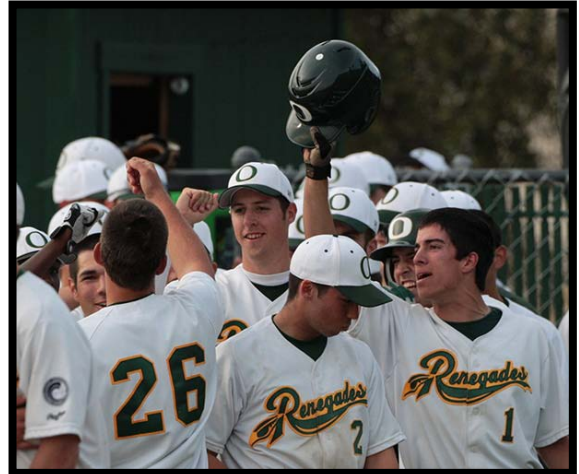


# Late Inning Heroics Propel Ohlone past San Mateo

*Ohlone scores 8 times in the 9<sup>th</sup>*

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**San Mateo, Ca-** On a day where San Mateo dominated for 26 outs, it was the 27<sup>th</sup> that decided the outcome of the game. The Ohlone Renegades (6-2, 0-0) defeated the host San Mateo Bulldogs by a score of 10-9 on Wednesday. Freshman **George Asmus** earned the victory by pitching 5 innings of stellar relief. George only allowed 3 hits, 1 run, and struck out 5 Bulldog batters. Freshman **Alika Pruett** earned his first save on the year by getting the final two outs of the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup>.



The Bulldogs would control the game throughout as they scored twice in the 1<sup>st</sup>, twice in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, once in the third, and 3 times in the 4<sup>th</sup>. The Renegades could only muster 2 runs, which came in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, until the top of the 9<sup>th</sup>. After two quick outs, it seemed that the Renegades were headed home with their 3<sup>rd</sup> loss of the year. However, this would not be the case. Sophomore **Tanner Laran** walked and would be driven in by a **Michael Di Rocco** 2 run homerun to left. With the score now 8-4, Ohlone would get two more runners on base via the free pass. **Mark Mercer** was hit by a pitch and **Michael Ussery** walked to bring up **Steven Ramos**. Ramos would strike out but the ball bounced in the dirt and Ramos scampered down to first and beat the errant throw from the catcher to load the bases. **Cody Foster** would keep the rally alive with a line drive single to left, to score Mercer from third. With the score 8-5, **Ryan Walterhouse** came to the plate. With 2 strikes, Walterhouse tattooed a missile to dead center field. The center fielder could only watch as the ball cleared the wall for a grand slam. The Renegade dugout erupted and poured out onto the field. But, before the celebration could die down, **Zach Johnson** topped off the inning with a titanic blast of his own. Johnson's home run would give the Renegades a 10-8 lead.

In the bottom half of the 9<sup>th</sup> San Mateo looked to even the score. Asmus struck out the leadoff batter, but then a walk and a double made the score 10-9. Ohlone went to Pruett to put a plug in the Bulldog rally. With a runner at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup>, Pruett got a strike out looking and then a lazy line drive right to Ussery to end the threat and the game.

This one was one for the ages, something these players and coaches will never forget. The win moved Ohlone to **(6-2, 0-0)** on the year. Ohlone will now host Solano College on Thursday. Game time is set for 2:00 at The Reservation.