

Renegades Shutdown Mission in 9-3 Victory

Ham's 3 hits led the way for Ohlone

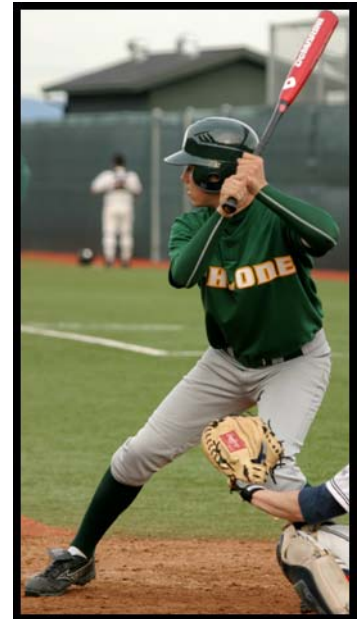
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FREMONT, CA- Shane Murchison (5-0) continued his winning ways allowing only 3 hits in 6 innings against Mission college in a non-conference matchup on Thursday afternoon.

The win snaps a two game losing streak and improves Ohlone College to (8-10) on the season overall. The loss drops Mission College to (4-8-1) on the season. The Renegade win evens the series with the 2 ball clubs at 1-1 on the year.

Ohlone out hit Mission 16-5, and were led by Andrew Ham's 3-4 performance. Ham is currently hitting .344 for Ohlone, and has 11 hits in his last 20 at bats. Ohlone also received big hits from Zack Townsend, and David Luna who both went 2-4 with 2 RBI. Leadoff man Michael Vandebusch set the table for Ohlone going 2-5 on the afternoon with a walk and his team leading 13th stolen base on the season. Ohlone got off to a big start in the bottom of the first inning as all 9 of Ohlone's hitters reached safely. David Luna's double scored 2 runs, as Ohlone continued to push out 7 runs before the 1st out of the game was recorded. *"Our offense really came to play today", said Head Coach Tom Kunis. "They have been working extremely hard in practice and did a good job carrying that over into the game this afternoon".*

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The bottom of the second looked to begin the same as the first as Matt Langseth led the inning off with a solo shot over the right field wall for his 3rd homerun of the season. That was all Ohlone would get until the 7th inning. In the 7th with 2 outs pitch hitter LA Idakoji hit a line drive to the centerfield wall for a standup double, his second pitch hit in as many games. Drew Ham followed that with a single up the middle advancing pitch runner Kevin Sherer to 3rd base. Sophomore Zack Townsend battled off a low breaking ball with 2 strikes and legged out an infield single, scoring the run, and making the score 9-3. That was all that Ohlone would need as the bullpen would shut down the Mission bats the rest of the game. David Luna came into the game and struck out 3 batters in 2 innings of work, and Closer Kurtis Sherer came in the top of the 9th to preserve the win. *"Shane threw well today, he had good command of his pitches", Said Kunis. "I was also very proud of Luna and Sherer for coming into the game and shutting the door." "Our pitchers have been putting a lot of time into our execution, and that was a nice outing from our bullpen today."*



Ohlone looks to stay on the winning side this Saturday as they travel to San Jose City College. The game time has been changed to 3:00pm RHP Joe Gardner (2-3) is set to take the hill for the Renegades.

Kurt Sherer threw a scoreless 9th to preserve the 9-3 win.