## June 05, 2001 A long Giants game, then a night on the town

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THE GIANTS and Diamondbacks thought they endured a long night when they played that 18-inning game last Tuesday. For a couple of fans, it was just a warm-up. They put in an all-nighter and got a little national attention in the process.

Dave Friedman, a junior at Syracuse, went to the game with his friend, Ben Leigh, a sophomore at Massachusetts. Friedman had the great idea of using his father's parking pass and leaving the car in a garage at New Montgomery and 3rd Street. There was just one little problem, as they later found out. The garage closes at midnight.

After watching the Giants lose 1-0, they made it back to the garage at 1:30 a.m. Friedman didn't want to wake up his parents in San Anselmo. So he and Leigh had a lot of time to kill before the garage opened. What to do? If you're a sports nut -- and, believe me, that's what Friedman is -- you call ESPN Radio and get on the "Mike (Greenberg) and Mike (Golic) in the Morning" show. Friedman, a broadcasting major who interns at KNBR (680 AM), told his story of a great game and a locked garage to a national audience of early birds (or insomniacs, depending on the time zone) at 3:30 a.m. PDT.

"If anybody's driving around San Francisco," said Greenberg helpfully, "please pick up Dave and his buddy."

For once, a sports talk-show actually got something accomplished. Two minutes later, a DeSoto cab pulled up, and driver Bill Hunger asked: "Is one of you guys Dave?" He took them to a couple of coffee shops before he found one that was open; when he dropped them off, he refused to take any money. At 5:25, fortified by breakfast and The Sporting Green account of the game they had left earlier that morning, they returned to the garage, now open.

Friedman was home in bed by 6, then up at 10 and at the A's game by 12:30 p.m.