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Raiders: Can it get any worse?

When was the last time the Raiders started the season 0-5, on an 11-game losing streak dating back to last season, and as the worst team in the NFL?

To be historical, the last time the Silver and Black was this bad: 1964, when Al Davis was in his second year as the head coach. The Raiders haven't been so bad in 42 years. Currently, the Raiders are so bad, not only are they the laughingstock of the NFL, but many sports websites have polls up asking fans if they think the Raiders will win a single game this year.

To be honest, I can't even tell if they can avoid the embarrassing 0-16 season record that they're on pace for.

They have an offense that has only scored 50 points so far all season, averaging a league low 10 points a game. Some of the other teams have put up close to as many points in one game this year. Wide receiver Jerry Porter is complaining, even though he hasn't played in a regular season game yet, quarterback Aaron Brooks has been sidelined since week 2 with a right shoulder injury which led to Andrew Walter becoming the starter.

It is like the Raiders are in a "Great Depression"-like state ever since their Super Bowl loss to Tampa Bay about three years ago.

However, we can shine some light on this. You know what they say, when you have lemons, make lemonade.

Although the Raiders have struggled this year, we have been able to see what the future holds for the Silver and Black, especially at quarterback. Although Aaron Brooks was brought in to be the future quarterback for the Raiders, and with the struggles of Marques Tuiososo we've seen the development, and a glimpse of the future in second-year quarterback Andrew Walter, whom despite the fact he is 0-3 as a starter, has plated fairly well throwing for 611 yards and two touchdowns. That's two more than Aaron Brooks has thrown, by the way.

Defensively, Oakland has looked better on defense. The only reason for the struggle defensively is the fact that the offense has struggled. The Raiders offense has had the least time of possession in the league, thus putting their defense on the field too much.

Oakland looks forward to stopping Matt Leinart and the Arizona Cardinals this Sunday in Oakland at 1 p.m. on FOX. This game against Arizona could be Oakland's only chance at winning a game this year.



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

The Renegades played very well defensively against their opponent Hartnell College this past Tuesday, but still lost 4-0.

Men's Soccer still struggling

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They play hard, play with a lot of heart, but in the end, what matters is the score.

Don't tell that to the Men's Soccer Team.

With only two wins in season, the Renegades looked to showcase their improved play, and get a win against Hartnell College at home. A 4-0 loss on Tuesday to Hartnell College was not what they had in mind.

The score does not tell the whole story however.

The Renegades played well for most of the game against a Hartnell team with a good defense. Goalie Charlie Schultz played well in the net for most of the game, however a weak showing by the Ohlone offense eventually created a tired defense in the end made Schultz's job even worse, as Hartnell eventually found ways to score on him.

Even with the weak showing on offense, the Renegades did show that they can move the ball downfield. Julio Castano of the Renegades was almost able to put Ohlone on the scoreboard in the first half as he found a seam in the tough Hartnell defense. However, his lone attack was stopped by a Hartnell defense that hustled to catch up with Castano, ending his attack.

Hartnell's offense also struggled



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

Ohlone's Andrew "A.J." Peisoto attempts to move the ball past a Hartnell defender.

in the first half, as most of their attacks were stopped by a Renegade defense that played very well in the first half.

The second half was a different story for the Renegades defensively. As Ohlone continued to struggle on offense, the defense began to tire out more and more. Ohlone found ways to move downfield with the ball, however they would give up

possession and have to run back to try and stop Hartnell from scoring, which didn't work all too well.

Ohlone's "fight till the end" mentality would not be enough as they would end up being shutout by Hartnell College 4-0.

The Men's Soccer Team will look to bounce back from Tuesday's loss as they take on West Valley College tomorrow at Ohlone at 4 p.m.

Battle of the sexes, Round 4

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Three years ago, two teams started a rivalry. The Women's Softball Team and the Men's Basketball Team have played each other in a game of softball every year since the rivalry started in 2003.

Men's Basketball Coach John Peterson and Women's Softball Coach Donna Runyon started and fuel this three-year old rivalry not out of pure hatred for each other

like the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox do, but as a way to build camaraderie not just between the players of their respected teams, but with each other as a whole.

"It's great to interact with all the sports," said Coach Runyon as she believes that it's good for all the sports to be involved with and support one another. For example, the girls go to the guy's basketball games, and the guys go to the girl's softball games and they cheer each other on.

The rivalry originally started out with the boys challenging the

girls for food.

The Men's Basketball Team started out strong, as they won the inaugural game in 2003, but it has been the Women's Softball Team that has dominated the past two games in 2004 and 2005, and leads the series 2-1.

This year, a barbecue is on the line, as the women look to continue their streak today at 2 p.m. at the softball fields. Coach Peterson said that his team is "absolutely winning this year." We'll see if the men can come through and even up the series.



Over time

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A new era for Golden State

The Golden State Warriors made an impressive move this off-season. No, it wasn't a stellar trade for a small forward or a center. It was the hiring of legendary coach, Don Nelson. Nelson has proven that he is one of the best and most successful coaches in NBA history. He is also very well respected throughout the league for his creativity, leadership and strategical skills.

For those of you who don't remember, Nelson was a huge and intricate part of the Warrior's organization during the late 80's and early 90's. Now, at age 66, he enters the league as the second highest winningest coach in the NBA with 1,190 wins trailing Lenny Wilkens by 1,332. Nelson has said that the Warriors organization always has a special place in his heart along with the great fans of the Bay Area. Throughout his career, he has led his teams to a total of 17 playoff appearances and ranks 10th on the NBA all-time playoff win list with 70.

Nelson will be a tremendous addition as a coach for the Warriors. He tenure at Dallas has showed why he is a great coach. Molding players such as Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki into outstanding MVP talent was phenomenal. Not to mention mentoring and tutoring former Warrior Avery Johnson into an elite NBA coach. And now, he will certainly help the Warrior's young talent achieve its maximum performance.

With the addition of two great draft picks earlier this summer, the Warriors will bring size, depth, mobility and toughness to the court. Patrick O'Bryant, of Bradley, and Kosta Perovic, of Serbia, will be two outstanding seven plus foot centers to this team.

The Warriors are already looking terrific. In their first two preseason games, they are 2-0 and Nelson is already looking very comfortable coaching such superstars as Jason Richardson and Baron Davis. Hopefully this year, they can get over that hump and make it to the playoffs.

The Warriors will look to right the wrongs of a 2005-06 campaign in which they went 34-48. They open the regular season on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at home at 7:30 p.m. against their Southern California rivals, the Los Angeles Lakers. Their first nationally televised game of the season will be against the Sacramento Kings at home on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. on TNT.

Hopefully the Warriors, now led by Head Coach Don Nelson, can get over the hump and into the postseason.