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Heavyweight Dub Champion: Make contact (high)

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Homegrown California dub and reggae has a bad rep for stoking crusty types who chant incoherent "down with Babylon" screeds and wake-and-bake too much. But don't hold that against Heavyweight Dub Champion. With *Rise of the Champion Nation*, San Francisco producers Resurrector and Patch have crafted a decent response to their Jamaican counterparts, and play supple, bass-heavy tracks that sound realer than the United Kingdom's mechanized dubstep. Although *Champion Nation* wears out its welcome over the course of an hour and 10 minutes, it manages to include a few keepers, including the ragamuffin "Arrival," with a maxed-out KRS-One; and "Babylon Beast," with A.P.O.S.T.L.E. and Wu-Tang affiliate Killah Priest. If you brave the elements—OK, probably just a breezy evening—to check out Heavyweight Dub Champion at Beatnik Studios, just ignore those aforementioned hippies and enjoy the contact high.



The password for admittance is "Rollie Fingers."
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Heavyweight Dub Champion plays Friday, June 19, 8 p.m.; \$10. Beatnik Studios, 2421 17th Street; www.myspace.com/heavyweightdubchampion.

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