

Renegades Knock Off #1 Sac City at Home

Hoff throws complete game shutout

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FREMONT, CA- The Ohlone Renegades defeated the #1 ranked Sacramento City Panthers on Tuesday by a score of 1-0. Sophomore Ian Hoff earned his first victory on the year by throwing all 9 innings and only giving up one hit.

On this overcast day in Fremont, Ca the pitching by both teams would shine bright. The Sacramento City Panthers sent Mickey Torrence to the mound while Ohlone countered with Ian Hoff. Both pitchers did not give an inch until the 4th inning when both no-hit bids were erased by hits. This chess match would continue until the bottom of the 8th inning.

In the 8th inning, the Panthers decided to go with reliever Andrew Galvan. With Torrence out of the game Aaron Chavez lead off the 8th with a single to right field. Steven Ramos moved Chavez to 2nd base with a groundout to third. Cody Foster was then hit by a Galvan fastball to put runners at 1st and 2nd and only 1 out. Zack Johnson followed with a hard line drive up the middle that was fielded by the Panthers second baseman. However, in his attempt to force Foster at second base, his throw was wild and the Panthers shortstop was unable to handle the ball. Third base coach Erik Kahoalii saw the mishap and sent Aaron Chavez around third base. Chavez would score easily on the play which proved to be the deciding play of the game.



The one run was all Hoff needed as he shut down the high powered Panther offense. On the day Ian pitched 9 innings, gave up 1 hit, 0 runs, and struck out 8 batters. "It was one of the greatest performances I have ever seen" said Pitching Coach Dan Lewis. Head Coach Jordon Twohig added, "We needed a quality start from Ian today and we got just that and more. He is an older guy and that's what we have come to expect from him."

The Renegades will now open up Pacific Coast Conference play by traveling down to Gilroy, Ca to take on the Gavilan College Rams. First pitch is set for 2:00pm on Thursday.