

Lady Renegades pound Hartnell for third straight 'W'

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Streaks in sports mean everything. To teams, they help depict the pace of their next game. Think of them as a big roller coaster that can either only go up or down. This season has been exactly that for the Women's soccer team.

After losing back to back games to Yuba and Cañada Colleges, the Ladies of Ohlone are riding high this week, winning their last three games. Their most recent, a 6-3 pounding of Hartnell College. Hartnell looked like they were playing back on their heels the majority of the first half, allowing Ohlone to step all over them. Scoring the first goal of the game was second-year star, Ana Ceja. Ceja found the net within the first 10 minutes of the game, setting the stage for a marvelous night.

The Lady Renegades controlled the tempo of the match with great ball control and pressure to the Hartnell defense. Hartnell appeared to be frustrated as Ohlone kept the ball in their zone for a great part of the first half. The ladies also won the battles for loose balls, which led to plenty of opportunities to put the ball in the net.

Capitalizing on those opportunities were Sarah Fernandez and Ceja once again.

Fernandez, an Irvington High



Photo by Daniel Kwan

Ohlone and Hartnell players both go after the ball during Ohlone's 6-3 win on Tuesday.

graduate, found the net twice with help from Ceja, who fed her an assist. Fernandez returned the favor with an assist of her own.

At the half-way mark the ladies of Ohlone held a commanding lead of 4-1.

Ceja's night was not complete. The feisty forward found the net yet again in the second half, giving her a hat trick.

It was a slow night for Amanda Lopez, who did not see much action until the second half. However, when she was contested,

Lopez blocked 4 out of 7 shots. She was not without support, however, as Ceja finished out her spectacular performance by adding a fourth goal to the score card.

Adding to the offensive attack were Ambur Hollendshead, Erin Sincerny and Christina Buna. Each of the three kicked in an assist.

The Ladies of Ohlone hold a 4-3 record at the moment.

Next up on the agenda is a road game against Fresno City College on Friday. They then return home Tuesday to face Foothill College.

Upcoming volleyball, soccer and waterpolo game schedules

Men's Soccer:

Friday 9/20/05 - Chabot Hayward 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9/23/05-Foothill Los Altos Hills 6:00 p.m.

Friday 9/27/05 - Yuba Marysville 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9/30/05 - Evergreen Valley Ohlone 4:00 p.m.

Friday 10/04/05 - Shasta Ohlone 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer:

Tuesday 9/27/05-Foothill Ohlone 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9/30/05 - San Francisco City San Francisco 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10/4/05 Cabrillo Ohlone 2:00 p.m.

Friday 10/7/05 DeAnza Cupertino 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 10/11/05 Mission Ohlone 2:00 p.m.

Men's Water Polo:

Tuesday 9/27/05 Solano Fairfield 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9/28/05 DeAnza Cupertino 3:30 p.m.

Friday 9/30/05 College of Marin Kentfield 11:00 a.m.

Tournament

Tuesday 10/4/05 Cabrillo Ohlone 3:30 p.m.

Friday 10/7/05 West Valley Saratoga 3:30 p.m.

Women's Water Polo:
Wednesday 9/28/05 DeAnza Cupertino 3:30 p.m.

Friday 10/7/05 Chabot Hayward 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10/12/05 American River Ohlone 3:00 p.m.

Friday 10/14/05 West Valley Saratoga 3:30 p.m.

Friday 10/21/05 Foothill Los Altos Hills 3:30 p.m.

Women's Volleyball:
Friday 9/23/05 Los Medanos Pittsburg 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9/28/05 Contra Costa San Pablo 6:30 p.m.

Friday 9/30/05 San Jose City Ohlone 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 10/5/05 Cañada Redwood City 6:30 p.m.

Friday 10/7/05 West Valley Ohlone 6:30 p.m.

No relief on the road for Bonds

WORDS OF "WISDOM"?: Seems like the 49ers are having T.O. syndrome all over again. I'm not talking about how he scorched them this past Sunday, absolutely destroying any shred of confidence they built in their week one win over the Rams.

What I'm referring to is their inability to shut their players up and stop them from sticking their feet in their mouths (and other player's feet in their asses).

Last week it was Derek Smith who went on record as saying that the 49ers were better off without T.O. and also piping off about how well they were going to contain him. Wrong on both counts, it looks like.

This week it is their Pro-Bowl linebacker (what's with these linebackers?) Julian Peterson.

Peterson actually said this week that the 49ers were going to win. No big deal right? It wasn't until he said, "If you want to say I'm guaranteeing it, I am."

Huh? What? Qué? What in the world is this guy talking about?

He (and I'm paraphrasing the Rock here) guaran-damn-teeed that the three-wins-the-past-two-season's 49ers were going to beat the up-and-coming-Bill-Parcell-led Cowboys!

Okay, don't get me wrong, I hate the Cowboys. Any time you have a team like the Cowboys, "America's Team," there is going to be a certain population that doesn't support them, nor would they wish any good fortune upon them. Nothing would make me happier than seeing our hapless, or hopeless depending on your choice of words, 49ers stomp a mudhole in the 'boys.

But a guarantee is not something Peterson should have gone on record about.

Guarantee that you're going to play at least 60 minutes. Guarantee that there will be a coin-toss before the game. Guarantee that the cheerleaders will not lead any cheers (but they'll look good doing whatever they're doing). You could even guarantee that someone is going to show up to the 49ers vs. Cowboys game wearing a friggin Falcons jersey because he thinks he's clever/funny/ironic, but please don't guarantee that you're team, who lost by 39 points last week is going to win any game.

BARRY BONDS: I know some of you think I'm beating a dead horse here, or I'm kissing up again, but it's my last column (that's right folks, it's the final *Final Score*, maybe) I'm going to do what serves me best.

Bonds has turned the Giants on their heads, although it is now too late (remember what I said last week?).

Mr. Bonds played his first road game of the season on Tuesday and was typical Mr. Bonds.

He used the chants of "BALCO" and "cheater" and "steroids" into fuel, blasting a shot seven rows deep- in the upper deck!



The Final Score
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Bonds crossed home plate, pointed toward the sky as he always does. Then, in a move he doesn't always do, he peered into the section of fans behind the Giants dugout and held his index finger to his lips to "shoosh" someone.

"It was just some dude popping off," he said. "I told him to be quiet. He was heckling and I just said to sit down and enjoy it. Then I hit a home run. Shhhhh... It fired me up a little bit."

Washington D.C. had never seen Barry Bonds play a game in their city until Tuesday, so it is understandable that they did not know that jeering in Bonds' direction doesn't really work.

By the way, the home run on Tuesday added RFK Stadium to the list of ballparks Bonds has homered in; the 35th such stadium, which is pretty impressive.

Fans won't get any easier on Bonds when the Giants go to Colorado or San Diego, both division foes, but this reporter doesn't think it'll rattle Bonds a bit.

Let's just hope fans keep it in perspective that Bonds has never been caught doing anything illegal, a la Rafael Palmeiro.

By the way, again, if you're going to try to use Bonds' 2001 season as proof that he did steroids, the season where he hit 73 homers when he hadn't and hasn't hit more than 49 in any other season, how can you ignore top MVP candidate Andrew Jones?

I heard the Brady Anderson argument way too many times to believe that it was a select few people that believe you must be on steroids to do something you haven't done and probably won't duplicate.

Andrew Jones hit his 50th homer earlier this week, putting his RBI total over 125 while his season average is one point higher than his career average.

Someone using this argument would seem to have a lot to go on, seeing as how Andrew Jones had never hit more than 36 homers in one season prior to this year and had his best RBI season end at 116.

Doesn't seem a whole lot different than when those who said those things about Bonds to me.

I'm not saying that Andrew Jones took steroids, although his buffed up body and puffed up face could imply to some people that there's something going on there besides multivitamins and a heavy lifting program (get the irony?).

Perhaps, one day, people won't use certain pieces of evidence to further their own agendas, yet ignore those same damning pieces of evidence when it's someone that'll talk to the media after the game.