

Sheffield is far from model citizen, this case included

I can tell you this, baseball is making a huge mistake by letting Gary Sheffield off the hook for attacking a fan during a game with the rival Boston Red Sox.

Call it what you want, I know I will probably incur the wrath of many jar-headed types that think he didn't do anything wrong, but Sheffield crossed the same line that Jermaine O'neil and Ron Artest did: the same crime that Artest garnered a suspension for at least the rest of this season for.

No, he didn't climb into the stands and throw a dozen punches at the fan as Artest did.

No, he didn't keep the fight going on the field.

Yes, he showed more restraint that Artest did by walking away from the fan and not making the incident any worse than it was.

Here's the kicker though: Sheffield threw the first and only legitimate punch during that whole altercation.

Now, I was raised to believe what I see, not what I'm told. I bring up this point only to illustrate that just because the media and ESPN have decided to not make this incident a big deal, it was more than they're making it out to be.



The Final Score

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Sheffield threw a punch at a fan who he believed, in the heat of the moment, threw a punch in his direction.

ESPN and their crew of TV personalities seem to think that he didn't throw the punch, or at least that is what they keep saying.

They also seem to think that the fan *did* throw a punch at Sheffield.

Now, I am definitely no fan of Sheffield and his tendency to think he is the victim in every situation, including the BALCO incident. This, however, has nothing to do with that.

This is a simple case of me looking at film and still-shots of the incident and deciding for myself that: a) the fan was not throwing a punch, he wasn't even looking at Sheffield when his arm was near Sheffield's face, b) Sheffield *did* throw a punch at the fan and c) throwing a punch at a fan should

not be acceptable under any circumstance.

I know that it's a natural reaction to throw a punch back at someone that threw one at you and it would be naive to think otherwise.

I also know that baseball is sending a bad message for future incidents between players and fans.

Bud Selig is a halfwit for letting Sheffield go unpunished and allowing the Red Sox to revoke the fan's season tickets.

Sheffield should have been brought up on charges of battery for the punch he threw at the fan. 'Roid rage is a bitch.

Softball team bounces back against Monterey Peninsula

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The Ohlone softball team bounced back on Wednesday from a tough loss the day before, defeating Monterey



Photos by Taylor Dunn

Angelina Franceschini (left) and Missy Cross (right) took their hacks this week.

Peninsula 2-0.

Ohlone lost to San Mateo College on Tuesday for the second time this season, meaning that Ohlone lost control of their own destiny for their ranking in the final conference standings.



Ohlone and San Mateo now have identical records in conference play, but because of their head-to-head meetings, San Mateo now has to lose in order for Ohlone to gain the 1st slot in the State Regional Tournament.

Before they can look toward the postseason, however, Ohlone will have one final conference game against City College of San Francisco.

With the postseason beginning the weekend of May 7 and 8, the Lady Renegades will have 10 days to rest and focus on the playoffs, where despite Tuesday's loss, they would have to be considered heavy favorites.

On a lighter note, Wednesday's win marked coach Donna Runyon's 600th career coaching victory.

After the players exchanged pleasantries following the game, the team gathered at the pitching mound for a small ceremony.

The announcement of the landmark achievement came over the P.A. system with players and spectators applauding their coach for her remarkable achievement.

A bundle of flowers were also presented to Runyon.

The team will play three non-conference games over the weekend in hopes of gaining a few more wins, hoping that their impressive overall record, which totals 30 wins after Wednesday, will help them get a higher ranking for the Regional rankings.

Renegades defeat San Mateo in lopsided victory



Photos by Taylor Dunn

Ohlone bats yielded big results for the team on Tuesday as they pummeled San Mateo 11-2. Their next home game is today, Thursday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at the baseball field.



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The Ohlone Renegades men's baseball team rolled over San Mateo by a score of 11-2 in their game on Tuesday afternoon.

After falling behind 2-0 in the first inning Ohlone tied the game in the second inning while stringing together base hits. The Renegades turned on the offensive firepower in the bottom of the 5th inning, scoring 6 runs and going ahead 8-2. They never looked back as pitcher Jeff Reekers pitched 8 full innings, only allowing the pair of runs in the first.

"Jeff pitched great," said Ohlone player

Brent Bowers. "He was un-hittable at some points in the game."

Pitcher Matt Bush came in to close the game out and did so in impressive fashion. The 11 runs scored was one of the Renegades highest totals on the year, as they were able to get the bats going at all the right times.

"We continued to come up with big hits all day long," said Bowers. "Guys came through when we needed them, with runners in position to score."

Bowers finished the game with a pair of hits and an RBI. The win improved Ohlone's record to .500 in league at 9-9 and to 13-18 overall.