

# Ohlone Baseball Wins Game-1 at Fresno Tournament

Head Coach Tom Kunis get career win #1 in a Renegade Uniform

**Fresno, CA** – The Ohlone College baseball team opened the 2008 Fresno-Merced Spring Tournament Thursday afternoon, with an 8-4 win over Porterville College at Fresno City's John Euleless ball park. The Renegades received a strong pitching performance by So. Shane Murchison, who pitched 6innings, strikes out 7 Porterville batters, while only giving up 4 hits.



The Ohlone offense came ready to play this afternoon as the Renegades scored 6 runs in the first 4 innings of play. So. Shortstop Rich McDowell once again led the Ohlone offense once again, and was just a homerun short of the cycle as he started the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning off with a double, and followed that up with a triple and an RBI single. McDowell also had a walk and a stolen base. Outfielder Zach Townsend and 1B Justin Lunday both had 2 hits a piece combing for 4 RBI's for the Renegades. Ohlone's lead-off hitter Michael Vandebusch set the table all day going 2-3 with 2 singles a walk, a hit by pitch and 2- stolen bases. Designated hitter Braxton Miller added a hit with an RBI in 4<sup>th</sup> inning.

**So. Shane Murchison gets 1<sup>st</sup> Win of the Season!**

Freshman relief pitcher Kevin Radach pitched 2 strong innings for Ohlone in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> innings striking out 2 batters and walking none to set up Closer Kurtis Sherer who picked up his first save of the season. Sherer struck out the final batter of the game to secure the win. "I was very proud of the way we competed this afternoon" said Head Coach Tom Kunis. "Our Offense is working extremely in practice and it is starting to pay off". "Murchison did a good job today challenging hitters and working ahead in the count" explained Kunis." I was also pleased to have Radach and Sherer follow that up with strong performances".

Ohlone continues in the Fresno-Merced tournament Friday evening against Merced College, first pitch is set for 4pm.