

# SPORTS SCIENCE

## EXCUSE ME, MR. KLEIN, YOUR HAND IS IN MY POCKET

By Kurt Vozely

Sports has traditionally been one aspect of American culture that has allowed us to momentarily escape our mundane duties. It enables us to live vicariously through these man-child athletes on the field, letting us romp and run, win and lose, enjoying the emotions of the players themselves as it happens in front of the multitude.

Sports is also a business. Big business. The top paid athlete in America has a higher annual salary than the president of any major corporation in America. That same athlete makes more than the President and Vice-President of the United States put together make in a year! Interesting? Following are a few vignettes of money and sports.

Eat Hamburger. Play Like Hamburger. Current meal money for major-league baseball players on the road is \$32 per day, \$224 per week. It's hard to stomach such an allowance considering the average ballplayers salary for 1982 will be \$230,000 for the 8 month season. On top of that, each ballclub contributes an additional \$50,000 per year to each player in the form of fringe benefits. Now, we all know how tough it is to find a decent meal these days, but there's only so many crab cocktails that can be handled at one sitting.

I'm On A Low Budget. Following is a chart showing the ticket price range and parking prices of all the major sports franchises located in San Diego:

| TEAM               | PRICE \$         | PKG.   |
|--------------------|------------------|--------|
| San Diego Chargers | 10, 14, 16, 21   | \$2, 5 |
| San Diego Clippers | 5, 7, 9, 11      | 2      |
| San Diego Sockers  | 6, 7, 8          | 2      |
| San Diego Padres   | 3, 5, 5.50, 6.50 | 1.50   |

What's truly amazing about the Charger's prices is the fact that the NFL recently signed a billion-dollar contract with the 3 major networks that guarantees each club 13 million dollars a year! Compare that with baseball's TV contract which gives them a return of 1.6 million dollars a year, per club. It's a proven fact that if the Chargers completely closed the stadium each and every game, and never sold a ticket the whole season, they'd still make money off the TV contract alone.

Mama, Don't Let Your Sons Grow Up To Be Long Jumpers. In the rarified air of the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City, Bob Beamon set a record that sports experts call the most formidable mark of all time. On his first jump, jumping early before the favorites, Beamon jumped 29 feet, 2 1/2 inches, breaking the old record by nearly 3 feet! Beamon broke the record in a sport which sees records upped to mere fractions or times lowered by hundreds of a second. Beamon, for his herculean effort, did not benefit by one dime, being an amateur in the days of the heavy-handed regime of then-Olympic president Avery Brundage. Beamon never again approached that tremendous distance, eventually retired from competition, and now coaches at a college back east.

Oh! Somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright. The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light. And somewhere men are laughing, and somewhere children shout. But there is no joy in Mudville—mighty Casey has walked out. And wants a five year no-cut contract with deferred payments. (Apologies to Ernest L. Thayer)

## ROBB FIELD

(224-7581)

### Special Dates

May 2, 1 p.m. - Orange County Club vs. OMBAC (men's lacrosse)  
May 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - San Diego Restaurant Assoc. 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament  
May 8, 1 p.m. - San Diego Club vs. OMBAC (men's lacrosse)  
May 8 & 9, all day - Mariner's Pt. Second Sole / Aloha, OTL  
Tournament (formerly O.B. Open)

### Meetings:

May 20 - 7:30 p.m. - Robb Field Recreation Council Mtg. (open to the public)

### Facilities Schedule:

9 a.m. to 10 p.m. - Robb Field Office  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Weight Room  
Dawn to 10 p.m. - Handball Courts  
Dawn to 10 p.m. - Basketball Courts  
Dawn to 10 p.m. - Par Course Track  
Dawn to 10 p.m. (Mon. - Thurs.) - Tennis Courts  
Dawn to dusk - Fri., Sat., Sun.

Mondays - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Women's Softball League.

Tues. & Thurs. - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Men's Slowpitch Softball League

Wednesdays - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Men's three-pitch Softball League

Fridays - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - S.D. City Softball League

Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Men's Flag Football League

All Day - Women's Soccer League

Sundays - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Coed Softball League

3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Safeway Softball League

All Day - Men's Soccer League

## O.B. Rec Center

(223-1175)

### Special Dates

\*\*Spring program of activities for all age groups is now out and available.\*\*

### Meetings

O.B. Friendly Club (seniors) — Mondays, 9-11:30 a.m.  
4/4 Basketball League Mtg. (Men) - June 2, 7 p.m.

### Facilities Schedule

Center Hours: Mon. to Fri., 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun., 1 - 5 p.m.  
Basketball Free Play: Mon., 1:30 - 5 p.m., 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., 1:30 - 6 p.m., Wed., 2 - 5 p.m., Sat., 12 - 5 p.m., Sun., 1 - 5 p.m.  
Volleyball: Tues., 7:30 - 10 p.m.

## Peninsula Little League

By Pat Warren

| Major Standings  | WINS | LOSSES |
|--|------|--------|
| Courtesy Chevrolet   | 3    | 0      |
| Sav-All Drugs  | 2    | 1      |
| Nautilus   | 2    | 1      |
| Peninsula Bank   | 1    | 2      |
| Point Loma Rotary  | 0    | 4      |
| On April 10 Matthew Grenfell hit a grand-slam home run for Sav-All Drugs team. |      |        |

### Minor Standings

|                   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Midway Garage     | 2 | 0 |
| Sharp Cabrillo    | 2 | 0 |
| Dixieline         | 2 | 0 |
| Pt. Loma Optimist | 2 | 1 |
| Tiki Hut          | 1 | 2 |
| 7-11              | 0 | 3 |

Howard Taylor Dodge  
On Opening Day, March 27, Chuck Joaquin hit a home run for the Midway Garage Team.

### Peninsula Pony League

| WINS       | LOSSES | TIES |
|------------|--------|------|
| Yellow     | 3      | 0    |
| Brown      | 2      | 1    |
| Orange     | 2      | 2    |
| Light Blue | 2      | 2    |
| Dark Blue  | 1      | 2    |
| Green      | 1      | 3    |
| Maroon     | 0      | 3    |

Home Runs Rick Icler - Light Blue (2 hr's in one inning - April 17), Peter Hawes - Yellow (2 hr's - 1 a grand slam April 17)  
Vinnie Christman - Dark Blue  
Carson Pay - Green

### PENINSULA SOCCER LEAGUE

Sign-ups for the fall season will be at the Peninsula YMCA the first 3 Saturdays in May (1-8-15) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tryouts for competitive teams will be at Robb Field June 19 & 26. The Pen "Y" (226-8888) will have more information after registration. Contact person is Mary Yates, program director at the Y.



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