



## First and 10

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### The future QBs are here

The game of football has changed a lot over the past decade or so. Defensive linemen are much faster, linebackers are as fast, if not faster than some receivers, and defensive backs hit as hard as the linebackers do these days.

Along with the changes on defense, there's got to be changes on offense. So, what is the biggest position to change on offense?

The quarterback position.

A coach can change receivers in and out, runningbacks in and out, and some linemen in and out, but the one constant in that offensive package is the quarterback.

Fans do get used to their teams' quarterback, so much that they begin to look at them like family. Kansas City adores Trent Green, Tennessee was surprised when they let Steve McNair go, San Francisco still loves Steve Young...and Joe Montana, Philadelphia, who once hated Donovan McNabb now doesn't know what they'll do without him and Jets fans will never forget the days when Vinny Testaverde was their quarterback. And fans loved Kurt Warner in his tenure with St. Louis, Arizona and New York.

A reason for the change is due to the "new" standard for NFL quarterbacks now have changed dramatically, thanks to Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick. Vick, who replaced longtime Falcons quarterback Chris Chandler, showed that now defenses have to stay honest and keep their eyes on the quarterbacks, especially those that can run like Vick, Eagle's quarterback Donovan McNabb, and Titan's quarterback Vince Young.

So, who are the new members of this quarterback fraternity of the NFL?

Well, there's Andrew Walter in Oakland, taking over for Aaron Brooks, who barely lasted a week; Vince Young in Tennessee, replacing long-time Titans quarterback Steve McNair; Matt Leinart in Arizona, replacing Kurt Warner; Eli Manning has become a household name in New York after he replaced Kurt Warner in 2004; Carson Palmer replaced Jon Kitna in Cincinnati after sitting out his rookie year; Tom Brady was once a practice squad reject, and is now one of the faces of the NFL; Jake Delhomme has made a name for himself in Carolina after being cut and re-signed by the Saints; and the newest member of the bunch... Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys. He's replacing two-time Super Bowl quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

Fans, get familiar with these names, because these guys will be around for a while.



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

Melanie Inouye and Jessica Panoringan dive for the ball in the second match of their volleyball game against San Jose City College last night.

## Volleyball loses to San Jose despite big late-game rally

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Almost, but not quite

The Women's Volleyball team's season has been one that most would forget. However, for these girls, it's one that they'll learn from.

The Lady Renegades took on the Lady Jaguars of San Jose City College last night here at Ohlone, and even with a pumped-up home crowd cheering them on, the ladies couldn't come through with a victory, as they would lose the overall game 3-0.

The first match was kind of back and forth scoring-wise as both Ohlone and San Jose City traded point after point. However, it would be San Jose City pulling through till the end as they would win the first match 30-19.

Although there was much improvement shown throughout the first match by the Lady Renegades, the second match saw the Lady

Jaguars take full control offensively and defensively. Ohlone continued their struggles defensively as San Jose City easily broke through the Ohlone defense as they would win the second match by a score of 30-7, giving San Jose City a 2-0 lead in the overall game.

The third match was the one that stood out the most for Ohlone.

After losing the first two matches, and getting dominated on in the second match, most would think that Ohlone was down for the count, and the third match would let San Jose City College clean them up.

Ohlone would have an answer for that, as from the match's opening serve, the Lady Renegades showed that they were down, but not out. Yet, even with a strong start, Ohlone continued to make their share of mistakes. San Jose City took advantage of these mistakes, and took a commanding lead late in the match.

Then came the Lady Renegades.

After trailing by nearly 15 points in the third match, Ohlone would rally and score 10 consecutive points to erase the deficit to as much as four points, as they would trail by a score of 28-24 toward the end. However, a late rally by Ohlone would be too little, too late as San Jose City would shut the door and stop Ohlone's rally and win the third and final match 30-25, and win the game 3-0.

Although they have shown much improvement, their defensive play has still struggled throughout the season. Lack of focus has also haunted the Lady Renegades throughout this season, however, their improved play offensively has, without a doubt, benefited Ohlone.

The Women's Volleyball Team will take on West Valley College in Saratoga next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## 3-peat: Women win annual game

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What's a rivalry that tops the Yankees/Red Sox? The annual softball game between the men's basketball team and the women's softball team.

Last week it was "put up or shut up" time for the two teams leading up to Thursday afternoon's game.

The Men's Basketball team even brought in some extra help to boost their chances. Ben Peterson, Coach Peterson's 5-year-old son, was the special guest player. He may be little compared to the other guys, but Ben held his own in the game by scoring two runs and stealing four bases.

At the start of the game there was hope for the guys to end their streak of bad luck against the girls. Men's Basketball Coach John Peterson got the first hit of the game, and the men looked like they would take control of this one.

However the girls were on top of their game as they would take a 7-3 lead into the fourth inning. The men were down, but not out, as they would come back to tie the game at 7 in the seventh inning. But, in the end, it would be the girls who would come through in the bottom of the seventh as they would win the game by a final of 8-7.

The win extends the girl's streak in the rivalry to three years in a row that they've won this game.



Jessica Panoringan gets ready to defend.



## Over time

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### Was it dirt, or was it worse?

What was on Kenny Roger's hand during game two of the World Series? He claims it was dirt. Was it? Evidence has shown that that same substance that was on his hand during the World Series was also there during his performance in the ALDS against the Yankees and in the ALCS against the A's.

If it was essentially pine tar, it's cheating and he should have been ejected from the game along with a maximum 10-game suspension. A punishment like that would have dramatically changed the entire course of the World Series. For game two, the Tigers would have had to bring in someone from their bullpen, which is costly in postseason play. A team needs a strong bullpen to come in, late in the game, and pitch in a clutch situation. A worn out bullpen throwing too many innings only hurts the team because of the lack of time to rest during a short seven game series.

His ejection would have also affected game six as well, which is to be played in Detroit Saturday evening. The reason being Kenny Rogers is scheduled to pitch. A smudge on the palm of his left hand marred his post-game press conference, which would have been all about his dominant and spectacular performance.

So again, the question is, was he cheating? Well, we would have found out if Tony LaRussa had done more with the situation than what he actually did. Which was nothing! LaRussa is known for not letting close calls slide and has always been affirmative and strict when it comes to a players breaking a rule in baseball. However, after the first inning, even after LaRussa's staff told him about the smudge from looking at different FOX camera angles, LaRussa only told the umpires to tell Rogers to wash off the substance. Some say he didn't want to make a huge deal about it because of his close friendship with Tigers manager Jim Leyland. Who knows?

Of course Tiger fans are going to use the argument that after Rogers wiped off the smudge from his left hand after the first inning, he still pitched seven strong, shutout innings anyway.

That may be true. But, it doesn't erase the fact that it should have been carefully inspected. Because, if it was proved that it was definitely pine tar, those eight scoreless innings he threw would have been erased and Rogers would have been watching game two from the bench.

And maybe game six.