



# Ohlone Defeats Chabot in Hayward

*Jeff Johnson hits 3 Homeruns*

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HAYWARD, CA- The Ohlone Renegades defeated the Chabot Gladiators 8-5 in dramatic fashion on Thursday. Ian Hoff threw 5 1/3 innings of relief to earn his 4<sup>th</sup> win of the year and Jeff Johnson homered 3 times to raise his season total to 10 which leads the entire state.

Freshmen Sean Martin, (5-0), started on the bump for Ohlone and pitched 3 2/3 innings, 7 hits, 3 earned runs, 2 walks, and struck out 3 Gladiator batters. The Gladiators jumped to an early lead by scoring 4 runs in the bottom of the first and being up by a score of 5-1 after 5 innings. In the 5<sup>th</sup> Ian Hoff relieved Martin and shut Chabot down throughout the rest of the game. With the Gladiator offense stalled, Ohlone began chipping away at Chabot starting pitcher and relief corps.

In the top of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Johnson would get Ohlone on the board with a mammoth blast over the left field fence for a solo home run, his 8<sup>th</sup> on the year. In the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Renegades tacked on another run when Steven Ramos singled Michael Ussery to make the score 5-2. After a Ian Hoff shut down inning in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Jeff Johnson lead off the 6<sup>th</sup> inning with another titanic blast to left field for his 9<sup>th</sup> home run of the year and making the score 5-3. The score would remain that way until the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning where Jeff Johnson would lead off the inning with a single to left field and found himself on third base after he stole second and went to third base on an error by Chabot's catcher. Jeff's brother Zach would then lift a deep fly ball to center field to score Jeff and bring Ohlone closer by a score of 5-4.

The Gladiators made a little noise in the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup> but Hoff would induce a double play to get out of the jam and any type of threat for Chabot. In the top of the 9<sup>th</sup> Ohlone found themselves down to their last 3 outs. Kyle Holmstrom led off with a 12 pitch at bat that ended in him singling to left field. Michael Ussery would then reach first after a fielder's choice and then would steal second base. With 2 outs, Steven Ramos walked and Cody Foster hit an infield single to load the bases for Jeff Johnson. After 2 balls from the Gladiator closer, Jeff Johnson picked out a fastball and drove it deep over the center field wall for a grand slam and his state leading 10<sup>th</sup> home run of the season. After the dust cleared from the Ohlone celebration the Renegades found themselves on top of the Gladiators 8-5. Ian Hoff would dispose of the Chabot hitters in the 9<sup>th</sup> in order and the Renegades earned their 18<sup>th</sup> overall and 5<sup>th</sup> conference win of the season.

Ohlone (18-5, 5-2) will now travel down to Monterrey, Ca to play Monterrey Peninsula College on Saturday. Roberto Padilla will be taking the mound and will be looking to follow up on his great start last Saturday. Game time is scheduled for 12:00pm.