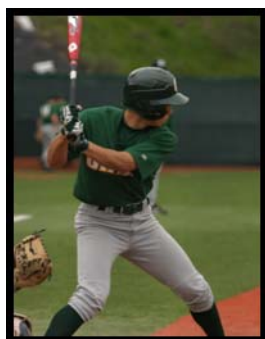


# Ohlone Baseball on the Verge

## Baseball drops Game to Skyline College

**San Bruno, CA** - The Ohlone College baseball team took to the diamond Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> against #13 ranked Skyline College. – (*Rankings based off Collegiate Baseball Newspaper*) Ohlone came ready to play against a tough skyline club, but after a big 8<sup>th</sup> inning let down the Renegades took the loss 18-8.



Ohlone came out in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning on fire with the bats. Lead off hitter Fr. Aaron Plimmer (Dublin HS) got things rolling with a line drive single to right field off Skyline Starting pitcher Matt Maggiolo. So. Michael Vandebusch also followed with a 1B to left field. After a chopper to the pitcher by So. Matt Langseth to advance the runners, Fr. Catcher Braxton Miler hit a shot to left field scoring Plimmer, and putting the Renegades up 1-0. The very next pitch Miler stole second base. The next three pitches would be called balls to walk So. Andrew Ham, and bringing Sophomore SS Rich McDowell to the plate. McDowell wasted no time in the at bat driving a long 2B off the left-center field wall and scoring all three runs putting Ohlone College up 4-0 after the first inning.

**SS- Rich McDowell 2-4, 4-RBI**

The good fortune did not last however as Skyline found a way to answer Ohlone's loud first inning with a big inning of their own. Ohlone starting pitcher David Luna made his first career start for Ohlone on Monday. Luna could not seem to find his rhythm in the first inning and Skyline took advantage with 2 HBP, and a walk which set up a home run by Danny McCarthy, a grand slam that gave the Trojans a 5-4 lead.

The game was a back and forth contest between the teams as Ohlone's offense would come back twice in the game to tie Skyline, the last being in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning tying the game 8-8 on a Michael Vandebusch double to the leftfield wall. The hit would score Plimmer all the way from 1<sup>st</sup> base. It was the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> that Ohlone would love to have back as the Renegades had some costly errors in the field that led to a very big inning for Skyline, and proved to be the difference in the game. "I felt like offensively our boys showed up ready to play tonight" said Ohlone Head Coach Tom Kunis. "We had 21 players on base, but we did not make the big play on defense when we needed to, and Skyline capitalized on it"

Ohlone's offense was led by Rich McDowell who went 2-4 on the day with 2-2B's and 4 RBI. Braxton Miller was also 2-4 with an RBI, and a stolen base. So. 2<sup>nd</sup> baseman Matt Langseth hit his 1<sup>st</sup> Homerun off the season going 1-3 with 2-walks, and a stolen base. Other Renegades who had good days at the plate were So. Nick Caravelli who was 2-5 with 2-1B, and So. Outfielder Michael Vandebusch who was 2-5 with an RBI.

The winning pitcher for Skyline was Nik Jurado. Freshman reliever George Peters was strapped with the loss for Ohlone.

The Renegades look to get its first win of the season as they travel to the Fresno City/Merced Baseball tournament this weekend. Ohlone faces three teams from the Central Valley Conference. The first game is Thursday, January 31 vs. Porterville College @ Fresno City; game time is set for 2:00pm. Friday's game is @ Merced College against The Merced Blue Devil's; game time is set for 4pm. The Renegades will then travel back to Fresno to take on the Fresno City College Rams. Game time is set for 3pm.