

Ohlone beats long-time rival Chabot

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Not much needs to be said other than the following: Ohlone vs. Chabot. Saturday night was the final game of the season for the Ohlone mens' basketball team when they hosted and beat the visiting Chabot Gladiators 76-66 in what was a hard-fought battle.

The first half of the game belonged to the Renegades, when they stretched their lead to the double-digit mark. They quickly began to see Chabot catching up throughout the first half, mostly because the Renegades' lack of presence with both offensive and defensive rebounds.

Ohlone's Alpha N'Diaye and James Hancock were almost a non-factor on the boards, as they were beat to every missed shot by either Chabot's Paki Brown or Chris Woodbury.

Ohlone's Head Coach John Peterson was not at all pleased with his team's rebounding in the first half, saying it was "horrible."

At the half, the Renegades led by five points until Chancious Rose hit a 31-foot jumper at the buzzer to put Ohlone up by eight.

Momentum was instantly shifted into the Ohlone locker room going into the half, seeing as all the Renegades were pumped up after the "lucky" shot by Rose, as Peterson put it. The irony of Rose hitting the bucket was that he hit the first and last shots of the first half for either team.

The second half of the ball game saw a resurgence of the Renegades on the glass. They did a much better job of boxing out Chabot's big men Brown and Woodbury, but they would eventually lose the lead and fall back by, at the most, six points.

The Renegades, who led most of the game, took the lead right back with quality shots by a number of players, including great plays down the stretch by freshman guard Tim Bowman.

Then, with 36 seconds on the game clock, James Hancock was called for a personal foul. Following the call on Hancock, Jared Bell of Chabot was given a technical foul for slamming the ball.

After he was T'd up, Chabot's



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Leon Hart, 23, attacks the rim with a right hand in traffic Saturday.

Head Coach Denny Aye was given a technical for cursing at the previous technical. And the T-fest didn't end there. Paki Brown of Chabot was also given a technical foul.

So with the Renegades already leading by five, they had a chance

to seal the game via six technical free throws taken by Sophomore guard Amarildo Matos. He would hit five of six and put Ohlone ahead 76-66.

That would be the final score of the game. After the game, Peterson

said, "Well, when you only have six turnovers against a team that's already won 20 games, you're going to have a chance to win."

The Renegades host Cabrillo College Friday at 7 in the first round of the playoffs.



Unanimous decision

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Warriors play big

It looked like the Golden State Warriors were on their way to another letdown game against a team they should've beat. In the first half, the Warriors' weaknesses were on full display.

Inconsistent outside shooting and the inability to really guard the paint or rebound hurt the Warriors as they gave up 42 points in the paint. Many of them came off of offensive rebounds and dunks by rookie stud Kevin Durant.

In the end, the Warriors were able to once again run and gun their way to a nice 105-99 victory against the Seattle Supersonics.

This win leaves them in sole possession of the 8th seed in the west, helped by a three-game losing streak by Denver.

As an avid follower of the Golden State Warriors, I was a little disappointed by the fact that they decided to stand pat at the trade deadline.

Picking up Chris Webber just wasn't going to be enough for the Warriors to solve their problems in the rebounding and inside defense department.

The fact that they were going to lose Center Andris Biedrins for about a week because of an appendectomy operation didn't help at all.

So if the Warriors were a small team before, they have gotten even smaller without Biedrins.

You might say well, it's just a week, but a week without your highest percentage shooter and your main interior defender might lead to some bad losses, like the ones against Atlanta and Minnesota. Golden State can't afford a streak of bad losses.

Timely shooting by players like Stephen Jackson and Al Harrington in the 4th quarter helped the Warriors pull away and push their lead to as far as 15.

All this whining about not making any moves to pick up an athletic big man who can protect the paint is now a moot point as the trade deadline has already passed.

The Warriors are left with really no choice but to ride out the rest of the season, and hopefully the postseason, with the current squad.

I'm not saying it can't be done, because it can. But the Warriors play their stars Baron Davis, Monta Ellis and Stephen Jackson so many minutes per game, that it may eventually hurt them. Once again, it can be done. The Warriors may be small, but they're tough and can play with any team if their shots are going down.

So here's to the Warriors making a run and bringing the sell-out crowds of yellow "WE BELIEVE!" shirts to the playoffs.

Baseball picks up

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The Renegades have picked up their game after a few disappointing performances where leads were blown and grand slams were hit. Yesterday, the Renegades faced off against Canada College, whose 10-2 record was nothing to joke about.

However, the team stepped up and defeated the Colts 12-4 behind Sophomore pitcher Joe Gardner out of Fremont High School. Gardner gave up just 3 hits in 6 innings, including 7 strikeouts.

"Shane Murchison, Cory Krisman, Kurt Sherer and Ian Hoff combined to close out the Colts the

rest of the way," explained Head Baseball Coach Tom Kunis.

One of the biggest highlights of the game had to be David Luna, who hit 2 homeruns including a grand slam in a 6th inning that saw the Renegades bat in 9 runs. Luna also finished the game with six runs batted in.

When asked what he thought of his team's pitching this season Kunis said, "Our pitching has been slightly above average; our starting core and middle relief has been very good."

Kunis still feels as if the team needs to work on its closing relief which he says needs "immediate improvement."

Ball in ladies' court



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Lea Knop heads the first-ever lady tennis team. They've started 0-3 this season.