

## Softball remains undefeated, 3-0 in league

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The Ohlone softball team went into Tuesday's game against fellow powerhouse College of San Mateo without a loss, and they stayed that way, winning this pitcher's duel by a score of 3-1.

The Lady Renegades got a huge lift from sophomore pitcher Kristine Beristianos, who after giving up a run in the first inning, pitched a scoreless final six innings.

After Ohlone answered back with a run of their own in the bottom of the first, San Mateo managed to get their first three batters of the second inning on to load the bases with no outs.

Beristianos managed to keep her cool and retire the next three batters in order, not allowing any of the San Mateo baserunners to cross home plate.

"That was a definite momentum switch," said Head Coach Donna Runyon. "I think if they would have scored, it probably would have put a lot more pressure on us."

That would have been a switch for Ohlone, which has a well-earned reputation for being both a strong hitting club, as well as very aggressive on the bases.

This aggressiveness was not reciprocated by San Mateo, who played passively, waiting for Ohlone to make a mistake that they could capitalize on. Unfortunately for San Mateo, that backbreaking mistake never surfaced.

In that second inning, the second out was recorded on a shallow fly ball to right-center, which right fielder Mallory Lantz was able to catch.

The runner on third stayed put, which seemed overly passive considering it was the second inning of a tie ball game.

When asked if she would have sent home the runner had it been Ohlone at the plate, coach Runyon said, "Wet ball, wet field, sloppy, I'll do that in a minute."

Beristianos, helping her own cause for the win, got the RBI on each of Ohlone's first two runs, one

in the first inning and the second in the third inning.

Ohlone added their final insurance run in the bottom of the fifth inning when Lantz led off the inning with a single and eventually scored on an error.

That was all Beristianos would need on this day, as pitched a complete game, giving up only five hits.

"Kristine wasn't her best yesterday, but she still had five strikeouts," said Runyon.

Beristianos was her best when it counted though, as it did in the top of the sixth inning.

San Mateo, only down two runs, was to send up the heart of their lineup: the third, fourth and fifth batters.

By now, however, Beristianos was in too much of a groove to be rattled. She proceeded to shut down the San Mateo attack without much in the way of drama.

Ohlone pushed their record to 7-0-1 overall, while remaining undefeated in league play, with wins over De Anza, Chabot and now



Photo by Steven Chavez

**Keri Macinsky stretches to force out a San Mateo runner during the Renegades' 3-1 win on Tuesday.**

College of San Mateo.

The Lady Renegades will play in the Sierra College Tournament this weekend in Roseville, where they will take on stiff competition: such as Butte College, who are a ranked team, Napa Valley College and American River, whom Ohlone

already defeated 11-0 on Feb. 3.

Their next home game will be on March 1 against league opponent Foothill College at 3 p.m.

Also, look forward to the March Madness Tournament to be held March 12 and 13. More details to follow.

## Lady Renegades looking forward to next season



Photo courtesy of women's basketball team

**The Ohlone women's basketball team finished their season last Friday. They were 6-4 in league play.**

By NICK ZAMBRANO  
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For any team a season is like a roller coaster; it goes up as often

as it goes down. For the Lady Renegades, this basketball season was not any different.

The Lady Renegades posted a 6-4 record in conference play, while

holding a 15-12 record in overall play under Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley. "We suffered a lot of injuries this season," said coach Stanley.

Stanley, in her fourth year as the head coach of the Ohlone women's basketball team, is always looking on the positive side of the spectrum, even the losses. "Most coaches are fixated on the outcome of the game, instead of the process," said Stanley. "I try to remind myself that I'm process-oriented."

Stanley is not your average coach. How many other coaches out there can say that they were allowed to coach when they were in high school? Not very many at all. In short, Stanley has been coaching since 1984.

When asked what she likes most about her job, Stanley replied, "watching the players grow

and develop. It's exciting. Just like teaching, with coaching we get to teach and show."

Stanley earned her teaching credential at Cal State Hayward.

Any coach knows that to execute, great players are a necessity. Coach Stanley and the Lady Renegades are no exception. "I think we have some of the best players in the state; we're very quick and intelligent," said Stanley.

Among those were first-year players, Erika Scoles and Annika Baird playing the guard positions, with Missy Cross at forward, and Laura Elliot at center.

Scoles, early on, seemed slow but later was dubbed by Stanley to be the "6th man" on the floor. However, she suffered an ACL injury at the beginning of the season that would take her out of action for the rest of the year.

Freshman guard Baird proved to be clutch when needed, hitting those much-needed outside shots.

Being pushed by coach Stanley to improve her skills, Cross stepped up. Cross excelled this season, starting in most of the team's games. Helping with the success in the post was Laura Elliot. Although Elliot appeared frustrated at the beginning of the season, coach Stanley believes that she will continue to have great success next season.

Although the team is losing stars Kaycie Zimmerman and Nikki Smith, the rest of the team will be returning next season. That, along with Scoles' return from her knee injury, should give the team an edge for next season. So look out for the Lady Renegades, as they will be on the hunt for a title next fall.

## Men's basketball ends season with a loss

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The 2005 Ohlone Renegades men's basketball regular season came to an end Saturday night with a 92-64 loss at the hands of Chabot College. In a sloppy game full of turnovers and miscues, Chabot's ability to successfully shoot the three pointer turned out to be the difference.

"We knew how well they shot the three coming into the game" said Ohlone coach John Peterson. "Obviously, that turned out to be a factor."

Guard Raymond Chavis had 15 points, as he shot 5 of 8 from behind the three-point arc, including a four-minute stretch to close the first half in which he hit three in a row. During that stretch Chabot built a 23-point halftime lead, and never looked back in the second half.

Guard Chris Burnett led the Ren-

egades in scoring with 21 points, including an impressive 6 for 9 performance from behind the three point line. Two other Renegades finished in double figures. Forward Andy Bocian, and guard Ryan Cooper both had 12 points.

In a season that had several key players go down with injuries, Ohlone still managed to finish at .500 with a record of 13-13, and 5-5 in league play.

"We had a lot adversity this year, as far as injuries go," said forward Andy Bocian, who led the team in scoring with 17 points per game, despite missing seven games with a back injury. "It really hurt us in league when Jason (Bull) went down with an ankle injury," added Bocian. Other key injuries were center Kevin Johnson, who missed four games with a groin injury, and guard Sam Kim who initially played through a broken wrist, but was eventually sidelined for the last five games.

In a season that had its share of disappointments, the Renegades also had some highs, including an impressive pair of road wins against San Francisco City College, and Chabot, who were Coast Conference North co-champions.

The season also had some promising aspects. The solid play of guard Ryan Cooper was crucial in many of the team's victories. Cooper averaged 14 points per game, played shutdown defense, and was also the team's leading assist man. Solid guard play was one of the themes of the Renegades season. Aaron Parker was pivotal in creating opportunities for his teammates as he excelled in driving to the basket. Chris Burnett provided solid all-around play in the backcourt with clutch shooting and quality defense. The sharp shooting of Jason Bull was a huge lift in many situations, including hitting nine three-pointers in a win at Chabot.

The team does have some of the



Photo by Shari Wargo

**The men's basketball team wrapped up their season on Saturday with a 92-64 loss to Chabot.**

pieces for the puzzle of success, but next season is likely to be one of rebuilding. "We need to get some guys with more athleticism, that can play the style I want to coach," said

Peterson. With Burnett, Johnson, Aaron Parker, Jason Bull, Steve Cotton, and Mezhron Evans all leaving, the Renegades have many voids that they need to fill.