

Renegades are Coast Pacific Conference Champs!

Ohlone knocks off Skyline 4-1 to win title

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Fremont, Ca - The Ohlone Renegades (35-9, 20-5) knocked off the Skyline Trojans 4-1 on Thursday. With the win, Ohlone received the title of Coast Pacific Conference Champions. The title is the first since 1991. **Sophomore Ian Hoff** (8-2) earned the victory for the Renegades by pitching 4 2/3 innings in relief. **Freshman Sean Martin** started the contest and pitched very well. Sean's line for the afternoon was 4 1/3 innings pitched, allowed 6 hits, 1 earned run, and struck out 3 Trojan batters. Hoff was just as good by throwing his 4 2/3 innings, allowing 2 hits, 0 runs, and struck out 4 Skyline hitters.

The game was a battle from the first inning on. A key play came in the 3rd inning. With 2 outs, **Stephen Ramos** absolutely hosed a Skyline runner at the dish to end the inning. Both starting pitchers ducked out of trouble to preserve a 0-0 ball game until the 5th inning when Skyline salvaged a 1 run with bases loaded and 1 out. That would be all the Trojans could muster up as the Renegade pitching staff locked them down the rest of the way.

The Ohlone offense waited patiently throughout the game, looking for an opportunity. With 1 out in the 7th inning, **Stephen Ramos** tripled off the right field wall to jump start the Ohlone attack. **Cody Foster** came up and executed a perfect suicide squeeze that not only scored Ramos to tie the game, but Foster was able to beat the throw to first base as well. After a **Zach Johnson** walk to move runners to 1st and 2nd with 1 out, **Jeff Johnson** strolled to the plate. After seeing multiple breaking balls and off-speed pitches, Jeff keyed on a breaking ball up in the zone and tattooed the ball deep over the left field wall for a 3 run homerun. The blast was Jeff's 17th of the season, among the tops in the state of California. The score would remain 4-1 until the final out was recorded and the Renegades rushed the field to celebrate their victory and conference championship.

The top players of the game were Stephen Ramos (3 for 5, 1 run scored, 1 outfield assist), Jeff Johnson (1 for 4, HR 3 RBI's), **Ryan Walterhouse** (2 for 4), Cody Foster (1 for 4, 1 RBI), and **Michael Ussery** (2 for 4).

The Renegades will now set their sites on the next step, a State Championship. The road to Fresno will have to go through Fremont as the Renegades will host the first round of playoffs. Ohlone is the #1 seed in the Northern Bracket and will take on either Marin College, Shasta College, or cross town rivals Chabot College on May 8th. Game times are set for Friday May 8th at 2:00pm, and Saturday May 9th at 11:00am and 3:00pm if needed. Ohlone will find out their opponent after Tuesday's play-in games are concluded.



-Jeff Johnson Hits his 17th HR of the year