



## Swing Away

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### Yankees choke once again

Out of all the words you could call the Yankees, "choke artists" is not usually one of them. It is possible that we are seeing the decline of the evil empire, and, in my opinion, it is about time. Since their last World Series victory in 2000, there has been a noticeable decline in their playoff stints.

In 2001, going into game six, the Yankees were leading the Arizona Diamondbacks in the series three games to two, with just one more victory needed. Piece of cake, right? The D-Backs rolled through the Yanks in game six and won it in their final at-bat in game seven. Like Ah-nuld, they said "they'll be back."

So now it's 2002, and as they said, they are back... on the couch. After losing their divisional series 3-1 against the then Anaheim Angels, (saying The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim still irks me) they had to watch the Angels win it all.

In 2003, they lost in the World Series to the Marlins in six games. It's obvious now that when a series carries out beyond the necessary four games, the Yankees grow tired. They're so used to rolling over teams that a fifth game is never really in their post-season thoughts.

And every year they don't win the World Series, George Steinbrenner believes that picking up the biggest name on the free agent market will finally get them to the promised land.

There was Jason Giambi in 2002, A-Rod in 2004, (of course we all know what happened that post season) and just this season it was Randy Johnson. They all had rocky starts and smoothed out the rest of the season, but then, as the post season rolled around, BAM, into a brick wall they went.

A little reminder for you, Mr. Steinbrenner, teams who play together longer are more likely to win a championship than teams who haven't. How do you expect your team to mesh together and win you a championship when you keep adding players to the mix? It's like throwing a wrench into a perfectly good wheel.

Or maybe it's the pressure of all that money bearing down on them? I mean a \$200 million payroll would be pretty hard to carry for anyone.

This year's Yankee breakdown was once again at the hands of Angels. Big surprise there, they lost in the final game of the series.

So remember the advice Steiny and give the checkbook a rest, maybe you'll win next year. However, you probably won't listen, but oh well, as they always say, "there's always next year."



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Ohlone player (in dark jersey) fights to keep control of the ball as Lady Renegades were triumphant over Mission College on Tuesday.

## Women blank Mission 5-0; soccer team 7-6 for season

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After winning against San Francisco last Tuesday, the Lady Renegades faced De Anza College and lost three days later. De Anza has one of the best soccer teams in California, but Ohlone did not go down without a fight.

The game was scoreless through the first half, with both sides exchanging the ball while playing great defense. The Lady Renegades had a few opportunities to score, but did not capitalize. De Anza

scored a goal in the second half, and another during the last few minutes of the game to shut out the Lady Renegades.

However, Coach Larry Heslin was proud of his team. "It was one of the better games we played this year," Heslin said.

"It was a hard-fought, well-played game that showed we can play against one of the best teams in California."

On Tuesday, Ohlone hosted Mission College, who has one of the more struggling teams in the league this season. This threw the Lady Renegades off as they fell into bad

habits while playing an inferior team, although they took the win at 5-0. Mission has won one game this season so far.

"It was a tough game," said Heslin. "There was not much to gain and a lot to lose."

Amanda Lopez scored two goals. Sarah Fernandez, Allison Hollenshead and Amber Hollenshead each contributed one goal to the Lady Renegade's win. This game put Ohlone at 7-6 for the year.

On Friday, Ohlone will be playing against Gavlin.

## Water Polo loses to West Valley

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Ohlone's men of the water suffered a beating last Friday as they lost to West Valley College, 18-7.

Even though the loss was one that no team likes to go through, Ohlone hung tough and did not go down without a fight.

Fighting to keep Ohlone close was goaltender Derrick Goodrich. Goodrich blocked eight of the shots West Valley took at him, showing that in lost one can still look good.

Leading the way for the Ohlone offense against the West Valley powerhouse was sophomore Casey Cordone.

Cordone had three goals on net giving him a hat-trick for the game. Adding to the Ohlone attack also were fellow sophomores Matt Van Derwerken, Luke Green and Brandon McDowell.

Van Derwerken had two goals for the game, while McDowell and

James Logan graduate Luke Green each threw in a goal.

The task of beating a team like West Valley is one that is hard for any team. West Valley is the defending champion of the Commission of Athletics championship and like all defending champions do not want to give up their spot on the top.

The loss puts the Renegades at 2-1 in conference play with a record of 11-10 over all.

The men will look to redeem their loss to the defending champs this weekend against Diablo Valley College and Delta College, both games taking place in the Diablo Valley pool.

There was a home game scheduled for this Friday against Modesto Junior College but the game was cancelled. Reasons for the game being cancelled are unknown.

The cancellation of the game puts Ohlone on the road for the rest of the season and all the way through

the Coast Conference playoffs.

The Modesto game would have been a contest that Ohlone would have dearly wanted to play.

The two teams met earlier in the season in a match that Ohlone lost 12-7. It was a close game all the way through, but Ohlone was not able to contain Modesto, who opened up their offensive attack in the second half, leaving the Ohlone behind in the water.

No team likes to be away from their home for an extended period of time, and for the Renegades it will be a true test.

Over the next two and a half weeks, the men of the water will start in Pleasant Hill for the Diablo Valley and Delta games and then paddle over to Los Altos Hills to take on Foothill College on Oct. 21. Then, a week after their match against Foothill, the Renegades return to the water in Santa Rosa to take on Santa Rosa Junior College.



The final score  
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### Curry's bumpy route to N.Y.

The heart of a player comes into question when he asks to be taken out of a game in the late innings, or simply doesn't give an answer when asked if he can continue. It comes into question when he has a great regular season but falters in the playoffs when his team needs him. In a perfect world, it would never be questioned off the court/field/ring, but that is the plight currently faced by 22-year-old basketball standout Eddie Curry.

Curry was traded this week from his hometown team, the team that drafted him four years ago straight out of high school, the Chicago Bulls to the New York Knicks after the Bulls demanded that he take a DNA test to find out if he was, as doctors feared, suffering from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. WebMD.com defines hypertrophic cardiomyopathy as, "...a genetic disease in which the heart muscle thickens abnormally. The thickened heart muscle can interfere with the heart's electrical system, increasing the risk for life-threatening abnormal heartbeats (arrhythmias)," -which is what caused Curry to miss the final 13 games of the season last year - "and, rarely, sudden death. In some cases, the enlarged heart muscle is unable to relax between heartbeats as it normally does, and the heart muscle itself does not get enough blood or oxygen." This is the condition that caused Hank Gathers to suddenly collapse and die on the basketball court a few years ago.

A DNA test would have helped doctors determine if this is what is going on, but Curry refused, saying nobody was going to make him do anything.

Curry should be, at 22, bright enough to know that if the doctors are telling you that they need a test to find out whether or not you're going to die, you take the test. Nobody cared about his DNA in terms of anything other than the interest of not having a player die on the court when it could have been prevented.

The Knicks have made what can only be seen as a selfish move, acquiring the young man without the stipulation that he take the test. The NBA could have even stepped up and required that he not be allowed to play until this test is done. It's not a matter of privacy, as Curry and his legal team would like you to believe, it's a matter of, quite literally, life and death.

If something tragic happens to Curry, you can bet that Commissioner David Stern's head is going to roll. The NBA dropped the ball on this one.