

OHLONE Baseball falls to San Mateo

SAN MATEO, CA - The Ohlone baseball team opened their 2008 season this afternoon at San Mateo College. With the rain covering most of California the last 4 days, a break in the weather allowed The Renegades an opportunity to get out and play CSM on their artificial turf field. The game was very close early on as sophomore starting pitcher Joe Gardner held the bulldogs to 3 runs on 4 hits through 5 innings. Gardner struck out 6 San Mateo batters but was credited with the loss as the Renegades fell to San Mateo 8-0.

Ohlone had a number of chances to score early in the ball game as Leadoff hitter Matt Langseth lead the game off with a 1B to right field, then advanced on a passed ball, but the Renegades were unable to get the run across. In the second inning Ohlone shortstop Rich McDowell hit a shot to left field, then stole 2nd base giving the Renegades another opportunity to strike, but CSM held off the threat getting a ground ball to end the threat.



Offensively Ohlone was lead by Freshman Braxton Miller who went 2 for 4 in the game with 2 singles. Matt Langseth, Aaron Plimmer, Kevin Sherer, Rich McDowell, and Designated Hitter David Luna all had base hits in the game.

San Mateo Hitters got to Gardner in the first inning when sophomore outfielder Alex Weeks hit a solo HR to leftfield to put San Mateo up 1-0. In the second inning after a lead-off single freshman designated hitter Tim Busbin hit a 2-run homerun to left field to put the bulldogs up 3-0. Gardner settled down and shut the door for the next 3 innings leaving the game after the 5th inning. Ohlone brought in sophomore Shane Murchison in the 6th, but he was unable to shut down the bulldog's offense as San Mateo plated another 3 runs in the 6th and the 7th innings off of Murchison. Defensively the Renegades played flawless defense making 0 errors on the ball game, and freshman Kevin Sherer making his first college start at 3rd base, was the start of 5-4-3 DP by the Ohlone infield.

“The credit goes to San Mateo College for playing a hard game and taking advantage of some pitching mistakes with timely hitting” Said Ohlone Head Coach Tom Kunis. “I felt there were some well hit balls by our players” “We need to pick up those key hits with runners in scoring position that sparks the offense.” explained Kunis.

Although the Renegade's hurlers walked only one, and struck out 7, they gave up 10 hits with 4 big extra base hits including 2 homeruns which proved to be the difference in the ball game.

Ohlone looks to bounce back as they travel to Skyline College, Monday January 28. Game time set for 2:00pm