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It was all fun and games for the men's and women's basketball teams in their annual softball showdown on Tuesday.

Softball showdown: women triumph

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The anticipation, the competition, the smack-talking... It was time for the boys of Ohlone's basketball team to challenge the softball team to a softball game.

"It's not going to be a game. We're gonna kill them. We don't just play basketball, we play baseball, too," said the men's assistant coach before the game.

That statement was silenced as the girls were the ones to score first. Valerie Briones led off the first inning with a single and Tiffany Chan and Kristina Dasilva following with back-to-back singles to load the bases. Meredith Ang smashed a single to left field to bring in the first run of the game.

That lead was short-lived, as the Renegade men rallied to tie the game. Brandon Lott drew a walk and stole second base. Nate Carol hit a one-

out single through shortstop to give themselves their first run.

Ashley Gibbs led off the third inning with a single into left field. Toshia Woodruff grounded out, but brought in the go-ahead run. The Lady Renegades continued to score in the fourth inning as Briones led off with another single. Ashley Marra was safe on first base, but Briones was forced out.

Chan doubled, and Missy Cross brought in a run with a sacrifice fly. On the play, Chan tried to take third base, and was caught on a rundown, but the slick softball player was too quick for the tall basketball man, so she avoided the tag and slid her way into third base. This proved to be important because a few seconds later, Dasilva tripled and Chan easily scored the fourth run.

However, the Renegade men were not about to give up. They promptly closed the gap again as

Andre Belion got on board with an infield single. Coach John Peterson decided to help his team out with a double to bring in Belion and scored when Allen Hester singled to left. Ryan Irmir followed with a single, and Sam Kim reached base on an error committed by Cross at shortstop, which also allowed Hester to score the tying run.

In the bottom of the fifth, Raquel Torres reached on an error by Nate Carol, with Liz Torres and Kendyl Lemp following with back-to-back singles.

With the bases juiced again, Isabel Ramos singled to put the Lady Renegades ahead once more, and a base hit by Gibbs put another run on the board. The ladies topped off the inning with a sacrifice fly by Jennifer Rapp to give themselves a grand total of seven runs.

Things were quiet through the rest of the game until the last in-

ning. It was the last chance for the Renegade men to come back, and they tried.

Mike Sit placed a grounder right up the middle, just out of reach for the second and third basemen. Jermaine Smith proceeded to jam the first and only homerun of the game to bring the men within a run of the ladies. With two outs, Belion was the men's last hope.

Of course, the game ended on an abnormal note.

While trying to beat out a grounder hit to third base, Belion tripped over first base and was on the ground for a few moments before standing up. It was nothing serious, so Belion stood back up with a smile on his face.

At the end, everyone had a smile on. The atmosphere was very competitive and both sides wanted to win badly, but in the end, everyone who was involved had fun.



The final score
 By STEVEN CHAVEZ
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Giants out again; nice work, Tomko

Well hello there sports junkies. I guess it wasn't my farewell tour last week, so you guys are in luck (or the opposite, depending on your perspective) and get to listen to me rant a little bit more, probably every week. Yippie!

So the Giants lost on Tuesday, pretty much assuring what everyone but me said was going to happen: the Giants post-season hopes are gone. I just have one observation to make, Brett Tomko sucks!

Don't get me wrong, Tomko is not your typical, 7-15 pitcher, he actually is better than that. Tomko's problem stems from a lack of testicular-fortitude, i.e. he has no, let's say heart.

Take his last two starts as your example because they are a dichotomy of his two seasons in San Francisco.

Last week, he went into the seventh inning only giving up two runs to the Dodgers in a huge game that ended up being a 2-0 Giants loss. Tuesday, Tomko was given early run support, three in the first, one in the second and another in the third. Getting five runs in the first three innings seems reasonable enough to expect that they can win the game when the season is on the line.

Not enough for Tomko though, he gave back the three in the first by giving up three in the first. He threw a scoreless second, only to surrender two in the third after the team retook the lead for him.

He's a head-case that gives up runs when he has run support and doesn't when he doesn't have run support. We used to call that "playing to the level of your opponent." Not a trait you want in a front line starter.

Tomko is a decent fourth or fifth pitcher, because over the course of a season, a team will win about half the games he starts and he generally eats up a lot of innings, saving your bullpen. But running him out there as the third starter and paying him as such, is a bad idea. Tomko needs to take a serious pay cut this off-season to rationalize his staying with the team. He, along with Edgardo Alfonzo are unworthy of the multi-million dollar deals they currently have. Brian Sabean: trade Alfonzo, renegotiate with Tomko, get Barry Bonds and Moises Alou healthy, tell Ray Durham to add a few pounds and stop running like a lead off hitter so you can keep him in the fifth or sixth spot, resign the other worldly Randy Winn and dedicated soldier J.T. Snow and give third base to Pedro Feliz and you have a team ready for a run next season.

And for God's sake, please, please, please sign Scott Eyre!

Lady Renegades pound Foothill 4-0

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Although they just came off an agonizing defeat at the hands of Fresno City College, the Ladies of Ohlone rebounded quiet well defeating Foothill College 4-0, Tuesday night.

The tempo of the game was dictated by Ohlone's superb dribbling skills and great field vision, which Foothill failed to stop. Capitalizing on this was second year star Sarah Fernandez, with two goals and had an assist

Frustrated that they could not stop Ohlone's offensive attack, Foothill became a team unraveled. Numerous outbursts could be heard from the mouths from some of Foothill's players. It got a

little bit out of hand however when some of those players began to take out their frustrations on the referee.

Adding to Foothill's frustration, Ohlone scored an additional two goals. Allison Hollenshead added a goal along with Ana Ceja. That gives her five goals in her last three games.

The Ohlone defense was stellar shutting down whatever offense Foothill had. They allowed just three shots to be taken against Ambur Hollenshead. Hollenshead filled in Amanda Lopez, who is nursing a leg injury.

The injury is nothing to be scared about, as it is not too severe. Lopez looks to return against San Francisco City College, Friday.



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Sarah Fernandez scored two goals against Foothill.