



Swing Away

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NBA dressing to impress

Remember the good old days when you would go to school and you had to be dressed within the school's demoralizing dress code? Well, I never had to, but from what I have heard, it is not all that fun.

But in some cases, it can be very beneficial. Recently, NBA Commissioner David Stern enforced a brand-new dress code in the already flamboyant league. And it is about time – the NBA was starting to look even less professional than the other leagues.

The key word here is "professional." How can players be taken seriously if they are dressed in t-shirts, sweats, and the newest pair of Nikes? We go to "professional" sporting events to watch "professional" athletes compete in a "professional" manner, right? I know I do. Who goes to a Warriors game to see if Jason Richardson or Troy Murphy will throw a chair into the stands?

However, this new code does not sit right with some of the league's stars. Minnesota Timberwolves forward Wally Szczerbiak said in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune that, "I think they're coming on way too strict. Movie stars in L.A., they're not always in jackets and ties, and they're setting trends, and we're looked at in the same light." I agree with you Wally but even Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise dress up when the time is appropriate. And let us not forget one of the league's most outspoken players, Allen Iverson, who simply had this to say about the code, "you could put a murderer in a suit, but he's still a murderer."

These guys are acting like the world is falling down upon on them, but in reality the dress code is not at all a total 180. It says on the actual dress code document that players are to dress "business casual."

And according to the code, "business casual" is a long or short sleeve shirt, which can either be collared or a turtleneck, and/or a sweater. The pants can either be slacks, khakis or even dress jeans with the shoes or boots being dressy along with the appropriate socks to match. I think that this is pretty reasonable, I mean the socks are little too much but still reasonable.

"Sometimes you feel lazy on a flight and you don't want to put (dress) clothes on. But this is a job and we want to have fun, but it's a job and we should look like we're going to work," said Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James in a recent interview with Cleveland reporter Tom Withers.

Other players, like Stephen Jackson, consider the new code as an act of racism, specifically targeting black players for wearing large chains and doo-rags, but Stern defends that the code is not biased.



Photos by Daniel Kwan

Ohlone midfielder Andrew Burkhammer (Number 14) continues to fight for the free ball after a Chabot player goes down right beside him.

Men's Soccer ties rival school Chabot 1-1 Wednesday night

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All it takes is just one goal to bring you the victory you've been dreaming of your whole life. To win that big game against your hated rivals, you know the one where you prepared more extensively for? For our boys out on the soccer field, Chabot College is that rival team.

The Renegades tied the Chabot Gladiators 1-1 Wednesday night in a game that will go down as one of the greats.

Both teams attacked each other fast and hard, doing whatever they could to find the net. Chabot managed to keep the Ohlone offense from taking any shots on the net.

But the same could be said for Ohlone, whose defense limited the number of shots Chabot took at goal keeper Alborz Karimzadeh.

Leading the way for the Renegades defense were second-year star Alan Wigley and Valentin Fajardo. Wigley played the role of field commander, leading his troops to where they needed to be on the battlefield, Fajardo played his guts out. The James Logan graduate sacrificed his body to thwart the Chabot offense.

The Renegades offense was very minimal in the first half but climbed back to show signs of life in the second half with the men's water polo team rooting them on from the crowd. Clearly displaying the intensity was Roger Moore, Ohlone's brute midfielder.

Moore, who comes to us from Mt. Eden high, was all over the place letting everyone know he meant business.

Just as sacrificing as Fajardo was, Moore threw his body around also, but he eventually paid for it on a collision mid way through the second half. Moore laid on the ground for a quick moment before dusting himself off and re-joining his teammates, anxious to keep the battle alive.

Ohlone caught a sigh of relief when a goal was taken away from Chabot because of Chabot being offsides. That take away would prove costly.

Finally tackling the Chabot defense was Daniel Khairy, who even broke the Chabot goalie to finally find the net. The celebration was short lived when Chabot

found the net shortly after. If it had not been for that take away the Renegades could have had a loss instead of the equally less flattering.



Playing keep-away with the players of Chabot.

Men's Water Polo loses two

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The Ohlone men's water polo team had a tournament this past weekend at Diablo Valley College. With just two games remaining this season, the Renegades went into this tournament and competed with some of the top teams in Northern California in order to strengthen the team for the stretch run.

"This was a tune-up for the remainder of the conference games," said Coach Gene Kendall. "We

wanted to get in some difficult opponents to keep us strong."

The Renegades first played the hosting school, DVC, and lost with a final score of 12-6. DVC is also ranked second in Northern California.

Their second game was against Delta College, where they also lost, but by a closer margin, 10-7. Delta is ranked 5th in Northern California.

"It could have been better," said junior James Isaac. "We were tired because we played the second game

first and they just [took advantage]."

The tournament wasn't a loss for everyone. "I had a good time with the team," said sophomore David Jessup.

The good news is that neither DVC nor Delta are in the same conference as Ohlone. Ohlone hosted Marin College on Wednesday and will close out their season playing at Foothill College.

If the Renegades take both games, they will be in second place with the second seed for the conference tournament.



The final score

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Ladies in the workplace

What's with the women of sports?

We've been hearing the big names of women's sports in the news more often the past few years. Names like Annika Sorenstam, Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain and Jackie Joyner-Kersey have brought dignity and respect to a male-dominated world. Women are thought to be the fairer sex – the more honest and trustworthy sex. Lately though, it seems the ladies, much like the men, don't fall far from the stupid tree.

I won't beat Marion Jones here, her trouble with steroids, BALCO and declining performance will speak for themselves. In this past week though, we saw two up-and-coming women sports figures put a decline in stock value.

Michelle Wie was disqualified in her professional debut last week for taking a drop closer to the hole and "forgetting" to make note of it on her scorecard (kind of reminds you of that scene in *The Big Lebowski* when Smoke stepped over the line and tried to pull a fast one on Walter, doesn't it?) Now I know she hasn't been a pro long, but the same rules apply to amateurs, if you take a drop closer to the hole, you have to note it on your card. She didn't, she cheated and got the boot. Don't give me that, "she probably just forgot" nonsense. She thought she'd get away with one because she knew what she was doing.

Reports say that the ball was as much as 15 inches closer to the hole than it was when she dropped it, but her response was to say that, "it looked fine to me."

I've heard women say men have selective hearing, perhaps Wie has selective sight.

The worse of the two incidents this week, however, involved racing phenom Danica Patrick.

Fellow driver Jaques Lazier reported that Patrick had punched him following an incident in the season's final race where Patrick deemed Lazier responsible for her crash. The San Francisco *Chronicle* reported that a spokesman for Patrick's racing team said that Patrick had told him that she tapped Lazier on the forehead with two fingers and said, "You've got to use this."

Personally, I don't care which version you believe, Patrick was so far over the line she should be suspended and fined.

If Lazier had been the one to put his hands on Patrick, he would be facing UNTHINKABLE punishment and public backlash for such an action. But because it was Patrick it's acceptable? She deserves punishment and I hope the IRL steps up to the plate on this one.