

Softball enter Regional Tournament as 7th seed Lady Renegades to take on three teams they've defeated during season

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The Lady Renegades found out their fate last Friday in a meeting of most of the softball coaches from around the state, landing in the number seven spot for the Northern California Regional Tournament this weekend.

Ohlone is the seventh ranked team in the state according to jucaltransfer.com, but recent losses hurt their ranking.

They were slotted in with the four-some that will play at host West Valley College in Saratoga, with games beginning on Saturday, May

7 at 2 p.m.

Ohlone will take on Taft College, whom Ohlone defeated during the March Madness Tournament, in the first game of the tournament. The winner of that game will move on to play the winner of the game between West Valley and Solano.

The loser of the first two games will play each other, with the winner advancing and the loser going home. The bracket will continue in this manner until three teams have lost twice and are eliminated.

Ohlone also defeated West Valley and Solano College earlier in the season, so this bracket could

bode well for them.

There will be three other brackets consisting of four teams that will be playing in the same style of tournament this weekend, with groups playing at Delta College, Shasta College and Siskiyou College.

The winners of each of these brackets will then be paired with the four winners of the brackets from Southern California, which will make up the teams for the state tournament.

Also over the weekend, Ohlone found out that they had five players make the jucaltransfer.com state team, two making the first team.

Pitcher Kristine Beristianos and shortstop Keri Macinsky both received first team honors.

Possibly more encouraging to the future of Ohlone's program though, freshmen first baseman Missy Cross and catcher Kelly Taylor made the second team and utility player/designated hitter Angelina Franceschini rounded out the five players by making the third team.

Ohlone has had over a week now to get their players healthy and their minds focused on the task at hand.

"Shame on us if we're not ready to play," said Head Coach Donna Runyon.



Photo by Taylor Dunn

Kristine Beristianos will try to lead Ohlone to victory.

Mommy's day and birthdays take precedent

Happy Cinco de Mayo los niños! As some of you know, it is my birthday today and I'd just like to say thank you for all the cards and e-mails that I've received from my faithful readers... er, wait. I haven't received anything? Oh well, I still love you all.

On a better note, I'd like to abuse my forum to send out an über Happy Mother's Day to all The Final Score's reader's mothers for this Sunday. You're a good lot for helping to produce the readers of this column. And, of course, to mine own mom: I don't know what's appropriate and what isn't on this stage, but I love you lots and you're the best. This is where the Karate Kid music comes in, "You're the best around..." On to the news:

John Rocker: You kind of have to love this guy don't you? Sure he's a foulmouthed, racist, hypocritical moron, but you have to love his stick-to-it-iveness.

During a game for the Long Island Ducks of the independent minor league Atlantic League, Rocker was pulled out of a game after surrendering the tying and go-ahead runs while retiring only one batter.

While Rocker was being yanked from the game, a fan of the opposing team yelled to Rocker, according to witnesses, "It's a long way from Atlanta," to which Rocker replied, "I'm still a millionaire."

I'm not here to call Rocker a bad guy, everyone else has and/or will do that for me, but you've got to love the guy for sticking to his guns and not becoming a classy guy.

What got him to the pros in the first place is what is going to get him back or he's not going at all, I guess.

His attitude may not be exemplary but it is surely an example of how to ruin a perfectly good career. Listen up kids.

Brett Favre: This is hardly headline news, but as you all know I'm a huge Brett Favre fan. I love the way he plays the game, I love his passion and I love his character. I love that you can always look to Favre to see how things should be done, and I'm not talking about *on* the field; I'm talking about off of it.

This time, he's giving sound advice to a teammate, Pro Bowl wide receiver Javon Walker.

Walker was a no-show at Pack-



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ers mini-camp this week, holding himself out for an extended contract with more money.

Favre said, "If Javon wants to know what his quarterback thinks, and I would think he might, I'd tell him he's going about this the wrong way. When his agent tells him not to worry about what his teammates think and all that stuff, I'd tell him I've been around a long time and that stuff will come back to haunt you." If I'm Walker, I'd listen.

Walker recently hired Drew Rosenhaus as his agent, the same agent that told Mike McKenzie to hold out for more money from the Packers. McKenzie was traded a few weeks into that season.

Barry Bonds: The Giants, so far, have been just what I said they'd be, a .500 team. Nothing really spectacular, nothing really horrible. Just

a team stuck in the middle, like the Padres.

There are two problems though: first they lost closer Armando Benitez for at least four months, which would make his return very late this season if at all this year. Second, their best player, Barry Bonds, just had the *third* surgery on his right knee in the past four months and hopes for him returning anytime before the All-Star break are looking like prayers.

What does this mean for the Giants? Two words: not much.

The team is going on as if they aren't going to see their best slugger in the lineup anytime soon and that seems just fine with them. The team is actually improving after their horrendous start and this squad of role-players seems ready to play with the big boys.

The biggest surprise this year has to be Lance Niekro and his penchant for the long ball in tough situations. The rookie is big, strong and is going to be an All-Star within the next three seasons with playing time, which is never guaranteed to a Giants youngster.

Also surprising, only to me apparently, is the reemergence of

Edgardo Alfonso.

Alfonso is hitting .341 with 2 homers and 16 RBIs so far this season and is making himself a strong case early for comeback player of the year.

Bonds, however, may simply be playing the role. How many times in the past two or three years have you heard the Bonds mantra that he was tired and he was old? I've heard it many, many times and I'm starting to think that his plan is to take the first few months off until the Giants need him.

Notice how he keeps getting better, then the Giants start winning and he gets worse.

Bonds is simply biding his time this season before he comes back and passes Babe Ruth and wins his first world championship all in the same month. Yeah, and I'm the new columnist at the *Chronicle*.

Frank Francisco: Anyone see that the man famous for throwing a chair at a fan during a fight at the Oakland Coliseum was lost for the season recently due to an elbow injury? No? Guess you can't become infamous without using racial slurs these days. Violence doesn't cut it.

Terrell Owens: Last and least, the man who can't be satisfied, Mr. Owens.

Mr. Owens believes that it is his right to claim more money than the contract that he signed *last season* requires.

He believes he is entitled to this extra money because, as he so eloquently put it, he's not... wait, I'll let the man speak for himself.

When asked what more he could have done to help the Eagles defeat the Patriots in the championship game: "Nothing, I'm not the one that got tired."

Owens, of course, was referencing quarterback Donovan McNabb and the rumors that he was so tired at the end of the game that he was throwing up on the field.

McNabb has always denied this rumor, saying that had nothing to do with the interceptions he threw at the end of the game.

That's a great way to try to get into the good graces of management and your teammates, taking a cheap shot at the team's leader.

Mr. Owens, shut up and play.

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