

Lady Renegades win sixth straight

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For the Lady Renegades Women's soccer team domination has been the name of the game. The team has brought home victories for the last five of their six recent away games as well as one home victory. The team has played seven games in the past five weeks with only one being held here at Ohlone.

Head Coach Larry Heslin says the team dominated in each game, with only "a couple close scores," but is not worried about the margin of victory. "here has been some good individual efforts on goals and good team efforts on goals as well as good individual plays," said Heslin of the team's performance in recent games.

Stand out players in the past seven games include Amanda Lopez, the team's primary goal keeper, who blocked all shots that were taken at her, and kept opponents from scoring in games against Evergreen Valley College on October 18th, Las Positas College on the 21st of October, as well as in a game on Tuesday November 1st against Foothill College. Lopez also scored two goals in the Oct. 11 game against Mission College.

Heslin also identifies Ambur Hollenshead, the teams backup goal keeper and midfielder, saying that she "played outstanding [as goalie] with a couple close saves," in a game that ended 5-2 against Hartnell

College on Oct. 25.

The game against Hartnell College was a particularly nice victory for fullback Tiffany Miller who celebrated her birthday along with the team's victory.

Heslin credits the team's recent string of victories to the players' growing bond as a team, saying that the girls have been coming together more as a team both on and off the field. He also believes that the effort the girls have shown in the past seven games will help get them to the playoffs.

For now the team plans to prepare for their upcoming games against their two of the more tougher opponents in the league, Cabrillo College, who has a 9-8-1 record and De Anza College. De Anza College is currently in first place in the Coast Conference with a 12-1-4 mark.

If Ohlone wins these two key games they have an outside shot of kicking De Anza out of their number one spot in the standings. The Ladies of Ohlone currently hold a record of 12-6-0, and since the half-way point of the season, the Lady Renegades have only lost two games.

Heslin says the team is still working to recover from the multitude of injuries acquired earlier in the year and is working to get back on track health wise. "Hopefully we'll get back to healthy soon and be 100 percent for the playoffs," said Heslin.



The final score
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Epstein is coming to SF?

Now, before you all getting this pipe-dream in your head, let me just say this: Theo Epstein is not coming to San Francisco, even though the Giants may need to try to find Brian Sabean's replacement if Boston comes calling.

As of now, Boston has not contacted the Giants General Manager about a possible position in their organization, but the way they spend money they could woo anyone from anywhere, like the Yankees.

Epstein probably wouldn't be that great of a fit in San Francisco anyway. He's younger than 90 percent of the team, he's got a World Series ring and he might not be able to work magic with a payroll that only goes up to \$80 million instead of twice that.

Epstein was in a situation where he could spend buckets of money, so like Brian Cashman (appropriate name if there ever was one) from the Yankees, he didn't have to worry about how much money the players made, just get 'em here.

There is no mandatory salary cap in baseball, the luxury tax only affects the Yankees, but the Giants have a set payroll that they will follow regardless of who their GM is.

Who's to say that Epstein could even work within a system that isn't free-spending? I don't want to find out. Sabean has been great since taking over in SF, and it'd be a shame to see him leave for any reason.

I think he's seen the error of having a team of ancestors and will put the Giants together and make them a contender this year.

Women's Volleyball suffers another loss

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Being a first year head coach is never easy. There are numerous tasks that have to be tackled and it is because of these tasks that coaches often don't find success in their first year. But for first year Women's Volleyball Head Coach Jamie Cortez those tasks are welcomed.

Cortez and her team lost to Cañada College three matches to none last Friday night, a game that was within hand's grasp.

Right from the get-go, Cañada seemed like they were going to run away with the whole show. They opened up the game with seven straight points most of them coming by way of mistakes made by the inexperienced Ohlone team.

The most common mistake made by the Lady Renegades were spikes. Their spikes were too strong and cost them some key points. Other mistakes were caused by the obvious inexperience of the team such as biting on fakes and having their hands across the net. "With the lack of confidence it is very difficult to win," said Cortez.

Currently the Lady Renegades hold a record of 1-7 in conference play with a 2-10 overall record. The record shows a sub-par performance for the year thus far but Cortez is still looking on the bright side of things, "we're finally working more as a team, the ranges of experience are finally coming together," said Cortez.

In the second match of the game, the Lady Renegades stepped up it a notch. Angelica Benjamin and Jessica Sodderholm came to life as their teammates rallied around them for support.

And support the Lady Renegades did.

Sodderholm along with Donnalynn Sanchez set Benjamin and



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Jessica Sodderholm slams down a spike for the Lady Renegades against Cañada College.

Melanie Inouye up to spike Ohlone three points away from match point.

However, Canada responded. Down by eight points, the Canada defense prevented Ohlone from getting that match point and actually came from behind to win the match, the score of the match being 30-27 in favor of Canada.

"They have come so far, so it is much more frustrating," said Cortez in response to her squad's loss on Friday night.

The Lady Renegades look to rebound against a well balanced West Valley College team last Wednesday. Results of the West Valley game are unknown as of press time.

Yes, the Warriors WILL compete in 2005-2006



Swing Away

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When a NBA season rolls around in the Bay Area not a lot of people start jumping for joy and for a self-explanatory reason, the Warriors just plain suck. Well this year, things are a changing and so are the Golden State Warriors. That's right I said it the Warriors are going to be the real deal in 2005-06.

At the end of last year the Warriors were a team on the warpath winning 11 of their last 14 games. What came about this?

Well it was Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations Chris Mullin and first year Head Coach Mike Montgomery.

As we all know Mullin was the man responsible for bringing good ol' Baron Davis to the orange and blue while Montgomery molded Davis into the mix of young kids eager to learn. What we all saw those last months of the season were something incredible.

Last year's Warriors made us believe that a winning season was in the crosshairs, and all that has to be done was to pull the trigger.

Although they may seem like a young team, the Warriors have the chemistry to compete. Jason Richardson and Troy Murphy both came out of the draft together four years ago, while they have been playing along side rising forward Mike Dunleavy for the last three.

As we all know the starting five can not do it all, hence the reason for the bench. And ladies and gentlemen the bench is stellar. Mickael Pietrus is coming off a year where he averaged close to 10 points a game and Andris Biedrins has risen to battle Adonal Foyle for the starting center come opening night. Also adding to the strength of the bench is veteran Derek Fisher, who averaged close to 12 points a game along with over 4 assists.

Speaking of the starting five Montgomery seems to have things set in the department. At the forward spots look for Murphy and Dunleavy to get the bulk of minutes. Look for Murphy to try to continue putting up great numbers, like last season when he averaged a double-double a game. While at center,

look for either Biedrins or Foyle to fill the slot. However, if Foyle fails to produce in the paint, look for Montgomery to yank him in favor of the much younger Biedrins. In the guard positions, Davis and Richardson will perhaps be the strongest backcourt in the league. Now I know it is a little premature of me to say but come the end of the season it will be true.

Right now the Warriors only apparent weakness is the middle at the center position.

Foyle has filled the gap quite well but he still lacks in the scoring department. Last season the Warriors were among the league leaders in shots outside of the paint because of Foyle's failure to perform inside. Yeah, rebounding is part of the job description but scoring is priority number one. If

neither steps up, look for Mullin to make some trades.

The Warriors finished last season on great run, with their final regular season record was 34-49 and also finished three spots out from appearing in the playoffs. If Davis stays healthy and the big men in the middle grab the boards, the trigger I spoke of earlier will be pulled. That 34-49 record will be flipped around to a 49-34 record with Davis and company claiming around the sixth or seventh spot in the conference come playoff time.

The Warriors opened up their new era against the Atlanta Hawks at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night. The results of the game were unknown as of press time.

So get in, buckle up and enjoy the ride because these aren't your daddy's Warriors anymore.