

Lady Renegades crushed; make up with win

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It wasn't easy and neither team was able to pull away, but the Lady Renegades were able to pull out a close win against San Jose City College Wednesday night.

It was an inspired win for the whole team as they saluted the team's sophomore players before the game.

The sophomores, who are playing in their last season for Ohlone College, were given flowers and commended for their contributions to the school.

In the end they were all given a reason to celebrate as they came back from a 5-point deficit late in the second half due to some timely three-point shooting and some much needed team defense.

"I don't think we played particularly well, but we played well down the stretch and I think that was a joint effort of all five players that were out there," said Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley.

"It was that seven-minute mark where we decided to play defense and that was a unit thing."

In that late seven-minute stretch, the Renegades were able to force four straight turnovers on San Jose, including a five-second violation with 48 seconds left in the game.

After sophomore guard Tytiana Tobin went 1-2 at the free-throw line, giving Ohlone a 62-59 lead, San Jose still had a chance to tie the game.

Unfortunately, that defense Coach Stanley mentioned came through once again when they forced San Jose City College into a tough off-balance three-point shot as the game clock expired.

The Lady Renegades were led in scoring by Taylor Lyons who finished with 19 points. "Ty and Taylor in particular played well, I'd hate to say one particular name as I think it was a collective team effort, but they both hit some key



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Christina Dixon, right, plays D vs the second-leading scorer in CA, Derisa Taleni.

buckets when we needed them," Stanley said.

Again it wasn't easy, the Renegades were forced into a lot of three-point shots in the first half when San Jose went to a zone defense to keep the Renegades from getting to the basket.

"We were trying to bust the zone up with the threes, but it didn't work. It's pretty difficult not having the inside presence with Keke being out with an injury," Coach Stanley said, referring to her sophomore center, LeKreeya Hairston, who's

been out nearly a month with a leg injury.

The end result was a 62-59 victory for the Lady Renegades that helped give the sophomores more reason to celebrate.

"I think that these sophomores have done a great job representing Ohlone College not just here on campus but outside in the community" Coach Stanley said. "Basketball is just a part of the Renegade family. There are other things we do in regards to the community, but I think they represented well."

Blowout in gym

Friday night was a battle between the top teams in the Coast-South Conference when the No. 2 Ohlone women's basketball team hosted No. 1 DeAnza College.

Their last meeting turned into a nine-point loss for the Renegades and this time they were ready to turn things around against the Coast-South Conference powerhouse. DeAnza entering the game was 10-0 in conference play and

20-7 overall. Unfortunately, things didn't kick off so well for the Lady Renegades.

DeAnza got off to a quick start, by dropping an 11-point lead on the Renegades nine minutes into the ball game.

Normally, Ohlone has a go-to inside scorer in Kelly Fisher or a deep threat with Caprice Hall. Going into halftime, the leading scorer was Kelly Fisher, who wasn't having the night she had hoped, with 7 points. Taylor Lyons was right behind her in scoring, but she only had 4 points.

There were very good signs for the first half though. The No. 2 scorer among California, JC players plays for DeAnza. Derisa Taleni, who averages 25 points a game, was limited to just 7 points in the first half, thanks to great defense applied by the Renegades. Also, as the final seconds were ticking off in the first half, Tytiana Tobin hit a basket from half court, a second too late. The second half of the ball game got ugly. Both Geneeya Rogers and Taylor Lyons both fouled out during the second half while only contributing 4 points each. That was just the beginning of the nastiness.

The Renegades started giving up easy buckets inside that led to a 12-point run for the Dons.

Lakreeya "Keke" Hairston, when in the game, is a huge presence in the paint and on the boards for the Renegades. Unfortunately she wasn't a factor due to a knee injury that's lingered for about a month now.

Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley said that Keke's injury was a major component that was missing for the Renegades Friday night. Mostly because C.C. Swaggerd got into early foul trouble and not having Keke to sub in screwed with the rotation of players.

Stanley also added that both Kelly Fisher and Christina Dixon are slightly banged up. Moreover she mentioned that "adding up all those variables, we're half the team."

Chris Warden pushes for five more AED's on campus

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Yesterday afternoon the Health Care Coalition held a meeting with guest speaker Chris Warden, Ohlone's athletic director in Room 5209.

Warden spoke to the club, which is in its first full semester, about the need for five additional Automatic Emergency Defibrillators or AED's on campus.

Right now, the campus has 3 total AED's in case of emergency: one in the fitness center, one with the athletic trainers and the third with campus security.

Warden believes that the addition of five more AED's would greatly increase the survival of a person experiencing Sudden Cardiac Arrest.



Photo by Tomás Ortega

An AED is pictured in the fitness center.

He also stated that Ohlone is a high-risk area, mostly due to the stairs that are climbed every day from the parking lot to the top of

the campus.

Unfortunately, there is no money in the budget to purchase the AED's. An AED costs a hefty \$1,300.

Baseball falls in late frame via homer

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Through six innings, the Men's Baseball team held a 4-1 lead against Diablo Valley College. Then came the top of the seventh.

Three straight batters reached base with Shane Murchison's pitching. He was pulled in favor of submarine pitcher, Kurtis Sherer.

Sherer's first pitch was singled into left scoring two. The next batter he faced ended up striking out on three pitches, just to be followed by a first pitch three run home run by DVC's Mike Gonzalez. That 3-run dinger would put DVC ahead for good and give them a 6-4 victory.

The game's collapse was similar to a loss they suffered at last weekend's Cuesta-Hancock tournament. The loss had Ohlone leading Cuesta college 6-1 but collapsing and losing the game 11-8.

"We had those guys beat, and then we played very poor defense and didn't pitch very well out of the bullpen." Coach Kunis explained of the loss over the weekend.