



Resilient Renegades fall to Diablo Valley 12-8

Freshman Cody Foster was 4-5 at the plate despite the loss

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Pleasant Hill, CA- The Ohlone baseball team ended their five-game win streak against Diablo Valley in Tuesday's 12-8 loss to the Vikings. With the loss the Ohlone moves to (6-3) on the season.

Vikings pitcher David Hurlbut shutout Ohlone for 5 1/3 innings, until Renegades catcher Braxton Miller sent in the first Ohlone run on his RBI single that brought in Cody Foster from second base. Jeff Johnson brought in Miller moments after on his two-run home run to make the score 12-3. Ohlone continued their rally in the seventh inning as the Renegades scored three more to make the score 12-6 as they tried to claw their way back. Aaron Plimmer's pitch hit two-run HR over the right center fence with two outs in the ninth inning would cut the deficit to 12-8.

"We lost the momentum early in this game, and did not regain it until the 7th inning," said head Coach Jordon Twohig. "Our hitters were swinging on the right counts, taking the right pitches, but just got under a few. Of course we would like to win every game, but I am proud of our team for their fight at the end of the game."



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Roberto Padilla (0-2) struggled on the day, pitching just three innings, allowing four runs, two earned, on eight hits with no strikeouts and a walk on the day.

"We didn't get a good pitching start," Twohig added about his freshman starter. "They're a good hitting team. Roberto left a couple pitches up and they hit them." "He is a very hard working young man, and he will continue to grow and get better for us."

Diablo Valley started hot from the top, getting their first run off a three-hit inning off Padilla. The Vikings added more to their lead in the third inning tallying five hits and scoring three more times to take a 4-0 lead. The bright spot on the afternoon for Ohlone was freshman reliever Jon Fragulia who shut down the DVC offense in his outing. Fragulia came in with one out in the fifth, pitching 2 2/3 innings, allowing just one run on three hits as the Renegades mounted a comeback.

"Fragulia had an outstanding performance in relief through about three innings, shutting the door on a very good ball club," Twohig said.

Despite the loss, the Renegades still possess a high-powered offense that has scored at least eight runs in four of the last five games, and a solid pitching staff that bounces back time and time again.

The Renegades travel to Southern California for a weekend series against Hancock and Cuesta College, but return on Feb. 20 to face DeAnza College.