

Men's soccer opens season with win over Lassen

By SARA KWAN
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It was an intense game all the way for Ohlone, but in the end the Renegade men were able to hold on and beat Lassen College in their season opener.

Things looked good for Ohlone as they scored their first goal in the first half. Andrew Burkheimer, a defender, made a 60-yard run with the ball from Lassen's end of the field

and passed it to Valentin Fajardo. Fajardo crossed the ball and gave it up to Riley Johns, who put the Renegades on the scoreboard with the first goal.

The Renegades kept their lead intact for the first half, but when the second half began, Lassen promptly scored a goal to tie the game up at one. The ball travelled back and forth on the field and the game remained tied.

It was starting to get frustrating

for the Renegades but they never gave up. With 10 minutes left in the game, Ohlone made a run for their last, and what proved to be game-winning, goal. Daniel Khairy crossed the ball to Alan Wigley, who shot the ball into the goal to put the Renegades ahead. Ohlone toughed out the remaining 10 minutes and held on to win their first game of the season.

Coach Harold Whitmore said that there was solid play throughout the

line and some guys came through for the team. On Friday they head on the road for their first away game this season, at the Allen Hancock Tournament (this tournament was pushed back to this weekend from last weekend), and Whitmore said that the most important thing is to focus their energy in the right direction.

"We played the style of our game," said Whitmore. "Everyone played and participated."



Photo by Daniel Kwan
Ohlone gets dirty to go for the win.

First letter to this editor, hope I don't scare you off

Sweet, I get my first chance to comment on a reader's comment. This will hopefully be the first of many interactions I have with the readers of this column this semester: keep the letters coming (monitor@ohlone.edu or drop them off to Room 5310).

Editor,

I feel your comments about Brett Favre are way off. He is a human being just like you and I, but the difference is his family has lost just about everything in Mississippi. It is a true testament to Brett Favre, the human being, to see him standing up at the podium after everything he has been through with the death of his father, brother-in law, and the breast cancer of his wife, giving words of encouragement to people who are in the same boat as the Farve

family is. If the media can use players such as Favre, or Steve McNair, or Michael Lewis, to put a face on this terrible tragedy, to help with donations, then more power to them.

Who would you rather see, a stiff CNN reporter who no ties to the area, or someone who has grown up in the area and still has a home there? I think it was the wrong time to say anything about this, especially about someone who has first hand knowledge.

Sincerely,
 Elliott Almeida

First off, Elliot, thank you for writing in, it takes courage and I commend you for it. Second, though, what comment that I made offended you? I'm not really sure where to begin here because I didn't



The Final Score
 By STEVEN CHAVEZ
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say anything about him. Oh, wait, I did say something about him, I said, "...I love Brett Favre, ... as a quarterback and human being." I also said, "Why the hell do I have to turn on ESPN and watch a news conference dedicated to his thoughts on Hurricane Katrina?"

I will qualify one thing, at print time last week, it was not a highly published fact that the Favre family lost what they did. I did not know that at the time. I say qualify it

because *I didn't say anything!* Was it the "I don't get it," line? I most definitely did not say anything derogatory or belittling. I made a statement of opinion that the "total sports network" shouldn't be dedicating their time to cover this. I turn on ESPN to watch sports or news about sports. I want to see EPO, BALCO and every other acronym you can think of, but I don't want these sappy, feel-good stories.

If I want to watch news on the hurricane, I'll turn on one of the 15 news channels I have at home or any of the local news broadcasts. I'll pick up any newspaper and read it on the front page. I'll go onto the internet and do a Google on "Hurricane Katrina" and sit back and watch as it generates "about 46,100,000" websites for me to look

at. But I sure as hell *won't* turn on ESPN, therefore I also won't apologize for the comments. Brett Favre is a great human being. I've kissed his butt more than once in this column, for his devotion to his wife when he shaved his head progressively closer to emulate hers while she was undergoing chemo treatment for breast cancer as well as his ability to suck it up and be a man like he had that unbelievable game the night after his father died. Perhaps you're a freshman and didn't read those comments in this column last year, in which case you're given a pass. But please don't act as if I was the most insensitive person this side of John Rucker just because you misread what I said.

Hate my opinion if you want, but it's my opinion. Get over it.

Lady Renegades kick season off splitting first two games



Photo by Daniel Kwan

Ohlone Renegades get their defense moving.

By NICK ZAMBRANO
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Going into a new season, it is every coach's goal to keep their team with a winning percentage of .500 or better. If they do that, they have a sense of accomplishment. For Women's Head Soccer Coach Larry Heslin, the expectations are much higher than just .500 or better.

Heslin's squad showed signs of what should prove to be a dominant season last Friday as the crushed Shasta College, 5-0.

It proved to be no contest right from the opening kickoff. Sarah

Fernandez took it right to Shasta, scoring 3 goals and also adding an assist. Also putting the ball in the net were the Hollendshead sisters, Allie and Ambur, who each contributed with a goal.

And as we all know, a shutout is nothing without the hard work of the goalkeeper. Amanda Lopez showed that she is worthy to be in that net by shutting down what was supposed to be a good Shasta team.

As do many coaches at the beginning of a season, Heslin looks for big things out of his team.

"We have a good shot at making a run at the league title," said Heslin.

He does have the one key component for a run at that league title, returning players. Heslin has quite a few girls returning from last year, rejoining the likes of Fernandez and the Hollendshead sisters are sophomores Dina Ryan and Tiffany Miller. So there should be no shortage of team unity.

Tuesday afternoon the girls played a tough Lassen College squad from Susanville. It was hard fought battle all through out, but the Lady Renegades came up short and lost 2-0.

"We played well out there but it didn't work out for us in the end," said Heslin. The team showed a lot

of heart and competitive spirit though, refusing to go down without a fight. They would get hit hard on a play and shake it off like it was nothing, quite reminiscent of players in the NFL.

Coming off an 8-9-3 record last season and a quick exit from the playoffs, Heslin is poised at getting his team to go all the way. "Our main goal is to win league, then state and so on," said Heslin.

The Lady Renegades look to overcome the Lassen game with their next game, last night at Skyline College. Results were unknown as of print time.

Health Center cut

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to \$13, the maximum a California community college is allowed to charge, in an attempt to recover some of the lost funds but only \$50,000 has been gained. The Health Center is now appealing to the ASOC for more funding.

The problem isn't limited to Ohlone. California community colleges aren't required to have a Health Center, but many that do are facing similar budget crises for the exact same reason. A survey of California community college health centers revealed that at least 31 clinics have reduced hours and at least 40 have cut services or staff. This statewide situation has led to the creation of Assembly Bill 982, which the Ohlone Student Health Center supports.

The bill would recreate funds by allowing colleges to charge health fees even if students have BOG waivers. Bratton said that the bill is the only way to create a permanent solu-

tion and a number of other schools and organizations agree with her. The Community College League of California, the California Federation of Teachers and the Health Services Association of the California Community Colleges have all pledged their support for the bill, which has passed the State Senate and Assembly.

Despite broad support, Gov. Schwarzenegger has shown his intent to veto the bill.

Bratton has called for student support saying, "We definitely require student activism to have Gov. Schwarzenegger sign AB 982."

Guides on how to write the governor about the issue, are available in the lobby of the Health Center, located in Building 16.

Despite cutbacks, the Health Center will still offer many of its services such as low-cost immunizations, clinical appointments, and over-the-counter medications.

Ohlone aids refugees

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day, a horrible day. We need help, and they're giving us a hard time, but today, everything is okay today, it's better than yesterday. Tina, we're grateful to her, today she called us to pick up some donations. Everybody there was helpful - we went into the wrong place, but she helped us, made us feel better," Pham confided.

Jennifer Pham was employed at an insurance agency. Michael Pham was a fisherman; though it is far from certain his boat remained intact. Tuyet Pham and Khuong Tran owned a restaurant for 20 years and were afraid it met with the same fate. Unknown were the whereabouts of another brother and aunt.

"I never applied for food stamps, but I know I have to because I have no income. If I can find a job close; we only have one vehicle. We lost everything, we have flood and homeowner insurance, but we don't know when they'll pay us. We need help. My children need school supplies...housing...you know when you live in a 3-bedroom house with 4 people, it's crowded. We now have 15 people, we sleep on the floor."

Offers of assistance to the Pham family should be sent to timfam@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed to help at the Ohlone College Car Wash held Saturday 10 during the Flea Market from 10 to 3 p.m. - All proceeds will go the American Red Cross. Contact pmueller@ohlone.edu (510) 979-7922

Animal neighbors

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wouldn't normally have access to.

The majority of contact with wild animals didn't end negatively and most of the residents surveyed thought the animals were not pests but assets to their quality of living.

The audience saw an owl, a raccoon and a deceptively innocent-looking mountain lion. Pamphlets on living with local wildlife were available, as well as free passes to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek.

The Brown Bag Seminars are offered on the first Friday of every month.

The next seminar will be presented on Oct. 7 by Ohlone Professors Narinder Bansal and William Harmon and is entitled "GIS on Campus - the Power of Geographic Information Systems."