

LANGSETH SIGNS DIVISION I SCHOLARSHIP

Ohlone 2nd baseman signs in the prestigious Ivy League with Cornell University

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FREMONT, CA – It has been a long road to this day for Ohlone College second baseman Matt Langseth. Just this past Monday Langseth was offered and accepted a scholarship to play at Cornell University, a Division I school in the Ivy League.

“I am much honored to be able to play at Cornell,” said Langseth. “It was a perfect fit for me on all fronts.” “I had the chance to fly out to New York last month and the baseball staff really made me feel welcome.”

Matt, a Cal High School graduate in 2005 for Head Coach Brian Coburn, decided to come to Ohlone College to play for then head Coach Paul Moore. The baseball team was coming off 2 of the programs best years, a super-regional bid, and a 2004 Final Four appearance. This meant that many of those players were returning, and Langseth chose to Red-Shirt to save a year of eligibility and get ahead in school.

“Looking back on it now, red-shirting is probably what allowed me to go to Cornell,” said Langseth “It gave me a chance to get ahead in school, and it also gave me a chance to learn from players like Jason Tweedy-SS (Long Beach State), and Derrick Helenihi-SS (LSU). “ “Getting to be around those guys really taught me how to play the infield, and be a leader.”



Matt came back his 2nd year and started every game at 2nd base for Ohlone. Langseth hit .362 as a freshman and .380 in Coast Conference-South play. He also had 21-RBI and 11-2B which earned him 1st Team All-Conference honors. Langseth’s freshman year was highlighted by a walk-off Homerun against Butte College that allowed Ohlone to compete for regional against Fresno City College.

This season Langseth picked up where he left off in 2007. He started hitting the season over

.400 for the first 27 games. He had a 18 game hit streak early in the pre-season. Matt is currently hitting .397 with 4-3B 3-HR, and 28-RBI with 5 more games left in the regular season. In the Fall Langseth also earned a perfect 4.0 GPA for the first time in his college career.

“Matt is one of the best contact hitters I have coached,” said Hitting Coach Jordon Twohig. “He has a great set-up and has the ability to hit all pitches to all fields; Cornell is getting a very good player.”

Langseth joins a Cornell team that is on the rise. Cornell Head Coach Tom Ford, and Recruiting Coordinator Scott Marsh have recruited some of the best talent throughout the country, and are looking for Langseth to step in right away and make an immediate impact on their team.

“Matt has been a leader, and a great player not only for me and my coaching staff but for Coach Moore, and Coach Kahoalii,” Said Head Coach Tom Kunis. “He will be greatly missed, and we wish him all the best in the next stage of his career”.

Langseth and the rest of the Renegades baseball team Look to continue on their play-off hunt as they travel to Monterey to continue in Coast Conference-South play. Game time at Monterey-Peninsula is set for 2:00pm.