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"The Best Fantasy Camps Have to Offer"



A's 20-game-winner Dave Stewart evaluates a Jerry Hicks fastball.

## Everyone is undefeated...for now!

The winds were a blowin' Sunday night as the team draft selections were announced for the three teams in the Oakland A's Fantasy Camp.

Of course, talk can be cheap, and proof of champions to be determined will be borne out on the pristine diamonds of Papago Park Complex beginning today.

Amid mumbling that the "fix" is in, Dave Stewart calmly announced that his team, sinisterly named Tres Veces, will "kick butt again.

"That's why we are the Tres Veces (translated Three Times) ... it's going to be my third championship!" Stewart's last championship was in 2007.

Stewart, teamed with Ernie Young, proceeded to announce their draftees, which included a 50-year-old rookie with the unlikely moniker of Dave Henderson, the announcement of which elicited a

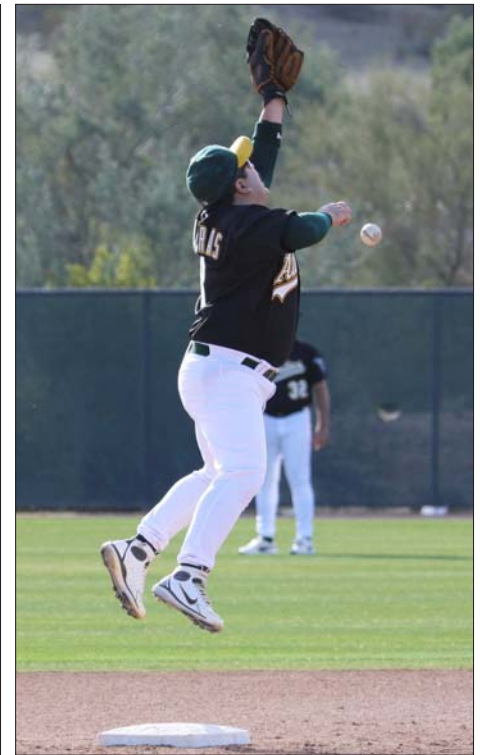
number of suggestions that the draft was "fixed".

"Somebody had to take that guy ... figured it might as well be us," Stewart said. "After all, I'm used to him standing around the outfield and laughing at just about everything!"

Shooty Babitt and Bert Campaneris, looking to defend their 2008 championship with The Mash Brothers kept it simple and to the point in announcing the roster of The Obamas.

"There's no doubt about it," Babitt said ... "you are looking at the 2009 champions. We're not intimidated by Hendu or anyone ... any of these other pretenders want to win this championship, well, they're going to have to take it away from us."

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A line drive eludes the normally sure-handed Eddie Contreras.

## The Teams

### The G'Force

**Greg Cadaret and Gil Heredia**

Stephen Biback

Marie Estorge

Greg Giordano

Jim Giordano

Sean Henly

Garry Hopper

Don Luis

Mike Mello

Rick Montenegro

Charlie Thompson

Gordon Yost

### The Obamas

**Shooty Babitt and Bert Campaneris**

Eddie Contreras

Dennis Conyers

Robert Duitz

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Rookie John Lehman demonstrates his fielding form at second base during fundamentals station workouts Sunday.



Mariners camper Scott Boyer, cleverly disguised in his A's uniform, takes a cut at the VIP clinic Sunday morning.

## Camp...

Babitt and Campaneris reached back to the 2008 winning formula and grabbed three players from the 2008 champs for The Obamas: Erik and Lisa Hoffmann and Nick Rathosis.

The G Force, managed by the G-boys Greg Cadaret and Gil Heredia, grabbed a couple of mainstays from the 2008 champions in Sean Henly and Don Luis.

"Sorry Stew," noted Cadaret, "but you're going to be looking at a name change, something more like Two-Peat, instead of three-peat or whatever you are calling yourself. You'll be settling for second when we're done."

Once the heavy winds died down, the A's camp three veteran VIP players agreed that Tres Veces certainly looked good on paper, especially with Hendu in the lineup, but noted that he is an unproven rookie.

Scott "Chief" Holder, drafted by Stewart & Young, humbly leaped into the breach and picked Tres Veces to win, calling their pitching staff the strongest and deepest. However, he said, any team (the Obamas) with (Scott) Wagner and (Jon) Westmoreland on it has to be considered a threat.



Nick "The Ratman" Rathosis has steadily improved his defensive skills in his four years at the A's Fantasy camp.

A's historical guru Nick Rathosis and VIP vet said he was looking forward to winning another championship with The Obamas, but said "any team with Dave Stewart managing has to be a threat. He's a proven winner as a player and manager."

And as an aside, Nick said, "And then he goes and gets

Hendu ... how'd that happen?"

Sean Henly, the third of the A's VIP vets, said he was looking forward to helping G Force bring home a championship. When asked who's team to beat, Henly was silent but just looked at Dave Stewart and nodded his head.

## Teams...

Erik Hoffmann  
Lisa Hoffmann  
John Lehman  
Joe Paclebar  
Keith Pflieger  
Nick Rathosis  
Scott Wagner  
Jon Westmoreland

## Tres Veces Dave Stewart and Ernie Young

Jack Dubeau  
Dave Henderson  
Jerry Hicks  
Scott Holder  
Eric Reifschneider  
Rodolfo Robles  
Fielding Snow  
Chris Thielen  
Russ Thielen  
David Travers  
John Young