

Ohlone makes the finals in J. Wallace Tournament

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The Ohlone Men's Basketball team got its season off to a promising start with a victory over Sac City College, when Ohlone hosted its annual Jon Wallace Memorial tournament Friday night.

The Renegades started the game off rather flat as they came up short on their first four field goal attempts and Sac City took an early lead.

Ohlone's first basket came on a fast break after a forced turnover. Their slow start would continue however while Sac City continued to drive the ball inside and get to the free throw line throughout much of the first half.

Sac City's defense proved effective as well as they forced a shot clock violation midway through the half. Several lead changes would occur during the half, but Ohlone would take a two-point lead moments before halftime on a putback.

However, Sac City would once again get to the free throw line hitting both free-throws and taking a 31-26 lead into halftime.

The Renegades stepped up their defense in the second half using a full court press to throw off Sac City's rhythm.

In the second half, it was Sac City that came out flat as the Renegades were able to contest shots well and even force an air-ball on Sac City which in turn resulted in an over the back call and another possession for the Renegades.



Photo By Tomás Ortega

Freshman Tim Bowman drives the ball up, trying to put more points on the board for the Renegades.

As the teams traded baskets, Sac City began to get sloppy with the ball and committing turnovers, some forced and some unforced.

Though the game's momentum began to shift in the Renegades' favor, they couldn't seem to hit

shots from the outside, but were eventually able to gain a fairly comfortable lead.

Sac City's turnover problems continued and hit their peak when they committed three consecutive turnovers, the final one resulting

in a quick and long-awaited-three point shot by the Renegades that gave them a 50-46 lead.

The Renegades also rebounded the ball well in the second half, scoring several points on second-shot opportunities highlighted by a

putback by Devon Parks.

It seemed as if everytime Sac City attempted to make a push in the second half, the Renegades would force a turnover or missed field goal and score on second shot opportunities on the other end.

But Sac City would not go away, as one of their players was fouled on a three-point attempt and proceeded to connect on all three free throws. The play had Ohlone clinging to 71-69 lead with less than two minutes to go in the game.

The game was all but over when the Renegades scored off another offensive rebound and Sac City continued to miss shots on the other end. Free throws down the stretch were no problem for the Renegades as they finished the game and defeated Sac City 80-76.

Other results from the tournament included a 77-67 victory by Cabrillo College over Shasta. It was a game in which Shasta was just not able to break free from some tough full-court pressure and good outside shooting by Cabrillo.

Cabrillo's full-court defense in the first half proved difficult to crack as during several possessions Shasta College seemed just seconds away from a backcourt violation and had a very tough time even getting the ball past half court.

Cabrillo College proceeded to take a 46-27 lead into halftime. Shasta College displayed heart in the second half as they managed to cut the lead to as little as 10, but Cabrillo was still able to hold on and win the game.

Tournament goes to DVC—again

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The final rounds of the tournament took place all day Sunday. The first game Sunday featured Sacramento City v.s. Feather River College (FRC).

The first half of the game really didn't side with either team because they both had equal pressure and possession. At the end of the half, FRC had the lead at 33-31. Throughout the second half, FRC controlled the ball longer, which was enough to beat Sacramento City 79-65.

The second game was the game that would determine who would take the third place spot in the tournament between Cabrillo and Merrit College.

The game went in the favor of Cabrillo. They had a lot of possession as well as transition. Cabrillo beat Merrit 78-44, and earned third place in the tournament.

The third and final game of the day was the game everybody was waiting for. It was the game that would determine who would win first place and who would take second. Ohlone v.s. Diablo Valley (DVC) for the second consecutive year.

Ohlone was first to get on the scoreboard with a nice 3-pointer. They were winning 6-0 before DVC scored 2 points. The game was close in the first half, but DVC took the lead 41-37.

The second half had a lot more intensity and pressure on both sides. There was emotion rising through the players as well as the coaches. Even bodies were flying at some points in effort to block shots and passes.

Unfortunately, Ohlone never had the lead the remainder of the game, but they stayed



Photo by Jerome Nepacena

Renegade 7-footer Frank Monge (21) dishes a pass to Eric Pitts (22) waiting in the paint.

pretty close. At the end of the game Ohlone fell short by 9, losing to DVC 74-83.

It was the second consecutive year Ohlone took second place in the tournament while Diablo Valley took first place.

"We got outplayed and outcoached,[in the final] we need to compete harder and take better care of the ball," said Coach John Peterson. He also stated that the team's offense and defense are both, "a work in progress."

Though Ohlone didn't take first place, they still respectfully earned the second place spot. According to Coach Peterson, the strongest game the team had in the tournament was, "the comeback win against Cabrillo, who is very good."

Ohlone's next tournament will take place today in Fresno for the Fresno City College Tournament. It runs through Saturday Nov. 17.

Tennis making a comeback

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Tennis hasn't been a big part of the Ohlone sports program for about 10 years now.

But with the addition of new coaches Cliff Awuy and Fu Wong, the Renegades are looking to revitalize the tennis program.

Both Awuy and Wong have coached many nationally ranked junior players in their coaching careers.

"We are committed for the long haul. Our goal is to field a competitive team and to win a state championship in five years," said Wong.

Seeing as this will be the first Renegade tennis team in a long time, they need as many interested athletes to field a team.

Those looking to join should get their rackets ready for Jan. 15.

Wong and Awuy will be holding a tryout-tournament that will guarantee a spot to the top four men and women.

Athletes interested in participating this spring should give them a call at 510-656-2250 and leave a message for either Cliff Awuy or Fu Wong.