



# Men's basketball overcomes CCSF

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The fourth-ranked Ohlone Renegades upset the second-ranked CCSF Rams last Wednesday night at home before a standing-room-only crowd in the Epler Gymnasium. The Rams were an undefeated 5-0 in league play, winning seven straight going into this game while the Renegades were 4-1 in league play, with their last loss on Nov. 12. These two teams met earlier in the year in the finals of the Delta College Holiday Tournament with Ohlone winning 81-70 back on Dec. 17. Last month Ohlone spent some time ranked No. 1 in the state.

Would that be a sign of things to come?

In the game's first half, Ohlone proved that even though they were ranked lower, that they were the stronger team as the Renegades played well on both offense and defense as they took a three point lead going into halftime leading the Rams 38-35.

The second half, however, seemed as close to the last 3 rounds of a 12-round championship boxing match. No matter what Ohlone tried to do, CCSF seemed to match it.

As the second half went on, the Renegades began to pull away from CCSF as they led 55-44 with nine minutes left to play. However, midway through the second half, they also began to show signs of fatigue as they missed back-to-back scoring opportunities and had too many turnovers going into the closing stages of the game.

As much as CCSF tried to claw their way back, the Renegades held on, led by Jermaine Smith's team-high 15-point performance and Willis Gardner scored 11 on the night. The Renegades had an answer for each scoring attempt by the Rams.

And as the final seconds drew closer, chants of "We're number one!" filled the stands at the Epler Gymnasium as the fourth-ranked Ohlone Renegades upset the second-ranked Rams 72-68.

Ohlone will take on Cañada College this Saturday at 5 p.m. at home.



Sophomores Jermaine Smith and Allen Hester played well defensively against CCSF. Photos by Jeff Weisinger



Renegades Patrick Collier tries to dunk the ball in the second half.

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