



**The final score**

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**Sosa is So-done**

What would it take to sign an aging, declining, over-rated slugger these days? The A's did exactly that when they signed Frank Thomas during this off-season, and it cost them \$500,000 plus another \$500,000 in performance based incentives.

That means that the A's got a man who, when healthy, can change the game "with one swing of the bat" as *they* say, (who are they, by the way?) for at most, a million clams.

Pretty cheap by today's standards.

This being said, the Washington Nationals found out on Wednesday that they were being rejected by Sammy Sosa, who was offered a contract (the only one he's been offered this off-season, by the way) for about the same amount in base salary but without the incentives.

For a player that has 588 career homeruns, this must have been insulting. After all, look at what he did last year. He hit .221 with 14 home runs and 45 RBI's. If that doesn't scream for a huge contract, I don't know what does.

Sosa erred in a big way not taking this deal, although it's probable that he'll get more money somewhere.

He erred because Washington D.C. was the ideal location for this man, especially since he turns 38 this season. He had a chance to come back to the National League and make a few bucks.

More importantly, he lost the chance to "be the man" which I'm sure he still believes he should be and if he were to have a good season, he could cash in one more time on a big contract for next year.

Sosa's time has come and gone, no doubt about it. Sure, he can still hit. Put him in your lineup and you're virtually guaranteed about 25 homers, if he can stay healthy. I didn't mean to de-emphasize that point, however, because that is a big if.

Sosa would do himself a favor by just taking the next contract that comes his way, regardless of whether or not he feels it reflects his true value. Sitting on his hands in April would be even more of a blow to his massive ego than a 14 home run year.

By the by, any of you Sosa fans out there saying he was hurt so his numbers fell. You're right, he did get hurt twice last year. But come on, he still had 380 at bats, meaning he hit a homer once every 27 at bats or so. Not too good for a future Hall of Famer.



Ohlone freshman shortstop Jessica Soderholm (23) tags out the Mission baserunner attempting to steal, while second baseman Raquel Torres backs up the play. Ohlone defeated Mission 12-0. Photo by Ross Tsetanov

**Softball wins league opener**

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Last Tuesday, the Ohlone women's softball team defeated Mission College in their first league game with a 12-0 shut out victory. The Lady Renegades showed Mission no mercy right from the first pitch thrown by talented freshman pitcher Tiffany Chan.

Chan began the inning off to a great start for the Lady Renegades. On the mound, she kept the momentum going by allowing only two hits,

and committed to five strikeouts. In the bottom of the first inning, Ashley Marra scored the first run for Ohlone and was 1 for 4 at bat with two RBI's. At the bottom of the second inning, the Renegades took the game over and scored seven runs including a two run home run by freshman Kristina DaSilva.

In the bottom of the third inning, Jessica Soderholm proved herself to be a base stealing threat as she stole second and third base on wild pitches, and eventually stole home. Other hitting stand-outs included

Missy Cross going 2 for 4 with two singles, and Roquel Torres going 2 for 3 with one single and one RBI.

"I think Mission College showed a lot of spirit, and I was pleased with our hitting. It's our first league game and you get to go to the next series of tournaments when you do well in league. It's important to win early" said Head Coach Donna Runyon. The Ohlone women's softball team is currently 2-2-1. Today they take on DeAnza College at home at 3 p.m.

**Ohlone wins 5th straight**

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Last Friday night, the Ohlone women's basketball team defeated San Jose City College in a highly suspenseful game with a clinching score of 61-65. It was an intense first half as the Lady Renegades were neck and neck with the Panthers.

At the end of the first half, Ohlone was down by three points. Center Laura Elliott led her team sinking in six points to start the second half. Both teams stepped up the level of intensity fighting for the lead. For the majority of the second half, SJCC desperately tried to take the lead, but it was no match for the Lady Renegades starting five of Laura Elliott, Amanda Everett, Jenna Nicholson, Alcha Strane, and Kaycie Zimmerman, as they displayed an amount of collective unforgiving defense to prevent SJCC from scoring.

The Lady Renegades kept their momentum going when the dynamic duo of Elliott and Everett shut down the Panthers top players. Not to mention Elliott and Everett who were leading performers of the night. Elliott had 23 points and 12 rebounds, while Everett trailed behind her with 20 points and 8 rebounds.

"I feel like we wanted it more than they did, so we went out and got it," said Elliott. Ohlone's dominating victory over San Jose



Ohlone point guard Alcha Strane fights the San Jose City defender for the loose ball. Strane had seven points and five rebounds for the game. Photo by Ross Tsvetanov

now enables Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley and her squad to compete for the conference title and was also pleased with the outcome.

"The intensity and focus was there. The girls committed to doing their job, and the determination was there. It was

nice to see the girls make it happen for themselves," said Stanley.

With only two games left, Stanley hopes to finish out the season with another win as the Lady Renegades take on Cabrillo College at home, Friday night at 5:30 p.m.



**Over time**

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**A Pebble Beach POV**

Imagine playing golf on a breathtaking course, next to the Pacific Ocean, on a beautiful, windless day. For the pros on the PGA tour, this is a reality. I'm talking about playing at Pebble Beach. This golf course is one of the most famous courses in the country and pro golfers cannot wait to play it.

This past weekend, I went to the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am. I've been going to this event every year for the past five years. Each time I go and set foot on the course, I'm in awe of the serenity and the picturesque view.

In addition to the pro golfers, the event brought out a mixture of celebrities and athletes. In attendance were Tom Brady, Samuel L. Jackson, Bill Murray, Emmitt Smith, Ozzie Smith and Mark Wahlberg. However, it was the golf and the pros that many, came to see. Golfers such as Chris DiMarco, Luke Donald, Jose Maria Olazabal and Phil Mickelson make you want to pick up a club yourself and take lessons.

Phil Mickelson looked as if he was going to be in contention to win the tournament, he was playing early on in Saturday's round. The majority of his drives hit the fairways and his putting looked solid. But after bogeying four of the last five holes, he soon fell seven strokes back of the leading Aaron Oberholser.

Mike Weir was tremendous in the weekend rounds. His drives were straight and all over 300 yards. His putting was good and his chip shots were precise and accurate. Weir was eying a second place finish but it was Rory Sabbatini, who ended up taking second place in the event.

Aaron Oberholser is the one who dominated the event from the start. This San Jose State graduate took a commanding lead after Saturday's round to give himself a sweet cushion for the final play on Sunday. All he had to do was make sure he didn't choke in the end.

His lead only slipped to six strokes as he headed into the 18th hole. The lead was so large that he even could have five putted and still would have won the tournament.

However, he played it safely, and pared the 18th to win the Pebble Beach Pro-Am for the first time in his career. I can't wait to go again next year.