

Women's soccer runs into Chabot

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The first half was a struggle for the Ohlone Renegade's Women's Soccer team on Friday as Chabot College pushed their offense in the first half and played tough physical defense in the second half, which resulted in a 2-1 win at Ohlone.

The Renegades struggled against Chabot's aggressive offense in the first half, but looked to hold off Chabot's first couple of field goal attempts on some nice saves by goalie Shabnam Razawi.

Chabot continued to press the offense, however, which resulted in a field goal at the 15 minute mark of the first half, which the Renegades were unable to recover from. Another goal was scored to make it 2-0 going into halftime.

With a lackluster first half, the Renegades knew they had to change their game plan for the second half. The Renegades had to literally fight to keep themselves in the game.

The second half featured some aggressive and physical play by Chabot, as three Ohlone players were nearly injured by some extracurricular activity.

"It was a competitive game, but a little dirty on their side..." said head coach Larry Hesslin after the game. The physical play wasn't enough to hold the Renegades back

as they scored their first and only goal on an assist by Forward Fanny Koloko-Green.

Though the Renegades played much more aggressively in the second half, Chabot College was able to hold off their seemingly rejuvenated offensive play. To sum up his team's performance Coach Hesslin said, "They (Chabot) played great in the first half, and I thought we gave a great effort in the second half. Unfortunately it wasn't enough to pull out the win."

For much of the game, Chabot College used noticeably aggressive and physical play on both ends of the field to help throw off Ohlone's game plan.

Coach Hesslin noticed this and said "...Yeah it was physical but when the referees are allowing it you just have to play through it."

Not only did the game's physical nature nearly injure many Ohlone players, tempers nearly flared as well, but the referees and players on both teams were able to keep things from getting out of hand.

Their ability to keep their minds on the game and not let the physical play get in their heads too much allowed them to make some nice plays in the second half. Though they fell short it was still a huge improvement from their lack of energy in the first half.

The Renegades fall to 2-3-2.



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Fanny Koloko-Green (10) above, beats a Chabot defender to the ball Friday. Below, Jasmine Floyd (5) defends well against her Chabot counterparts.



after the game, Ohlone's Coach Hesslin stated that they in fact, "started a new system today. The girls did a good job and got organized. We didn't really have too many breakdowns."

Heslin also stated that the team would talk over what happened on that score and do what they need to do to fix it at practice.

One possible reason for a lack of offense was the fact that Koloko-Green and Britney Rollins, who form a great offensive duo, were not on offense together.

With the loss to West Valley, Ohlone brings their record to 2-4-3 overall this season. They'll try to improve Friday at Evergreen College in San Jose.



Triples alley

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Bonds away

Fifteen years have gone by. They have been the greatest 15 years Bay Area baseball has witnessed in a long time.

After Fred Lewis caught the final out of the Giants 2007 season Sunday, the time officially began for life after Bonds. It has been coming for some time now. Or so one would think.

At the ripe age of 43, Bonds has been able to put up numbers that some up and coming prospects have a hard time doing.

This last season, Bonds hit 28 home runs, good for thirtieth in the bigs. He was also the "unofficial" leader in on base percentage and ranked third in OPS, but didn't qualify for either because the 132 walks he drew this year, which were also a MLB best, significantly dropped his number of at-bats.

Numbers don't lie. Bonds clearly has something left in the tank offensively, but because he can't cut it in the outfield, and the fact that his big salary doesn't give the Giants front office any breathing room, he cannot stay in San Francisco any longer.

And that is the sad part. But, if other teams truly believe that he can help them win ball games, or spike ticket sales, then we may be spoiled in watching the greatest slugger of our lifetime get a chance to extend his already great career.

But the most exciting part as a baseball fan for me is this: now that he holds the home run crown, he will be able to revert back to the days when he wouldn't just swing for the fences.

He will be able to legitimately help a ball club by doing the things that make a hitter great.

And the great part is that he has another record to strive for, 3,000 hits.

So really, am I sad to see Bonds move away from San Francisco? Yes. At the same time, though, this will allow the Giants to move in a new direction that will not be centered around one superstar.

Brian Sabean has already said that he wants the Giants to shift to being a team that is made up of pitching, speed and defense. So with outfielders Nate Schierholtz, Fred Lewis and Rajai Davis replacing Bonds, the Giants have the potential of being a team as fun as the great, scrappy St. Louis team from the 1980's.

So while Bonds is attracting one million extra fans in a different part of the country, the Giants will be moving in a direction that will keep them in contention in the NL west for years to come.

Renegades drop to West Valley

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Tuesday afternoon was a beautiful day for a game of women's soccer between the Ohlone Renegades and the West Valley Golden Eagles.

While Ohlone did play a great game, they ended up dropping their fourth game of the season, losing 1-0.

Throughout the afternoon the Renegades played very well both offensively and defensively.

Forward Fanny Koloko-Green had a very good afternoon. Head Coach Larry Hesslin later said about Koloko-Green, "She's a hard worker and she's a very physical player. She's strong to the ball and it's hard to knock her off. She will go shoulder to shoulder with anyone and there is no one really that can handle her."

That's very true about Koloko-Green. Midway through the first half, Koloko-Green received a cross from the outside and while doing so, knocked down an Eagle defender and attempted a shot. The shot bounced off another Eagle defender and she shot again only to have her attempt blocked by the West Valley keeper.

Even after getting her shots blocked and being double teamed, Koloko-Green kept working to try and get her team on the scoreboard.

Shortly after Ohlone's threat, West Valley was able to put together

a threat of their own.

Near the middle of the field, the Lady Renegades tried to get the ball cleared up to transition to a breakaway. However, an Eagle forward stole the ball and passed it up the sideline to West Valley's forward, Ashley Wheeler, who then took the pass up the right sideline. While doing so, she also was able to shake an Ohlone defender and score from 10 yards out.

Ohlone's keeper didn't have much of a chance when trying to block the shot because of the angle she took to the attacker.

West Valley ended up mounting a second threat in the game after Ohlone became a bit too aggressive. One of the Lady Renegade defenders made a good tackle at the top of the box on one of the Eagles forwards, but she ended up catching more Eagle than she did of the ball.

The ref quickly blew his whistle to signal the foul and he spotted it just outside the box for an Eagle free kick.

The Lady Renegades put four defenders together to form a wall in front of the free kicker.

After the ref blew his whistle to signal play, West Valley's forward Alena Smajlagic took her shot that caromed off the crossbar.

She nearly had one of her teammates put it back into the net for a second score, but Ohlone was able to clear it out before any further damage.

When asked about his defense