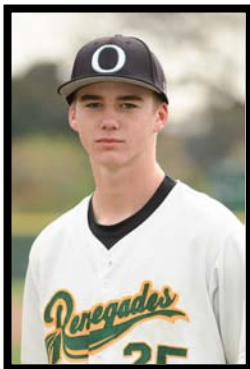


JOHNSON'S CYCLE LEADS OHLONE PAST SANTA ROSA

Mark Mercer earns first collegiate victory

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Santa Rosa, Ca- On an overcast day in Santa Rosa, Ca, Sophomore **Zach Johnson** and Freshman **Mark Mercer** shined as they led the Renegades to an 8-3 victory. Mercer started the game on the mound and threw 6 complete innings, giving up 5 hits, 0 runs, and striking out 4 Bear Cub batters. Johnson led the charge offensively as he singled in the first, doubled in the 4th, homered in the 6th, and tripled in the 9th.

The Renegades jumped out to an early lead in the top of the first inning. **Steven Ramos** led off the game with a walk. **Cody Foster** then attempted to sacrifice Ramos to second, but a throwing error by the Bear Cub pitcher allowed Ramos to score all the way from first and Foster scampered over to third. Johnson would then start his cycle by hammering a single to right center, scoring Foster. With 1 out, Johnson moved over to third base on a wild pitch and then a passed ball. After a walk to **Kyle Holmstrom**, **Cody De Mara** grounded into a fielder's choice, which allowed Johnson to score. The inning would end with Ohlone scoring 3 times, taking an early 3-0 lead.

Mercer's first inning went smoothly but his second proved to be a tougher task. After a lead off double and a hit batter, Mercer found himself in a jam. A sacrifice bunt moved runners to 2nd and 3rd with 1 out. The following batter hit a chopper up the middle, which Mercer snagged. As Mercer came down with the ball he spun and threw to third base. Johnson would then run down the runner for the second out. After the tag, Johnson wheeled a fired a strike back to Mercer, who was covering 3rd, who then tagged out a second Bear Cub runner. The rare double play ended the Santa Rosa rally and kept momentum on Ohlone's side.

The Renegades would score 3 more times in the top of the 3rd inning. Johnson singled to lead off the inning, and then advanced to third base after a 1- out double by Holmstrom. De Mara would be hit by a pitch and **Tanner Laran** would hit a hard shot to third, which the third baseman couldn't handle. Johnson would score and all runners would be safe. **Michael Di Rocco** would then walk to bring in Holmstrom. The Bear Cubs would then go to their bullpen to try and stop the bleeding but Sophomore Captain **Michael Ussery** would sizzle a line drive to left field, scoring De Mara on the play to cap the Renegade rally. The dust would settle and Ohlone found themselves up 6-0.

Ohlone would add some insurance runs in the 6th and 8th innings. In the 6th, Johnson continued his hot start with a mammoth blast over the left field wall to give Ohlone a 7-0 lead. In the 8th, Ramos would triple to right field and Foster scored him with a line drive into center field for the RBI 1B. The Renegade bullpen of Sophomore **Jon Sa**, **Freshman Jordan Camacho**, and Freshman **Ryan Devencenzi** would secure the victory, despite a few Santa Rosa rally attempts.

With the win, Ohlone moves to **(2-0, 0-0)** on the season. The Renegades next contest will take place Saturday February 13th in Elk Grove, Ca. Ohlone will take on the Cosumnes River College Hawks. This game is a rematch of last year's Super Regional battle in May of 2009. Freshman Matt Fontaine will be taking the ball in his first college career start. Game time is set for 1:00pm.

