



Swing away

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Dream teams?

Okay, I'll admit it, I didn't think the World Baseball Classic was going to be a big success. I thought it was just a ploy by Bud Selig to boost the ratings and sales game. Boy, was I wrong. However, there was one thing that has irked me since the Classic ended: Why in the world was the United States not in the championship game?

Before the Classic even got under way, the good old boys representing the red, white and blue were the favorites (along with the Dominican Republic) to go to the championship round and possibly win the whole entire thing because of their rosters being filled with top-notch talent. Yet, both teams did not make it.

What am I getting at, you ask? Well, I'll tell you. There is no such thing as a "Dream Team" in the United States anymore. That idea died along with the concept, "there's no I in team."

Egos rule the sports world with an iron fist now. Players are more concerned about their own personal interests than those of their team and tend to get too flashy for their own good and forget the basics. When the original "Dream Team," the 1992 Olympic basketball team was put together, the players were picked based upon how well they could mesh with other players, how they could make the team stronger and knew the fundamentals of the game. Stockton knew how to pass, Bird and Jordan, the shooting touch and Johnson and Malone, the ability to drive to the basket.

Also, it used to be that it was an honor to represent your country and wear its colors. The 1980 Olympic hockey team, under the guidance of Head Coach Herb Brooks, were complete underdogs against the Soviets and their own differences. It wasn't until after Brooks got them to realize that "the name on the front of their jersey is more important than the name on the back," they went on to win Olympic gold. The name on the front is more important? I love that. Where's that pride at now?!

Some of the teams involved in the WBC have also been playing together for years. The U.S. just slaps a few All-Stars together and expects to win automatically. We might as well have sent the Yankees to play instead.

You'd also think that the countries that created the games would be dominant too. Wow, isn't that ironic? Oh well, congrats to the Japanese team.



Sophomore Chris Stage and the Renegades cruised over spring break defeating Monterey Peninsula and City College of San Francisco. Ohlone plays West Valley College in Saratoga today. Photo by Ross Tsvetanov

Rain doesn't bother the Renegades

By RAHUL BATRA
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No one ever expected March to be a month full of cold, bitter weather, rain after rain after rain, snow on Mission Peak, and nearly five consecutive nights with straight up freezing temperatures.

We as civilians don't really have to reschedule anything when storms approach, nor do we have to find sunny days to make-up work. However, athletes who participate in sports all over world are the ones who really suffer. In particular, the baseball team of Ohlone College.

The Renegades have been through a whole lot these past couple of weeks. With all of these sudden storms that have been happening here in the Bay Area, many games, practices and momentum most importantly, have been put on hold. That means that games and practices have to be rescheduled

and players have to adjust their own personal schedules to a new schedule that will allow for make-up games.

Luckily, last Thursday's game was played as promised. The Renegades faced Monterey Peninsula College. Judging by the score, it seemed that Monterey wished that the game was canceled. The Renegades put a beat down on them 7-0. The bus ride back for Monterey probably wasn't fun either.

Last Saturday's game was definitely canceled. Luckily, City College of San Francisco ended up making their way across the Bay the very next day for the make-up. However, the extra day didn't help matters much with a strong performance by the Renegades taking the game with a 7-4 victory.

This past Tuesday's game against Gavilan College was supposed to be played at 2 p.m. However, with one of these unprecedented storms

that approached Fremont, the game will be rescheduled for tomorrow at 2 p.m. With this sort of tumultuous roller coaster the Renegades has been through, it has been a miracle that they have been able to stay sane through it all.

"The kids have been good," said Ohlone Manager Paul Moore. "Things have been very difficult, but everybody has showed up when they are supposed to and there have been no complaints."

The season so far for the Renegades has not been a disappointment. Their current record is 16-9-2. Their league record is also promising with seven wins and four losses. It's amazing that with this hectic month of bad weather, soggy fields and shifting schedules, the Renegades have been displaying solid pitching, tremendous defense and first punching offense to win key games. So get on out there and support the Renegades for the rest of the season.

Meet preps Ohlone for Chabot

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Last week, the Renegades swim team competed in the Cuesta Invitational, hosted by Cuesta College, in San Luis Obispo.

Many junior colleges from Northern and Southern California competed in the highly anticipated swim meet. Of the 25 junior colleges that competed, overall the Lady Renegades finished in 11th place.

On the men's side, Ohlone posted remarkable finishes in the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:34.88). Po-Han Chen finished within the top 30 swimmers in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:29.01, while Andrei Soen finished within the top 15 swimmers in the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:10.85.

On the women's side, the Lady Renegades finished 10th place overall in the 200 yard freestyle, with a time of 1:47.81.

In the women's individual events, sophomore stand-out swimmer Erin Morgan took 2nd place in the 100 yard breast with a distinguished time of 1:08.79, finishing behind Kayleigh Knight of Sierra College. Freshman Katie O'Dea took 10th place overall with an impressive time of 1:08.05.

As the Ohlone swim team is in the midst of their season, Morgan and Soen have already achieved qualification times for the State Championships in the 100 breast, 50 breast, 100 individual medley, and the 100 back individual events.

The Ohlone women's swim team is currently undefeated, post-

ing a record of 3-0, as the Lady Renegades are looking to defend their title. The men's swim team is currently 2-1.

"I know Chabot has divers, and we don't. They will get huge points on diving, and I don't think we can overcome that during the dual meet season, but that doesn't mean we can't take them down at the championship meet," said Ohlone Head Coach Gene Kendall. "I don't put a lot of value into dual meet season. The championship meet is what we're more focused on. Dual meets are the 'tune-ups' before the big race."

Tomorrow, the Renegades take to the water to take on Fullerton and forthcoming rival Chabot and at the Ohlone pool at 3 p.m. Then on April 7, The Renegades head to Saratoga to take on West Valley College.



The final score

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In the shadows

So, here we are, staring into another issue of Barry Bonds: Steroid Abuser. I know I've touched on this subject once or twice in the past, but with all the new revelations about Mr. Bonds in the newest attack entitled "Game of Shadows" written by two San Francisco *Chronicle* reporters, I feel it is my obligation to step up and write on the topic once again.

This time, however, I will not defend Bonds. There, you have my opinion, but I will not elaborate. Instead, I will focus on Bonds' detractors and their arguments, foolish or not, and give you a few opinions about those.

Let's get rid of his stats. But not just his home runs; you can't stop there. If you're going to wipe him clear from baseball, wipe away every stat. Okay, so we now have no winner of the 2002 World Series now, after all, Bonds' stats are gone, therefore his team only played with eight players on the field, which means the game never took place. Right?

Bonds should NOT be in the Hall of Fame because the Hall reflects character and the integrity of the game: This is a common argument against Pete Rose as well. Fine, let's get rid of all the people that weren't perfect. Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb were drunks. You get my point, but you think people that are bad only to themselves should be in. After all, Ruth and Cobb's drinking didn't help them play better. I submit Whitey Ford and Gaylord Perry, both admitted "spit-ballers" are both in the Hall. Wow, that's some pretty damning evidence to that argument against Bonds and Rose.

Bonds shouldn't break Henry Aaron's record because Aaron was a class act that would never cheat.

Everything is speculation, observation and hear say. Just like the Bonds case. Ken Griffey Jr., another future Hall of Famer, went on the record this week saying that the steroid conversation between the two never happened. I'm not saying it's fact, but the evidence is the same.

My point is people, that no matter what your personal feelings are, you have to be fair and balanced; the way a journalist is supposed to be. I say that because these two journalists are far from fair or balanced. Think it through before you open your mouth, for the sake and sanity of us clear minded folk.