



Unanimous Decision

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## J-Rich returns

It was a day of familiar faces for Warrior fans at the Oracle arena Friday night. Former Warrior Jason Richardson made his first return to the Bay Area since being traded to the Charlotte Bobcats for rookie Brandan Wright.

Always a fan favorite, Richardson enjoyed cheers from the crowd when his name was announced during the starting lineups. Unfortunately for Richardson, the Warriors did not play down to their competition for once and beat up on Richardson's Bobcats for a 127-96 blowout. Despite all the excitement and emotion, Richardson finished with just 10 points, including 2 of 9 from the field.

Sitting for most of the second half, Richardson was forced to watch his Bobcats take yet another beating by his former team. Being on the wrong end of a blowout was no strange feeling to Richardson, who went through many games just like this one for Golden State.

Actually, I had Richardson on my least likely to get traded list by the end of the Warriors' magical playoff run last postseason.

Richardson was someone I felt the Warriors were going to try to build around. The future of the franchise was embodied by Richardson, who the fans still stood behind even when the Warriors would struggle to finish games.

The best thing about Richardson's visit to the Oracle Arena was that the Warriors were able to rest their starters for much of the game and give the young talent a chance to shine.

The entire fourth quarter featured a glimpse into the future, when Marco Bellinelli and Wright were able to get some burn and show the crowd what they could do.

From Bellinelli's fadeaway three-point shot to Wright's explosive fast break dunk, the rookies more than delivered, putting the icing on the cake for a much-needed blowout win.

So as Richardson shook hands and hugged former teammate Baron Davis after the game, fans were reassured of the future of the franchise with young players like Monta Ellis and Andris Biedrins to build around and the developments of Wright and Bellinelli to look forward to.

Who knows, maybe Richardson can once again don a Warrior uniform somewhere down the line.

Richardson will always be a huge part of last year's "We Believe" playoff run, making his last season with the Warriors his most memorable one. Once a Warrior, always a Warrior.

# Women take back-to-back wins

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How do you define a good team? One way to do it is putting them up against an inexperienced, non-athletic ball club. But when that is your standard, any group of athletes looks like a good ball club.

Seriously, though, how can you define a good ball club? That's easy. Identifying the team that squeaks out victories over dominant teams and collects wins over teams that should be beaten.

The latter is what was expected of the Lady Renegades last Friday night when they hosted the Hart-

nell Lady Panthers in the Epler Gymnasium. And that's precisely what the Ladies pulled off with a 85-42 drubbing of the Salinas-based college.

The Renegades jumped out to a quick 12-point lead early in the game, courtesy of a couple of long-range three-point shots by Caprice Hall, who finished with 14 points on the night, a large chunk coming from her 4-7 shooting from behind the arc.

By the half, they led 39-17 over a Hartnell team that is relatively inexperienced with only two sophomores among the nine total.

Hartnell's sixth-year Head Coach Mary Ann Toney believes her team's inexperience had a lot to do with their inability to get past Ohlone's full-court press-on defense.

However, even with her team's 40+ point loss, Toney stayed positive, commenting that, "Ohlone's defense helps us learn. We have a young team this year who can't really handle a full court press. But we're learning."

Another shining star of the game was C.C. Swaggerd, who capped off her great night on the glass with 17 points to lead the Lady Renegades.

Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley had some high praises for Swaggerd after the game, commenting on her great presence inside.

It's especially good to see one of the players step up on the boards with the slight knee injury of the 6'3" LeKreeya "Keke" Hairston, who was able to play, just not at full force.

When asked how long Hairston would be out, Stanley noted, "She was in a car accident, but the doctor cleared her to play. We're preparing

for the worst and hoping for the best. Most of our girls are hurt, and not 100 percent either. But they're all 100 percent out there."

As for last night's game, when the ladies of Cabrillo College came to visit, the Lady Renegades laid down the iron fist once more.

Led by another great game by C.C. Swaggerd (21 pts.) and Taylor Lyons (20 pts.) the Lady Renegades came away with a second straight home blowout, winning 76-32, averaging a 43.5 point win margin in their last two weeks.

What really helped lead the way for the women was their depth, with 12 players on the roster compared to the seven on Cabrillo's active roster. Every few minutes their head coach would either be yelling at her exhausted players or signalling one of the two players on the bench to check in.

The Lady Renegades' next home game is next Friday against DeAnza, whom they lost to in a closer ballgame than the score shows, 63-74.

There will definitely be fireworks at this game, so bring your popcorn and a friend.



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Caprice Hall is good from a corner three.

## Volleyball welcomes East Bay native

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Now, more than ever, is a good time to join an Ohlone sport, specifically volleyball. The women's volleyball team has just picked up Coach Jeremy Peñaflor. Officially brought onboard Jan. 28, Peñaflor is ready to get his new program up and running. In doing so, he's started up a volleyball class, PE 301, for anyone who wants to join.

Peñaflor grew up in Hayward and attended Moreau Catholic High School. He played volleyball all four years, including three on varsity, as well as basketball and cross country. He also served as student assistant coach for two years for the SJ State women's team.

It's a funny thing, how he ended up coaching at Ohlone. As a high school student, he would come to Ohlone for the open gym. "Who would have thought I'd be coaching volleyball at a place I helped to fundraise as a high school student?" he added.

When asked about his goal for the fall season, he stated, "we'd like to go all the way. But realistically, anything above .500 would be our minimal goal."

From now until further notice, Peñaflor will be hosting an open gym Monday nights in the Epler Gymnasium. A \$3 fee will be charged to help raise money for the volleyball team.



Photo by Tomás Ortega

**New head coach Jeremy Peñaflor.**

## Match: Ohlone

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The Lady Renegades are coming off two straight victories over the weekend. Looking to continue their winning streak, the undefeated Lady Renegades softball team was ready to play Tuesday against interleague rivals DeAnza College.



Photo by Tomás Ortega

**Danielle Yee holds DeAnza to two runs.**

## Division rematch



**"Watching us, they should have fun," said Chancious Rose response to the crowds expected for Saturday's rematch vs. CCSF.**

Despite giving up an early run, the Renegades got off to a quick start, putting pressure on DeAnza's pitching with solid hitting by Jamie Miller (4-4), as well as Cassandra Ortega, who contributed a single and a triple, not to mention great pitching.

"Danielle Yee needed to get warm - she struggled a bit at first when she gave up an early run in the first inning," said Head Coach Donna Runyon. "But she settled down, continued to play and did really well for us." The result, a 14-2 Ohlone victory through five innings. The second of two runs scored by DeAnza didn't come until the bottom of the fifth and at that point the Lady Renegades only needed one more out to seal the deal.

The victory lifted Ohlone's record to 3-0 on the season, including 1-0 in their league. The Renegades look to continue their winning streak when they visit CCSF today.