

Men's soccer misses last-minute win

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Although it wasn't a loss for the Men's Soccer team, it was still a bitter Tuesday afternoon for the Renegades after finishing deadlocked 1-1 vs. City College of San Francisco.

It was a very hot, dry 80-degree day on the hill that holds Ohlone's soccer field Tuesday. The first 86 minutes of the game featured an improving Renegade squad battling it out vs. a 10-1 CCSF team.

Great defense was played on both sides and neither team was able to push the ball into the net.

In the 86th minute, however, Mark Wilson decided enough was enough. After receiving a pass from downfield, Wilson head-tapped the ball over a defender into the 20-yard box and beat the goalie for an easy score.

Wilson was greeted by a swarm of his teammates after scoring and

they celebrated all the way back down to their positions.

The lead wouldn't last long. Almost exactly 2 minutes later, CCSF was able to beat Ohlone goalie Marc Pecson for a score.

The ball was crossed into the middle of the 20-yard box when Pecson pushed it away. Unfortunately, CCSF's other forward was right there, allowing him to pass it off to a teammate to tap it into the net. One minute and a half later, the final whistle was blown.

The tie wasn't as crushing as a defeat might have been, but it was definitely a much better played game than when Ohlone traveled up to CCSF in late September and were manhandled 4-0 by this same squad.

Head Coach Harold Whitmore later said, "We're injured, we're banged up. We're just about demoralized, losing to Cañada 10-1 [Friday]."

The Renegades really did a good



Photo by Tomás Ortega

Renegade Mark Wilson shakes the goalie for the go-ahead goal. The lead didn't last long.

Women fall to Foothill

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Using a masterful and stingy defense, Foothill College frustrated the Lady Renegades into a tough 3-1 loss Tuesday afternoon.

The loss, which dropped Ohlone's record to 3-4-3, seemed as if Foothill College could read every play as they did a superb job protecting their goal and keeping the ball away from their side of the field. Foothill's Jasmine Norouzi scored the first goal of the game about 10 minutes into the first half.

From the beginning of the game it was clear that the emphasis was on defense, as neither team scored again for much of the half, but with Ohlone clearly struggling to get inside on Foothill's defense.

Indeed it seemed as if any time an Ohlone player got near the goalie's box, two or three Foothill defenders would be in the way to thwart any attack the Renegades tried.

Toward the end of the half a

handball committed by a Foothill player went unnoticed by the referees but had the Ohlone home crowd screaming for a call. Either way, the Renegades went into halftime down 0-1.

The first play of the second half was highlighted by great hustle and transition defense by Ohlone's Mikayla McGlory, which thwarted an easy goal by Foothill College.

While Ohlone's defense improved in the second half, Foothill's was just better. Foothill didn't just rely on goalkeeper Katie Ben to protect their lead, they relied on good team defense to keep the Lady Renegades from getting anywhere near their goalie's box.

Anytime Ohlone did get a shot, it was usually long range and almost always fell short of the goal.

The Renegades got a break 15 minutes into the second half when a foul was called and they were given a penalty kick opportunity.

The goal by Jasmine Floyd was good and Ohlone cut the lead to 2-1.

Moments later a foul was called on Mikayla McGlory and Foothill was able to score on a penalty kick of their own to make it 3-1.

McGlory would later receive a yellow card for excessive contact on a Foothill player, a play which defined the frustration the Lady Renegades went through.

Another penalty kick by Floyd cut Foothill's lead to 3-2, but it appeared to be too little too late as just 6 minutes were left in the game and the momentum was all Foothill.

In the end, Foothill's stingy defense won out and they went home with a 3-2 victory, improving their record to 6-9-0.

"We knew what we were up against going into the game," said Coach Larry Hesslin. "They're a tough physical team. Some calls didn't go our way but you just have to play through it."

About Foothill's defense, Hesslin said, "Yeah they played well, defense like that makes it really hard to win games."



Photo by Jerome Nepacena

Jasmine Floyd gave the Lady Renegades a fighting chance to keep the game close with her stellar gameplay and penalty score.

Golf tourney raises money for sports

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The Ohlone athletic department held its 23rd annual golf tournament Monday at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The tournament is an event that takes place every year to help raise money for the various athletic teams here at Ohlone College.

Among the ways money was raised was by signing golfers at a fee of \$225 per golfer. There was also a silent auction and a raffle where the attendees could try and win a prize that was pre-packed by the different teams.

Among the raffle items, there was a Go Green Basket put together by the Athletic Trainers, which had a variety of eco-friendly material.

In the ceremony following the tournament, Valerie Briones of the spring '07 softball team and Willis Gardner of the '06-'07 men's basketball team were recognized as athletes of the year according to a point system. Neither, however, was present at the ceremony to receive their awards.

The athletic department hoped to raise at least \$30,000, the amount raised last year at the event.

Winners of the golf tournament this year were ex-Ohlone Baseball Coach Jim Reynosa and his family, shooting an extraordinary 59, 11 under par.

Tennis forming team for spring

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Ohlone College has a lot of sports to offer its students. A few of the common sports are soccer, water polo and baseball.

Tennis in high school has been pretty popular to participate in. It's competitive and fun at the same time.

Ohlone actually hasn't had an intercollegiate tennis team before. "This will be the first time the team will be competing at Ohlone," said Athletics Director Chris Warden. "We have recruited the assistance of a great directing group and two fantastic coaches," Warden added.

Fred Kemper, the new tennis instructor, is a retired teacher who taught at Irvington High School in Fremont for nearly 30 years.

Kemper has taught tennis at the high school level for about 10 years, and he hopes that with his connection to high school students

and tennis, he will be able to encourage them to play at Ohlone in the future.

This year's tennis season starts in the spring and anybody who is interested in playing tennis is encouraged to go and check it out with the athletics director, regardless of skill level.

"Most teams are able to get prepared through summer, so it'll be a rocky start," said Kemper. "The players will have a lot of fun though. The team gets to travel around too."

Anybody who enjoys playing, watching or just learning about tennis is welcome to participate with the team.

It's taken a long time for tennis to enter Ohlone, so let's not let it take any longer. Another sport addition will be good for the campus. "I am excited to see how things grow in this area," added Warden.

Anybody interested in joining should get in contact with Coach Kemper.