

Lady Water Polo edges out victory

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In a game where neither team was able to establish a big lead, the Ohlone Women's Water Polo team showed true grit as they were able to eke out a victory over Cabrillo College.

The game was played at a frenetic pace from beginning to end as both teams were able to run their offense but unable to capitalize on a lot of opportunities.

The two teams traded shots early, with Cabrillo taking an early 2-1 lead. Cabrillo did this while also playing good defense, anchored by their goalie, who was able to deflect many of Ohlone's shots early.

Eventually The Renegades were able to crack Cabrillo's defense as Katie O'dea scored to tie the game 2-2.

Though a lot of their shots were taken from long distance, it was their work on the inside that got them the goal.

Cabrillo came back with an energetic second quarter, opening with a shot from long range to make it 3-2. Ohlone and Cabrillo continued to battle all through the second quarter. But with the pace visibly slowing, it appeared as if one of the teams

was ready to fall apart.

Both teams' defenses were effective and many blocks and saves were made on both sides that helped keep the score close.

The Renegades seemed a bit sluggish toward the end of the half as they began to fall short on many of their shots, mostly due to the great goalie work by Cabrillo. Both teams played with intensity, but had to settle for a close 5-4 score going into halftime.

The second half is when the real magic happened, as the Renegade's defense seemed rejuvenated were able to get many steals keeping the pressure on Cabrillo to get back on defense. In the end, it was that defense that helped Ohlone to a close 9-8 victory.

According to Coach Gene Kendall, a defensive adjustment made by him and the coaching staff was the key to victory, putting in goalie Lisa Nichols in the last 20 seconds of the game for some defensive presence. "Lisa Nichols was huge today," said Coach Kendall, "When we put her in for the last few minutes, she made a lot of steals and just played a great game."

Indeed, it was key in keeping Cabrillo from scoring again after the last goal had been scored.

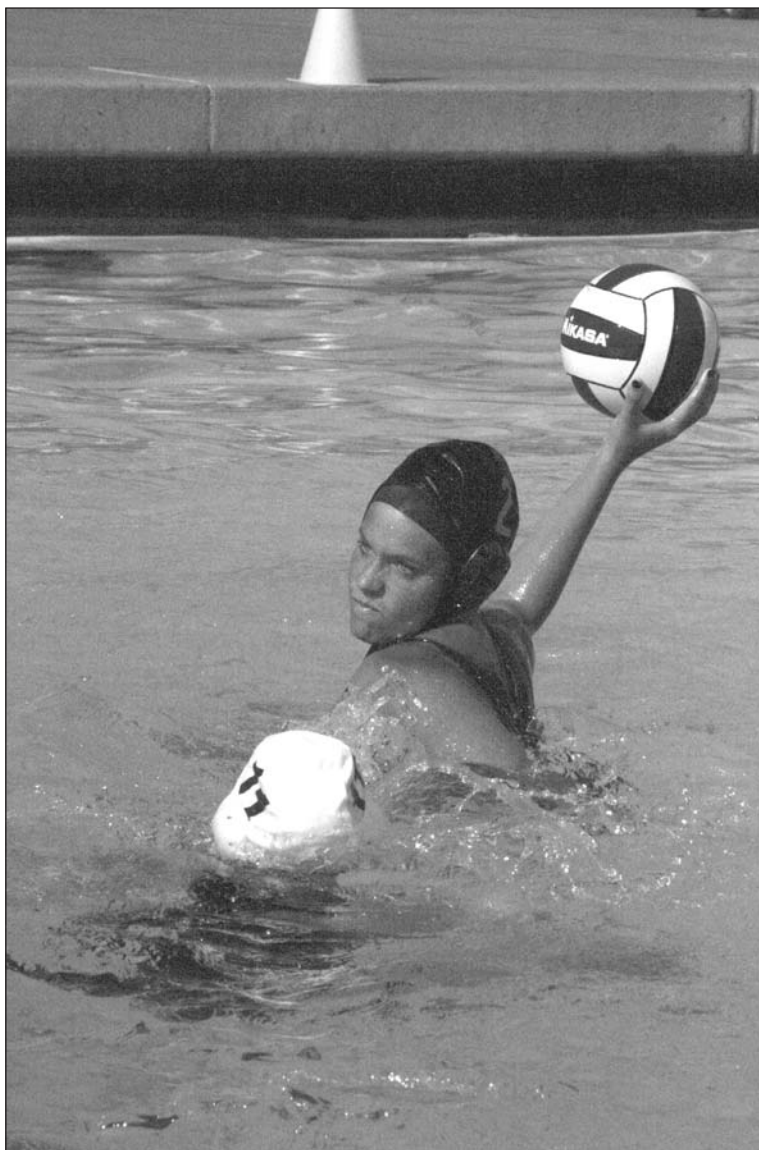


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Allie Glogovac scares off her opponent with an intense look before unleashing a fireball.

player and went back to the same attacker. The attacker again crossed the ball into the center of the box, where a second Hartnell attacker volleyed the ball into the mid-right section of the goal.

Although Ohlone was down 1-0, you could tell by their performance in the second half that their spirits weren't down.

The second half had a lot more excitement going on. Hartnell hit the cross bar and the post in attempt to score. Hartnell also nearly had a clear breakaway, but a good Ohlone defensive play prevented that.

In the last 20 minutes, Ohlone had several scoring opportunities. One particular play looked very

nice. Hartnell had a corner kick which ended up being controlled by Ohlone's defense.

The defender, Kevin Chow, carried the ball to midfield after weaving through several opposing players, and drawing them to him. He then laid it back to another defender who then sent a long ball down the right wing to Abel Leon, who had a nice shot from 18 yards out that barely went over the crossbar.

Ohlone's goalkeeper also made a numerous amount of saves. Including sliding out and eliminating shot angles.

Ohlone faces off at home against Evergreen College tomorrow at 4 p.m.



Triples alley

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NLCS preview

As a baseball fan, watching the playoffs, (as much as I have time to watch, anyway) has really got me excited.

Other than the Dodgers, there is no team that makes me happier when they lose more than the Yankees. Maybe it has a lot to do with the Boss. Regardless, I don't want to talk about how glad I am that the Yankees are no longer in the playoffs.

I do, though, want to bring to light the greatness of a series between the Colorado Rockies and the Arizona Diamondbacks that begins later tonight.

It won't be a good game ratings-wise because of the fact that they are two teams that play on the West Coast, three hours later than the major media market that is the East Coast. But don't let the lack of exposure get to you. This is shaping up to be a great series.

Both squads have their very own rookie of the year candidate. Arizona has the multi-talented center fielder Chris Young, while Colorado has Santa Clara native, Troy Tulowitzki at short. The Rockies also have MVP candidate Matt Holliday, who has yet to touch home plate in Colorado. And Arizona has everybody's favorite, Eric Byrnes.

You can also add the fact that the two teams met 19 other times during the regular season and once more in a one-game playoff. And oh by the way, it's the frickin Rockies in the playoffs. This is only their second postseason appearance in forever, and right now they are riding a tremendous hot streak through the playoffs.

Since Sept. 16, the Rockies have won 17 of 18 games, including the one game against San Diego and the sweep of Philadelphia.

So watching them play, and watching folks jump on that bandwagon, has been one of the more exciting stories in baseball.

Then you have the Arizona Diamondbacks, who have the reigning Cy Young winner Brandon Webb. He will be a big key for Arizona for the simple reason that he has that hard sinker that will keep the ball in the ballpark. Which will be vital, seeing that they play in two of the National League's better hitters parks.

This is seriously the series to watch. The teams are very evenly matched and both have similar ballparks. So I wouldn't doubt seeing this series heading to a game 7.

My pick, though, will have to be the folks I chose from the beginning; the Diamondbacks will win game 7 at home.

Soccer loses Friday

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Friday was a pretty windy day, which sometimes isn't the best kind of weather to play a competitive game of soccer. But like all good athletes, the Ohlone Men's Team still played their game and tried to beat Hartnell.

The first period's time of possession didn't favor either side. Both teams had their chances, but Hartnell had the threat earlier in the game.

The lone goal ended up coming from Hartnell's offense in the 33rd minute. Ohlone didn't get very many shots off in the first half, but they didn't let Hartnell take advantage of that, either. Though the final score was in Hartnell's favor 1-0,

Ohlone still had their chances.

During the first half, Ohlone sent down the right line for the wings to carry the ball to the goal line. They then would send in a cross through the 18-yard box. This was one of their common plays.

The only difficulty with this was that the wind would carry the passes further than intended, which led to several throw-ins for Hartnell.

Ohlone also had many good chances for having odd man rushes, and even possible breakaways, but as every attacking team hates, the players were called for offsides.

The goal Hartnell scored in the first half was a well-earned goal. It came on a 2-on-3 break. The Hartnell attacker carried the ball down the far right wing, and crossed the ball, which then deflected off a

Volleyball tops SJ City College

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The Ohlone Women's Volleyball team came back for another kill. Wednesday's game against San Jose City showed how much the team has grown in all aspects. San Jose City overcame the first period with 26-30

Ohlone didn't give back. Demi Wilson proceeded with dominating combos that shut down San Jose City. Ohlone would end up splitting the next two periods.

With one period left, the teams had to battle it off. Whichever team scored 15 first took home the game. Tension filled the gym, though Ohlone stood confident with a positive approach and a smile on their face. At the end then Lady Renegades defeated the opposition, 3 sets to 2.



Photo by Jack Husting

The Lady Renegades celebrate after a victory Wednesday night over San Jose City College.