

Renegade Softball nears 30-win mark

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Another Tuesday afternoon made for yet another easy victory for the Renegade Softball team. Cabrillo made the 45-minute trip from the Santa Cruz area just to have to turn around two hours later with a 9-1 defeat.

Even with the quick turnaround back home, Cabrillo's center field Katie Pleski picked up the lone two hits allowed by Ohlone's Kelly Colker. Pleski also made an excellent over-the-shoulder catch, robbing Renegade Kat Sumner of at least an extra base hit and a possible RBI.

Ohlone's best inning was in the second when they brought all nine batters to the plate, getting four runs on five hits including an excellent bunt on a squeeze play by lead-off hitter Kim Cawley.

On the play, Cawley reached second on the overthrow at home, and advanced an extra two bases when Cabrillo's catcher tried to throw her out at second but instead of hitting her target, had the ball sail into center field where no Cabrillo defender was near, which allowed Cawley to score on a ball that traveled no more than 8 feet off the bat.

That would be the highlight of the day were it not for another performance turned in by Renegade ace Kelly Colker.

Colker was brilliant through five frames allowing a single run, unearned, in the third off a Pleski double to the wall. Other than that minor blemish, Colker shined with four strikeouts and one walk.

This win puts the Renegades at an astounding 28-8 record. This Tuesday will prove to be a good match-up when they face off against a good San Jose City squad.



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Ohlone's Kat Sumner anticipates a tag and slides wide at home on teammate Cassandra Ortega's base hit in the second inning.

Baseball hits their way past Gavilan Tuesday

By **NATE GIL**
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The Renegades, with a mix of solid defense, timely hitting and great pitching, dominated the Gavilan Rams 18-8.

The Rams jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the 2nd, but that was soon forgotten as the Renegades answered back in the bottom of the 2nd with a screaming RBI

double off the bat of No. 20 Justin Lunday and a clutch two out 2 RBI single by No. 10 Andrew Hamm.

In the bottom of the 3rd, the Renegades got right back to work putting up four more runs with the big bat and solid base running of Rich McDowell. Lunday got back into the action with a 2 RBI single and some fancy footwork of his own; Nick Caravelli tacked on some insurance with a solid RBI single.

Top 6, the Gavilan bats looked to come alive when they had a two-run homerun, followed by a RBI double. However, pitcher Shane Murchison was unfazed as he picked off a runner at second to end the inning.

The Renegades fired right back in the bottom of the 6th with a two-out rally, putting up four runs.

That was all the offense Murchison needed to get the job done. He

finished with a solid seven innings of work and three strikeouts, only giving up three earned runs off six hits.

When Head Coach Tom Kunis was asked his thoughts on the boys' dominating performance he said, "We did the right things at the right time. Gavilan made a lot of mistakes and we just capitalized on them. It was a good all-around team effort."

When asked about Shane Murchison's pitching performance, Kunis answered, "he had the game under control. The good thing about Murchison is he has a good three-pitch mix and threw for strikes. It was a solid performance."

With such a dominating win, the Renegades picked a great way to start a new month in their pursuit of a playoff spot. They head to West Valley today.

Men's Tennis battle tough team, come up short

By **JEROME NEPACENA**
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The Ohlone Men's Tennis team sweated off a hot Tuesday afternoon with a very competitive and exhausting matchup against DeAnza College.

The games were hard and it was obvious that Ohlone's first year tennis team was up against a very tough veteran DeAnza squad.

"We put up a really good fight. DeAnza is a very good team with great depth. We knew that we were facing some very tough competition," said Coach Ivan Chamdani, who was subbing in for Head Coach Cliff Awuy, who could not make it to the game.

In singles match number 1, Ohlone's Kevin Chung lost against DeAnza's Albert Godjali in both sets with scores of 6-0, 6-0.

While Zavi Padrosa lost to DeAnza's Edwin Pham with scores of 6-3, 6-2 in what looked to be the most competitive singles match of the day.

The two battled it out until well after the other singles matches finished up all their sets.

Other results included Ki-Jun Ahn of Ohlone losing to Khang Phan 6-3, 6-2 in number 3 singles and Ramin Yu versus Arthur Yu which was a 6-0, 6-0 win for DeAnza in number 4 singles.

DeAnza also won both doubles matches against Chung and Pedrosa as well as Yu and Ahn with scores of 6-1, 6-2 and 6-0, 6-1.

Godjali and Pham teamed up to play against Chung and Pedrosa for the number 1 doubles match and watching the game no one can say that Ohlone didn't compete for this one.

The game was the last game of the evening and continued until after number 2 doubles matches were already played.

Much like Zavi Pedrosa's singles match, this one was long and competitive but a few faults and outs later DeAnza came out the winner.

"It's difficult for a first year team, it's also harder because we have a small team," explained Chamdani.

The Renegades' next game is on the road this Friday against Cabrillo College, where the men look to get the school's first win for men's tennis.



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Renegade tennis player Xavi Padrosa squares one up Tuesday.