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Renegades freshman guard Korey Hutchinson defends the Siskiyou player.

Men's basketball continues trend with Siskiyou victory

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The men's basketball team seems as if they can do no wrong right now, as they continue to keep on winning.

Last Sunday's game against Siskiyou College was another example of how dominant this team is.

However, the Renegades could've lost this one, especially early in the matchup. Siskiyou took an early lead in the opening minutes as Ohlone seemed as if they could not keep up with the passing offense from Siskiyou.

But it wouldn't take long for the Renegades to regroup and come back as they would go on a 11-0 run midway through the first.

From there, this game was pretty much over, as Ohlone would go into the locker room at halftime with the score 45-26.

And it wouldn't end there, as the Renegades, led by Bert Whittington, Jermaine Smith and Korey Hutchison, would completely control the second half as Ohlone led by as much as 32 points midway through the second half.

Ohlone controlled the court offensively and defensively, taking

advantage of every Siskiyou turnover, then taking a 35 point lead in the last six minutes of the game.

After all was said and done, the Renegades would run away with this one by a score of 90-62.

Yet, regardless of the winning streak the Renegades are on, they've had to overcome a couple of obstacles.

"We've been able to remain humble," said Renegades head coach John Peterson. He is also

happy that his team has done a great job of staying focused on the next game and not getting ahead of themselves.

Coach Peterson will have a tough challenge coming up tomorrow night at home at 7 p.m. against Merritt College. What makes this game worth watching is that the head coach of Merritt College was once Peterson's assistant here at Ohlone. Will the student become the teacher?



Renegades freshman center Hamidou Coulibaly takes flight to the rim over three Siskiyou defenders.

Who's got a shot at the Heisman?

In sports, the Heisman Trophy is the most sought after award next to the Vince Lombardi Trophy for winning the Super Bowl. Its name came from a man named John W. Heisman, head coach of college football for more than three decades, between 1892-1937.

He was also the first athletic director for the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City. In 1935 the Downtown Athletic Club (DAC) decided to establish the DAC Trophy for the best college athlete in a given season. John W. Heisman passed away in October of 1936. Because he was considered to have changed the face of football for what has now become an American passion, the DAC decided to change the name of the DAC Trophy to the Heisman trophy after he eventually succumbed to pneumonia.

Throughout this 2006 college football season, we have seen a lot of talent from players of all different positions. The top candidates in this year's ceremony are quarterback from Ohio State Troy Smith, quarterback from Notre Dame Brady Quinn and running back from Arkansas Darren McFadden. There are some names left off this list, such as running back Adrian Peterson of Oklahoma, running back Mike Hart of Michigan and quarterback of Hawaii Colt Brennan.

Based on stats, Brennan should be the winner. Here's why. He leads the nation in touchdown passes with 53, which were 23 more than Troy Smith! He led in yards thrown at nearly 5,000 yards to Smith's 2,507 and completion percentage with 72.1% to Smith's 67%.

Now, the reason why he is not getting as much consideration as the others and most likely will not win the award is because he plays



Over time

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on Hawaii time, so many sports writers do not have a chance to watch him play and he plays in the very weak WAC Conference. Even though he may have set numerous records this season, Colt will not win.

The Buckeyes' dominant quarterback, Troy Smith, led his team to an undefeated season and had the best game of his career against a number two Michigan by throwing for more than 300 yards and four touchdowns. He's been their biggest playmaker.

Brady Quinn can certainly make an interesting case for himself. Since Sept. 16, he has thrown 26 touchdown passes and two interceptions. However, he may fall short because of losing at the L.A. Coliseum against USC in his final game. Finally, there's Darren McFadden. Of the bunch, he is the most versatile player on the football field. He can run, block, pass, return kicks and make big plays.

Out of all these potential winners, I'm going with the obvious choice to win the Heisman: Troy Smith. The reason he will win is because he led his team to an undefeated season over some good schools and has made big plays when the pressure was on. He has tremendous arm and can move with his legs. When it comes down to it, the requirements for the Heisman all come down to whoever the best overall player was. And Troy Smith was that player! Look for him to hoist up the trophy in Times Square.

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