

Yankees rivalry could get any worse, but surprise, it just did. This past Monday, Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez was selected as this year's American League MVP over Red Sox slugger David Ortiz.

But if you ask me it should have been the other way around.

Most of this past season, chants of, "MVP, MVP, MVP..." could be heard from Fenway Park and for good reasons. Ortiz had a .300 batting average with 47 home runs and 148 runs batted in. Yes, A-Rod did have better numbers in the departments of home runs (48) and batting average (.321), so what?

Ortiz was perhaps the most clutch hitter all year long, while the A-Rod choked in crucial moments and had to be picked up by the rest of the pin-strippers.

How could anyone stand out on a team with Jason Giambi, Randy Johnson, Hideki Matsui and Gary Sheffield, or as I like to refer to them as "store-bought" players? Ortiz does have a supporting cast, but they all aren't superstars. With the exception of Manny Ramirez and Curt Schilling, the Sox have no other big superstar, making Ortiz's work more valuable.

Now the argument can be made that Ortiz is just a designated hitter, and that the MVP award should honor a player that excelled not only at the plate, but also on the field. Need I remind everyone that some of the best players in Major League Baseball were strictly men who could put the bat to the ball.

Example number one, Paul Molitor. Throughout his career, Molitor often switch between third base and first base. However, towards the end of his stint in the Majors, Molitor was primarily a designated hitter. Now when it was time to call it quits, it was no doubt

Sacramento City College, who had just suffered a loss at the hands of Modesto Junior College.

Sacramento dominated Ohlone, due in part of Ohlone's lack of height on the court. Even though defeat was in the cold near future, Ohlone had two very noticeable faces in the crowd that tried to brighten up Epler Gym.

Reverend Michael Wallace and wife Velma gave a warm reception to fans in the stands welcoming them to honor their son, Jonathan. An even more touching moment was during halftime when Velma Wallace shared a hug with Ohlone guard Sam Kim.

Although they lost 71-54, Ohlone had three players that scored

due to his teachings on and off the court.

Ohlone was then moved down into the loser's bracket where they faced Feather River Community College. The game was close all the way through but Ohlone pulled it out 59-57.

The win pitted the Renegades against the College of Alameda, Sunday morning.

Mistakes made in their previous games were lessons learned as Ohlone dominated in every aspect of the game. "We learned to take care of the ball," said Peterson.

Rebounding was also a big improvement. Ohlone attacked the boards and without remorse for the



Photo by Nick Zambrano

Sam Kim defends against the Sacramento attack.

Alameda defenders.

Ohlone also visited the free-throw line 14 times, hitting 12 out of those 14 attempts.

The Renegades opened up the second half with a 16-2 run and never looked back. Ohlone won 64-40.

Stepping up once again in the leader role was Sam Kim. Kim, along with Renardo Bass had 14 points a piece.

Kim, Ohlone's only returning player was hesitant at first to accept his new role as team leader. "It is a lot of responsibility, and I didn't want to do it," said the sophomore, "but now I don't regret doing it."

The performance of Kim and the rest of the Ohlone squad is something that definitely had Jonathan smiling from up above.

Men's Soccer looking to next year

By SARA KWAN
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When Ohlone Men's Head Soccer coach Harold Whitmore was asked about improvements for Ohlone's men's soccer team in preparation for next season, Whitmore was quick to take the blame himself and said the coaching staff needed work as much as the players did.

"They [the players] had a lot of heart," said Whitmore. "We [the coaching staff] need to dis-

cuss how we can coach better for next season."

However, their 4-15 record didn't reflect the real game situations. Many of the Renegades' games have been close, and they even ended up with six ties.

In particular, the Renegades had to play a game at Fresno, who was ranked third in the state. Ohlone was also at a disadvantage because of the shortage of players due to injuries.

Fresno jumped out early on Ohlone and scored three goals,

but the Renegades never gave up. They fought back and scored one goal.

They never quit and towards the end of the game, Fresno started getting frustrated at how the Renegades never gave up. After the game, Fresno's coach went up to Coach Whitmore at the end of the game and complimented the Renegades for their performance.

Many times, the Renegades would play without any subs, or in some cases, a few players would play while they had minor injuries.

Ohlone had a group of real team players, and after every game, no matter win or lose, they would hold their heads up high and be proud that they played through all 90 minutes.

For next season, Coach Whitmore hopes to start recruiting more players and getting them ready to compete and play soccer at a college level.

Anyone interested in trying out for next year's team can contact Coach Whitmore at (510) 659-6500 ext. 5120.

Alexander's clock is ticking away in Seattle



The final score

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Shaun Alexander has been seeking a lucrative, long-term contract from the Seattle Seahawks for more than two years now, but his patience will soon be rewarded.

On Sunday, Alexander became the first player in NFL history to score at least 15 touchdowns in five consecutive seasons. Collective Bargaining Agreement as it is says that the Seahawks are in their "last chance" season with

Alexander; after this year they will not be able to put the "franchise tag" on him, making him an outright free agent not under their control. They will not be able to give him "the average of the top five running backs in the league" and they will not get a first-round draft pick from any team successful in signing Alexander.

In other words, Alexander will finally get what he deserves.