

# Women's polo squad looks for a repeat

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Last fall Ohlone's very own Women's Water Polo team took the Coast Conference by storm and brought home the title of Coast Conference Champions. This season, Head Coach Don French and Assistant Coach Gene Kendall the IV, are being quick to get down to business.

With a roster of 14 the team will be comprised of many returning players as well as quite a few new faces. The standout player from last year's squad, Erin Morgan, is not expected to return to the team this year.

However, both French and Kendall are confident that there are multiple girls capable of replacing Morgan as star players. "Jennifer Galam and Tracy Robertson could easily fill the shoes of Erin Morgan," French said. Kendall went on to add "I think Robertson has the potential to be our leading scorer; she has a lot more experience playing club polo than the other girls."

New additions to the team have also created quite an impression with the coaches. Katie O'Dea and Emilie Rivard are listed as being two new players to watch this season. Freshman Danielle McDowell has also been singled out for her exceptional strength in shooting and scoring.

This season, the team's main focus is to once again place as Coast Conference champs. But that is not the only goal for French and Kendall. "We want our kids to learn to play polo at a much higher level than even they expected themselves. We want them to play like a division three level team," said French.

Furthermore, French also hopes to develop some of the girls into water polo coaches themselves. "There are not enough women coaches in high schools and I'd love for these girls to start stepping up into that role," French said.

This year, the team expects there to be five standout teams in the Coast Conference serving as their main competitors, a definitive increase from last two years. "There is a lot of equity this year in the conference so the teams will be more even," French said. "I think we have a good shot to repeat as conference champions, but it depends on how aggressive the girls play."

Both French and Kendall have already taken into consideration the added competition

this year when planning practices. "We have to step it up with our practices," said Kendall. French plans on giving the team every opportunity to play as much as possible this season. Official rules state that only 21 contacts, or games and tournaments, are allowed per season and French has scheduled 20 for the women's water polo team. "We're playing the heck out of these kids," French exclaimed.

Friday, Sept. 8 will be the team's first chance to show off their stuff at the Cuesta College Tournament in San Luis Obispo, but no time has been set. Support is always appreciated.

## Women's polo schedule

|                |              |                                 |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| TUESDAY        | 9/12/06      | MERCED & MODESTO JUNIOR COLLEGE |
| AT MERCED      |              | NOON                            |
| THURSDAY       | 9/14/06      | SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COLLEGE       |
| OHLONE COLLEGE |              | 3:30 P.M.                       |
| FRI.-SAT.      | 9/15-9/16/06 | WEST VALLEY TOURNAMENT          |
| AT SARATOGA    |              | ALL DAY                         |
| THURSDAY       | 9/21/06      | CABRILLO COLLEGE                |
| AT APTOS       |              | 4:00 P.M.                       |
| SATURDAY       | 9/23/06      | AMERICAN RIVER TOURNAMENT       |
| T.B.A.         |              | ALL DAY                         |
| FRIDAY         | 9/29/06      | SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE         |
| OHLONE COLLEGE |              | ALL DAY                         |

# Renegades' fall sports home schedule

**MEN'S WATER POLO:**  
FRI.-SAT. 9/22-9/23/06  
OHLONE COLLEGE  
TOURNAMENT  
8:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY 10/18/06  
DEANZA COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 10/20/06  
CHABOT COLLEGE  
3:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 10/25/06  
WEST VALLEY COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 10/27/06  
FOOTHILL COLLEGE  
3:00 P.M.

**MEN'S SOCCER:**  
FRIDAY 9/8/06  
CITY COLLEGE OF SF  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 9/15/06  
MISSION COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 9/20/06  
YUBA COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 9/26/06  
EVERGREEN VALLEY  
4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY 10/3/06  
CHABOT COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY 10/17/06

HARTNELL COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 10/20/06  
WEST VALLEY COLLEGE  
2:00 P.M.

TUESDAY 10/24/06  
EVERGREEN VALLEY  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 10/27/06  
HARTNELL COLLEGE  
4:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 11/3/06  
LAS POSITAS COLLEGE  
3:00 P.M.

TUESDAY 11/7/06  
GAVILAN COLLEGE  
3:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 11/10/06  
FOOTHILL COLLEGE  
3:00 P.M.

FRIDAY 10/13/06  
WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:**  
FRIDAY 9/15/06  
FOOTHILL COLLEGE  
6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 9/27/06  
MONTEREY PENINSULA  
6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 10/4/06  
WEST VALLEY COLLEGE  
6:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 10/11/06  
CABRILLO COLLEGE  
6:30 P.M.

FRIDAY 10/20/06  
GAVILAN COLLEGE  
6:30 P.M.

# Steroid use: going too far for the win?

Remember way back when former New York Jets' Head Coach Herm Edwards went off during a post-game press conference? No? Well, let me refresh your memory - it's very simple, very easy to remember.

"You play to win the game!"

Ah, got your attention now, didn't I? The reason I bring this up is this: if one plays to win the game, how far does one go to obtain that oh, so precious taste of victory? Does that win haunt your dreams so much that you use an illegal substance to gain that crucial edge in the heat of battle?

Ever since Jose Canseco's little coming-out party, the names and numbers of the highest profiled athletes have been brought in to question. Rafael Palmeiro, Jason Grimsley, Ken Caminiti, Marion Jones and Floyd Landis have all

had their names tarnished just for the sake of victory. However, it is not only the professional athlete who is dying for that boost; now it is also coming into the hands of the student athlete.

Just a few weeks ago, during a random drug screening, University of Southern California defensive back Brandon Ting tested positive for steroid usage, according to ESPN.

If the name Ting is familiar to you, it is probably because it was Doctor Arthur Ting, Brandon's father, who performed a number of surgeries on San Francisco Giants' slugger Barry Bonds and supposedly testified in the perjury hearing of the single season home run king.

Brandon, along with twin brother Ryan, attended Union City's James Logan High School, where they were the kind of kids that everyone



**Swing away**

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wanted to be friends with. I, fortunately, was lucky enough to share a classroom with them while at Logan. And from what I saw, both were very goal-oriented, averaging close to a 4.0 G.P.A. and were three-sport athletes, also playing basketball and running track. Some would go as far as saying that they were closest to being squeaky-clean perfect, no shades of the dark side at all.

Apparently, being an inch away from perfection wasn't good enough.

Did the Tings use steroids as

far back as high school? Did they distribute them to their teammates at Logan or USC? I couldn't tell you. But what if other athletes did when they were 16 or 17?

The purity of the games we grew up on as children are in real jeopardy. We play to win the game, true, but there was a time when playing the game was just good, wholesome, all-American fun. No steroid testing needed at all. However, at the rate this fiasco is going, steroid testing could begin as early as Pop Warner and Little League.

Before being barred from playing collegiate football - which is the punishment if tested positive, the Tings both decided to leave football to prepare for medical school and most likely before Ryan gets tested. Coincidence?

Maybe. Remember this though,

it might be pretty easy for Brandon and Ryan to obtain these "performance enhancers" when Daddy is the orthopedic surgeon of almost every professional sports franchise in the Bay Area.

I love watching my favorite athletes perform day after day, but wondering if they're hocked up on steroids or human growth hormones isn't something I should be doing. Now I find myself wondering, "was that with or without the juice?"

When I watch the Little League World Series on ESPN and see a 12 year-old kid throwing a 75 mile per-hour fast ball, I think, "Wow, this kid is going to be a stud when he gets older." But, unfortunately that's followed up with a, "Quick, where is his birth certificate?" and a, "with or without?"

Now that, ladies and gentlemen, is a sick thought.