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OAKLAND BEERS





From the Front Office of The Oakland Beers

I started the team with my buddy. We had been talking about playing baseball for a long time. One day I just called him up and was like let's stop at my parents' house and get my gear. You should do the same and we'll meet up at the park.


We had a few guys out there playing three flies up and we just started telling everybody to just come out, and we started a pick-up game. We did that for two years before we started a real baseball team. We found out some of our other friends had a team and then in the off season we organized the league.

We're just trying to have fun out here. Be better ball players. We wanna win, but this isn't a job. It doesn't need to be taken that seriously. We're not going to get called up to the majors or anything.

Everybody can play. There's always a spot for everyone on the team. Some of the best stars at baseball were fat smokers and ate hotdogs all the time.

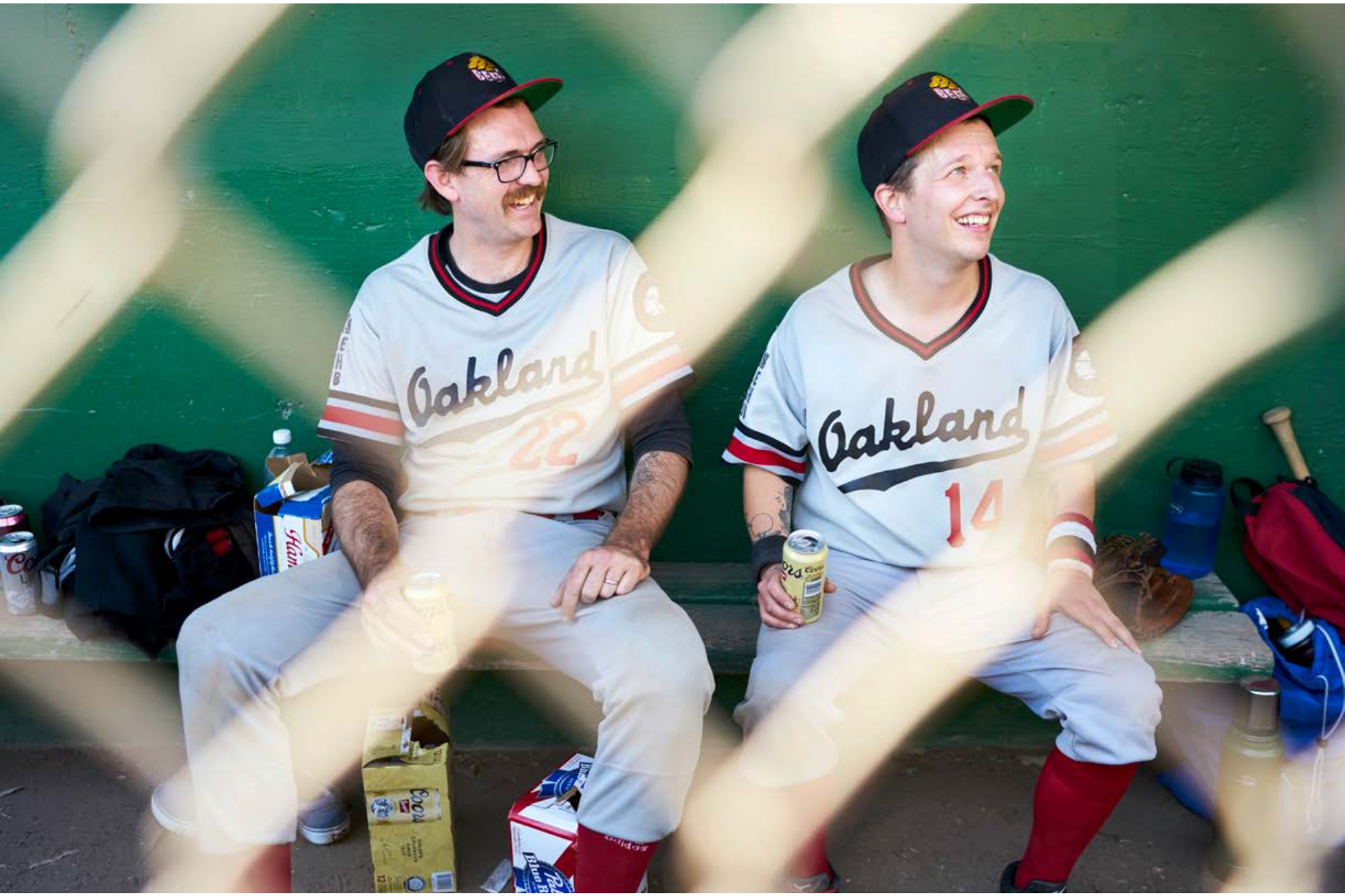
A former player said it best, "the Beers are a drinking team with a baseball problem."

Charlie "Hustle"

A person in a baseball uniform is shown from the waist down, standing on a grassy field. They are wearing a white shirt, a red belt with a gold buckle, and dark grey pants. In their right hand, they hold a wooden baseball bat. In their left hand, they hold three yellow cans of Banquet beer, which are hanging from their fingers. The background is a blurred baseball field with other people and trees.

“The Beers get that baseball is a pastime.
It is a fun sport. It’s something you don’t need
to take super serious. It’s liberating to come out
here and relax and have a good time and not
have pressure from others or your own internal
ambition cloud the essence of the game.”

— JESSE





“One of my really good friends I grew up playing with passed away a few years ago. Our relationship with the game and each other were so tied together that I couldn’t pick up a baseball for years until I met the Beers. It brought me back to the beautiful parts of the game that drew me in from my past and were still there now.”

- JAMES



“Not only is the actual game fun
but so are the conversations.
It’s not just about baseball.
It’s about going further.”

- A. RAY



“I grew up playing ball. Ball runs in my family.
My whole family are big baseball fans.
I play ball for my pops who passed away recently.
I play ball to remember him every time I play.
I get to hang out with my friends
and I get to be with Pops. I love it.”

- MACKEY





“Anybody can have a good day out here.
So it could always be your day.
We are acting like kids dressing up.
We are living out a fantasy.”

– STU



“First things first, we are friends
partying together and then after that
we are a baseball team.”

– JORDAN

LEAGUE LEADERS

Key Statistic: Average Beers Per Game

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| "Action" | 10 BPG |
| A. Ray | |
| B.D.B | 7 BPG |
| Billy Mac | 10 BPG |
| Butz | 9 BPG |
| Charlie "Hustle" | |
| Gribble | 7.2 BPG |
| "Handsome" Chad | 11 BPG |
| Hannon | 5.904 BPG |
| James | 7 BPG |
| Jamo | 5 BPG |
| Jesse | 6 BPG |
| Jordan | 8.5 BPG |
| Keenan | 4 BPG |
| Mackey | 6 BPG |
| Mitch | 6 BPG |
| Ruben | 8 BPG |
| Stu | 3 BPG |

Oakland Beers Team Average BPG 7.1 BPG

#13
Chad Frezley
#17
Jordan Roberts
#6
Pitt
#14
T. [unclear]
#2
J. [unclear]
#1
KEENAN WELLS
Butz
Mitch
#15
Christina
#1995
H C S. :)
Action #27



#19
Gribble
#85
JAMO
#22
B.D.B
Ruben
#7
Hustle
#3
#9



“I’m 41, but these guys are keeping me young. I go out there and field grounders, but not so much in the outfield. My legs can’t keep up. I’m good for short bits, and my arm is still good. I can see the ball and I smack the shit out of it whenever possible.”

- B.D.B.



“I hadn’t played in so long. I was so rusty – I hadn’t thrown a baseball in forever or swung a bat. When I hit that first home run it was the first time I swung a bat in 12 years. I thought, ‘Oh shit, I still got it!’ ”

- “ACTION”



What is Mt. Beerimanjaro?



“A mound of dirt we stick a beer can in and pour beer into.
We pray to it. We give it offerings.
I bring lemons, roses, and herbs from my garden,
and I offer it to the beer gods in hopes that we might get a win.
There’s some black magic involved.”

- MACKY



- OFFICIAL OAKLAND BEERS SCORECARD -

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| 1B: | |
| 2B: | |



“We are just leftover kids that used to play ball. We hated jocks, and jocks ruined the game, so we stopped playing when we were kids. The Beers was an outlet to play no jock sports.”

- JAMO



About Babuljak Photography.

The Beers were first introduced to me by a friend of mine on the team. As soon as I heard the name of the team I knew I needed to photograph them. I started going to their home and away games, practices, and hang out spots.

Each time I went out I looked to capture something beyond the sports action. What intrigued me was the relational moments of the team and the one-of-a-kind creative details they each brought to the table. Without fail, every shoot brought new visual surprises I could have never dreamed up in a million years.

Capturing their story brought me back to a time before I entered commercial photography. A time free of pressures and expectations, a time with no one watching. It was just us, a field, and time to kill having fun.

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