PLAYED

Baseball is one of the most popular sports played in the world. It requires strength, skill and great tactics.

The game of baseball is played on a field consisting of the diamond (or infield,) and the outfield. The diamond is made up of home plate, first, second and third base and the pitcher's mound.



The game is played by two teams of nine players, led by a manager and two coaches. Each team takes turns at batting (offence) and fielding (defence).

OFFENCE

Offence is where the team attempts to hit the ball between the lines and advance around the bases to home, scoring a run.

Each team has a set batting order that is announced before the commencement of play and batters must appear in turn. Each batter takes his turn at the plate (home base) and tries to hit the ball thrown by the pitcher. The umpire standing behind the catcher calls whether the pitch is a strike or a ball.

STRIKES

Each player has his own strike zone which is the space over home plate between the batter's armpits and the top of his knees, although in reality the strike zone is generally from the navel to the knees. If the baseball passes through the batter's strike zone and the batter does not swing or swings and fails to hit the ball - it's a strike. A batter's first two foul hits - hits that go behind the foul line (see diagram) are also strikes, but a batter cannot strike out on a foul hit.

Three strikes and a batter is out.

BALLS

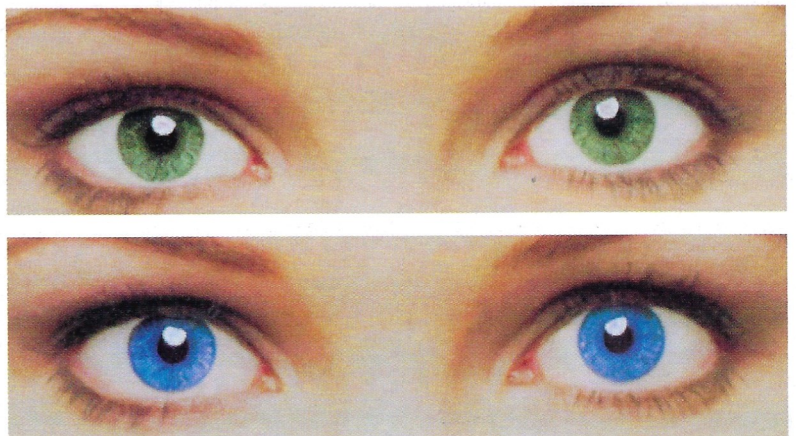
Pitches that do not pass through the strike zone are called 'balls'. Four balls and the batter is awarded first base, known as a 'walk'.

A batter will also walk to first base if hit by a pitched ball.

A HIT

When the batter hits a pitched ball, he runs to first base. If he reaches it safely, it is called a 'single'. If on the same ball, he

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reaches second base it is called a 'double' and reaching third is a 'triple'. If he hits a ball in the air over any wall in fair territory, it is called a 'home run'.

Any member of the offensive team that is on base when a home run is hit, automatically scores as well as the home run hitter.

Of course, if the fielding team gets the ball and throws it to first before the batter gets there, he is out.

When a player reaches first base, the other members of his team that bat after him, will try to advance him around the bases until he runs home and scores a run.

If the base behind a player is occupied and the ball is hit, the player is forced to run to the next base. As it is a forced run, the fielding team do not need to tag him to get him out. They only need to touch the base with their foot, while holding the ball to get the runner out.

A 'tag' play is when the runner is 'tagged' or touched by a fielder with the ball. A runner who is stealing must be tagged. Stealing is when a runner tries to advance to the next base while the pitcher is throwing the baseball to the batter.

FLYBALL

A flyball is when the batter hits the ball into the air. If a member of the fielding team catches the ball before it hits the ground, the batter is out. Baserunners must 'holdup' until the ball is caught or it is certain that it won't be caught. Play then continues with runners trying to advance to the next bases.

THREE OUT

A team remains at bat until three of its players are out. The defensive team then take a turn at bat.

A complete inning is when each team has had a turn at batting and fielding. The visiting team bats at the top of the inning while the home team bats at the bottom of the inning. A baseball game runs either seven innings (when it is a double header - two games played on the one night) or nine innings.

The team who has the most runs at the end of nine (or seven) innings - wins the game. If the scores are tied, play continues until a result is reached.

DEFENCE

When not batting, the team take up defense on field.

PITCHER



A good pitcher will have a variety of different pitches aimed at throwing the batter out: A straight pitch, fast ball (up to 150kph); he can 'curve' the ball either towards or away from the batter, make it spin, rise, dip or flutter. The aim of throwing different pitches

is to confuse the batter so they will either strike out or hit a ball that is either caught or run out.

CATCHER



The catcher squats behind home base. As well as catching the ball and throwing to a base when needed, the catcher also controls the defense. Using a series of signals, the catcher suggests to the pitcher what type of pitches he should use and alerts his team to potential plays.

FIRST BASEMAN



The majority of groundballs are thrown by infielders to the first baseman, whose job it is to touch the runner before he reaches first base.

SECOND BASEMAN

The second baseman usually covers the area between first and second base. He will either catch or retrieve a ball in his area, touch his base for a forced run or tag the runner advancing to second.

THIRD BASEMAN

Third base is often called the 'hot corner' as most balls are usually hit in that direction. This is because most batters are right handed and have tendency to hit into the left field. The third baseman must have a strong arm if his throw is to reach across the diamond to first base.

SHORTSTOP

The shortstop usually stands between second and third bases. As well as fielding, the shortstop must cover these bases if either of the basemen have had to move to reach a ball.

OUTFIELD



There are three outfielders - right, left and centre field. Their job is catch or retrieve the ball and throw them to prevent a runner from making a base.

MANAGER

The manager controls the play by deciding who will play and at what positions. He plans the strategy and is the person standing near third base using hand signals to relay his instructions to the defensive players.

He can substitute a pitcher, known as a 'relief' pitcher. A substitute batter is called a 'pinch' hitter and a substitute runner is a 'pinch' runner.

HOW TO READ THE SCOREBOARD

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
VISITORS	0	0	1	0					
HOME	0	0	2						

The left hand side of the scoreboard shows the innings with the runs scored by each team in each innings. The visiting team is always at the top and the home team at the bottom of the scoreboard.

The right hand side of the board shows R H E. The H stands for hits or the number of safe hits each team has managed against the opposing pitchers. The R stands for the number of hits that were converted to runs and the E stands for the number of errors made in the defence of those runs.

OTHER BASEBALL TERMS

DOUBLE PLAY/TRIPLE PLAY

When the fielding team puts out a runner (or two) plus the batter, in a single play.

BATTING AVERAGE

The total number of hits divided by the total times at bat.

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

The number of earned runs divided by the number of innings pitched, multiplied by nine.

WIN/LOSS PERCENTAGE

The total number of games won and lost, divided by the number of games won.

DESIGNATED HITTER

An offensive player who hits for the pitcher.

THE LANGUAGE OF BASEBALL

Did you ever wonder what some of the strange words often said by baseball players mean?

- ☺ Flip me a pearl
- ☺ This guy throws some nasty cheddar
- ☺ Don't get cheated on your hacks but watch your lips if Hue Dog crushes one oppo yard, this hurler may just dose you after someone rips a seed down-town. He'll definitely be trying to get in your kitchen with the slide piece.

What does this all mean?

Translation:

- ☺ Please hand me a baseball kind sir
- ☺ This pitcher throws the ball very fast.

☺ Make sure you take a good hard swing but look out if Jason Hewitt hits a very hard opposite field home run. This pitcher might hit you with the ball in anger after someone hits a line drive that looks very small as it is traveling through the air and over the fence. He'll definitely be trying to throw one inside with a pitch that curves into a left handed batter.

Below are some of the baseball lingo you may hear around the ball park and how you might try to make some sense of it:

- rope - a very hard hit ball
- seed - a ball either hit or thrown very fast that looks as small as a seed
- lena - Spanish word for line, meaning line drive off the bat
- bomb - home run, usually reserved for real big ones
- downtown - another word for home run
- hammered - a ball hit very hard
- chinker - a ball hit very soft usually a base hit between infielders and outfielders
- Texas Leaguer - same as a chinker, old term from America
- bloop - softly hit ball in the air that falls in for a hit
- duck - another word for a blooper only not as high in the air
- knock - what the hitter calls a base hit or single
- rip - hard hit ball
- crushed - a ball hit with enormous power speed and distance
- lid - player's cap
- uni - short for uniform
- pearl - a brand new baseball
- pea - or pea-rod hit fairly hard
- climb the ladder - pitchers term for throwing a ball high in the strike zone
- gun - a strong throwing arm by a fielder
- cannon - even stronger than a gun
- pick it - term used when a player catches a short hop throw
- wheels - someone who can run fast
- drilled - either line drive by batter or a pitcher hit the batter
- watch your lips - term used by team mates to warn of trouble
- bender - curve ball
- waaah - the crying sound a baby makes or player complaining
- ball had eyes - base hit that just gets past the fielders
- dribbler - the ground ball version of a chinker for a hit
- bleeder - similar to dribbler
- plunked - pitcher hits the batter or a defensive players gets hit by ball

- bean ball - pitcher purposely hits the batter - usually a fight afterwards
- oppo - short for opposite field a batter uses
- pumped - a pitcher that gives up a lot of runs in a game
- hack - a batter's swing
- clank - the sound players say to each other after an error is made
- nasty - usually referring to a pitcher with good stuff
- sniper - said after someone falls down mysteriously while running
- flip - a light toss of the ball
- hurler - pitcher
- pill - another word for a baseball
- cheese - a ball thrown very fast by a pitcher
- cheddar - even faster than cheese
- yacker/dinger/dong - home run
- hammer - a good curve ball thrown by pitcher
- gas - a pitch that is thrown hard
- yard - the field where the game is played
- BP - batting practise
- PFP - pitchers fielding practise (we all hate it)
- pull the string - change of speed pitch (slower)
- screwgie - screwball (opposite to a slider)
- offall - pitch designed by DW (sorry it's a secret weapon)
- the knuck - short for knuckleball (no spin movement)
- splittie - short for split finger pitch that breaks downward
- bust him - throw the ball inside (coaching term)
- in his kitchen - same as bust him inside
- dosed him - pitcher hit the batter (a dose of medicine)
- punchy - short for punch out or strike out
- runnage - movement by the ball away from a batter
- sinkage - movement by the ball in and down from a batter
- droppage - movement by the ball straight down
- dragged - taken out of the game
- skip - the field manager of the team, short for skipper

Now that you're armed with all these new baseball words and phrases, why not holler out a couple to the players.

Instead of saying: "Jason Hewitt get a hit!"

Now you can say: "Let's go Hue Dog rip a pea rod off this cheddar throwing hurler, how about crushing a dong!"

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TOUCH WOOD" - THE RITUALISTIC SUPERSTITIOUS BEHAVIOR OF BASEBALLERS.

By Dave White.

Anytime someone says or writes something concerning superstition, the key phrase seems to be "touch wood" or "knock on wood" which is the phrase I grew up with, followed by the actual touching of a piece of wood. Why do people say that? Quite simply, speaking as a superstitious player, I say it so as to not jinx myself.

The "jinx," not to be confused with the "hex," applies when you say something like, "I've never twisted my ankle." If you don't say touch wood, guess what happens? That night you mysteriously twist it on the stairs while attempting to get a drink of water.

The "hex" on the other hand, otherwise known in some parts of the world as the "hooga-booga," is a type of jinx that someone else puts on to give lousy luck. The hex can only work if put on by an experienced mo-jo master. So don't try it unless you know what you're doing because a botched hex attempt can often lead to a serious self jinx.

Often sportsmen, more so baseballers and HEAT players in particular, have these strange ritualistic behaviour patterns that they love to follow in order to prepare themselves either for the game, and at bat, a simple fly ball or even all three.

Before I share some of these unusual acts of preparedness with you, let me first of all explain exactly why some, but not all players do what they do.

I guess the main reason for putting oneself through these rituals is a confidence booster of some sort. Players feel that if they don't continue what they've started - for example, the way they tie their shoes - they will then become jinxed for the game. Or at least until the time that the shoe tying mistake can be rectified. Silly you say? I wish I had a dollar every time these silly little examples of superstition have ruined a player's game.

Superstition is good to the superstitious players, which by the way is probably about 80% of all players. It makes them feel as if the preparation is complete with regards to training, fitness and even how they get dressed into their uniforms prior to the game.

OK! Now that you are aware of why players like to be superstitious, here are a few of the thousands of superstitions that I've come across in my 27 years of baseball. Yes, even at age 8 and in my first year of baseball I had my "lucky" wrist bands.

One day I forgot them. Sure enough my only 3 strikeouts while batting the whole season came on that day. I still carry those wrist bands with me, just in case they let me bat again.

Being an experienced mo-jo master myself, I formally eliminate any possible hex this story may put on any of our players.

The rituals start many hours before the game that you watch, even begins.

Pre-game lunch: I know of players that will eat the exact same meal before every game. Or, even at the same restaurant if they have a

good game. If for some reason, the player has a bad game, he may try a different meal or restaurant prior to the next game. One particular player said "Gee, if this batting slump keeps up, I'll be running out of places to eat."

Putting on the Uniform: Most, if not all players make putting on the uni a ritual before every game. Generally speaking, a player will remove pieces of their uniform from their bag in a strategic manner and put them on in a particular order. Socks, then stirrups, followed by undershirt, sliding shorts, lower protective gear (very important) then onto the pants, jersey, shoes and finally the hat. If for some reason the player changes the order - for example, puts on his undershirt before his socks - he must then completely strip down and start over in the proper order. Personally, my first move is to floss my toes with my games socks.

Pre-at-Bat Ritual: Some guys put on their helmet a particular way. Others picture the opposing pitcher as a demon. Jetter spins his bat around his head like a helicopter, in the batters box. Metcalf feels good giving the "chop" right before the pitch. Some guys tap the plate according the number of strikes they have on them. Other guys say things to themselves like "relax" "see the ball" or "stay back".

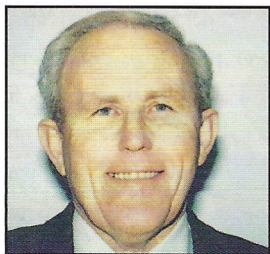
At the end of the day, you can spot any game rituals or superstitions by watching the players closely. If he does something every time he gets ready to perform, it's a superstition and it makes him feel good to do it.

Pay attention next time you watch the game, look for the little things that make this game so great.



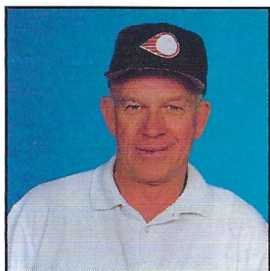
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Dr. Kaye Greenham
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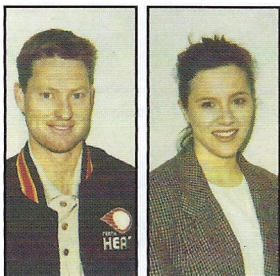
Team Doctor is Dr. Kaye Greenham M.B.,B.S. (WA). Beginning his career in baseball as a player, Kaye has been involved in the game for over 40 years. Kaye has been Team Doctor with the Australian Team and with the HEAT since 1990.



Graeme Maynard

Trainer Graeme Maynard started with the HEAT in 1989, the first year of the ABL. With 38 years in sports medicine, Graeme has the distinction of being the first and only recipient of the National Sports Trainers Award. As Trainer, Graeme's duties include strapping and massaging the players.

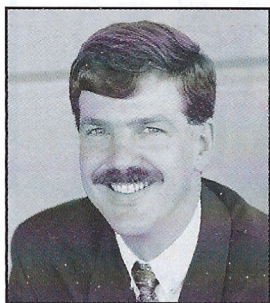
**Greg Hutchinson,
Lisa Hutchinson**



Greg and Lisa Hutchinson have been the Team Physiotherapists with the HEAT since 1991. Whilst shoulder injuries rank highly amongst both pitchers and fielders, the incidence of injuries to lower limbs experienced by baseballers is quite high. The demands of hitting, sprinting, and sliding into base certainly take their toll on the legs, resulting in numerous ankle, knee and hamstring injuries.

The job of the Medical Team is to treat the players and get them back onto the field as quickly as safety allows.

Steve Wells.



This year, the HEAT also has the services of a Sports Psychologist.

Steve Wells is a psychologist and peak performance specialist. He has taken the Perth HEAT players through an ambitious program of mental skills training and peak performance enhancement. This includes how to condition their minds and bodies for consistent peak performance, how to overcome blocks to performance, and how to access states of excellence on cue. As a result, the HEAT players are mentally tougher, more alert and more focused than ever before.

I remember in February 1991 we were on our run to the finals. The only thing standing in our way was a sweep of the Adelaide Giants in Adelaide, which hadn't been done before. Norwood Oval is like playing in front of fans of Football Park (undesirable.)

The team was so focused, we pulled it off and were on our way to the Championships. There I was on opening day of the 1990/91 ABL Championships, our opponent was the Japanese owned Daikyo Dolphins, who finished the season as minor premiers, heavily favoured in the series.

The first decision the Dolphins had to make was whether to open at home for game 1 & 2 or at Parry Field. They chose Parry Field. That's where they made their first mistake.

There were four home runs hit that night, of which the Dolphins hit one and we hit three and won the game one (6-4). We then followed up with a sweep of the opening 2 games (7-3).

Now it was off to the Gold Coast for the final three games. We lost game three but as I left the field that night I was told to call home. When I got through to my wife, Karen, she informed me she'd gone into labour.

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Karen told me not to come to be by her side, but to win a championship for both of them!

Being so excited that night I couldn't sleep (which wasn't very helpful the next day). When I arrived at the field the night of game four, Channel 9 had taped Karen and our new daughter, Jenna Claire Morgan Steed. They put it on video in Perth and beamed it across via satellite to Brisbane, who then taped it and couriered it to the Gold Coast. So before the game I saw my daughter for the first time. As it turned out it was a bit too much for me and the team, in fact I struck out to start the game and we were beaten (6-2)

So there we were, two games a piece, and only the decider to go. Unfortunately, David Fitzgerald, the 6'6" left hander who we hadn't beaten all year, was on the mound for the Dolphins.

We opened the first innings with a single run and shut them out in their half of the first. Then the history making top of the second. We sent 12 men to the plate, scored seven runs and all but sealed the game with an eight run lead, and went on to win by an amazing ten runs (11-1)

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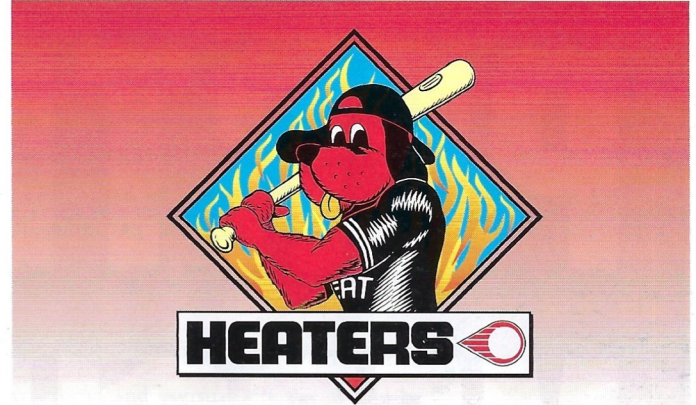
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PERTH HEAT ... BACK IN SCHOOL



For the sixth consecutive year, HEAT players are conducting fun and informative school sessions in the metro and surrounding areas.

Last season we held over 220 sessions, whilst this season our aim is to visit every primary school in and around Perth totalling well over 300 visits.

Bookings are started in Term Two with the sessions beginning in Term Three and running through to the end of the year.

IS SUCH AN EXTENSIVE PROGRAM COSTLY FOR THE SCHOOLS?

Not at all! Perth HEAT does all of its school sessions absolutely free of charge. We feel the development of Baseball/Tee-Ball is vital to the success of our sport.

We hope our efforts generate interest within the children to not only participate in their local club, but enjoy watching us play at the WACA.

EXACTLY WHAT DOES THE HEAT COVER IN THESE ONE HOUR SCHOOL SESSIONS?

Each session usually involves two classes or about 60 students. After introducing themselves, the players briefly discuss the upcoming HEAT season and tell the students any interesting news or information on the HEAT or baseball in general.

The group is then split into two. Half the students go with one player to learn proper throwing and catching techniques whilst the other group learns how to hit. The groups then rotate so everyone gets a chance to learn all three skills.

The end of the session incorporates question time, handouts from our sponsors, stickers, posters, player cards and an intense autograph session.

The Perth HEAT players enjoy working with the children and appreciate the positive feedback they receive from both teachers and students.

See you soon at your school.

SCHOOL PROGRAM COACHES

**BEN RISINGER SHANE SPRY GAVIN EDMONDSON BEN NEEDLE
JASON HEWITT SCOTT HEWITT LEIGH MOYLE DAVE WHITE**

WHAT THE PERTH HEAT OFFERS YOU

Perth HEAT ... Goes To The Country

This year the Perth HEAT is taking baseball to the whole of Western Australia. We will be holding exhibition games in country towns and conducting camps and clinics throughout the state.

In June we initiated our new Country Membership. The membership was launched in Port Hedland and Larry Graham, Parliamentary Patron for the Pilbarra, became our first official member. Since its inception, we have discovered there are many people living in country WA who want to be part of our team.

Although the idea of country memberships had been discussed previously, it wasn't until the HEAT visited Port Hedland in April for some promotional games that the project really took off. The games in Port Hedland were so successful, with over 2,000 people attending and the Hedland community was eager for information on the HEAT - this special membership was launched for our country fans. Since then there has been no looking back.

For just \$60 Country Members receive:

- . Perth HEAT cap. Membership Card
- . Year round newsletters. Post series functions (when in Perth)
- . Perth HEAT Yearbook. Special competition
- . Sponsor's giveaways. Special rate at All Season's Freeway Hotel
- . Game tickets to series of your choice.

Have you got friends or relatives in the country areas? What a wonderful and unusual gift this would be !

MEMBERS

Members with the Perth HEAT receive reserved seating in the Members area at all Perth HEAT home games. They also receive Topical Heat, the Perth HEAT Newsletter.

FIREBALLERS

The Fireball Club is a special Business Association where members receive two reserved seat season tickets to all Perth HEAT home games, use of special bar facilities, Parking, Fireball functions, Post series communications and the Perth HEAT Newsletter.

CORPORATE ENTERTAINING

Special facilities can be utilised for corporate entertaining that is fully catered for and include talks by Perth HEAT playing personnel.

GAME NAMING RIGHTS

Game Naming Rights provide opportunities for companies to promote their product and services via on-field promotions, competitions and give-aways supported by advertising and PA announcements.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorship boxes are available. Sponsors receive reserved seat season tickets to all Perth HEAT home games, Parking, Prominent Signage, Choice of superb catering, Special Sponsors functions and invitations to Perth HEAT functions, Post series communications and the Perth HEAT Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM PRINCIPAL SPONSORS

Principal Sponsors receive seating in the President's Room (4 -10 guests) for all home games, VIP Parking, Premium Signage, A Road Trip with the Perth HEAT, Special Sponsors functions and invitations to Perth HEAT functions, Fantasy Camp, Use of Perth HEAT players for sponsors promotions, Post series communications and the Perth HEAT Newsletter.

AUTOGRAPHS

1996/97 ABL SEASON

SAVE YOUR PERTH HEAT AUTOGRAPHS HERE! THE FIRST PERSON TO GET ALL THE TEAMS AUTOGRAPHS
WILL WIN A GREAT PRIZE. ONCE YOU HAVE COLLECTED ALL THE SIGNATURES,
PRESENT THIS PAGE AT THE **JUNIOR HEATERS** COUNTER AT THE **MERCHANDISE STAND AT THE WACA**, TO WIN!

PERTH HEAT SPONSORS.

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