



The fast break

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Winning attitude

“Coaching is about getting your team to believe that you are doing is what is the best for them,” said Ohlone Men’s Basketball Head Coach John Peterson when I asked him to put coaching in his words for me.

Joining the Renegades team about nine years ago, Coach J.P., as most refer to him, left Metro State College in Denver after winning a state championship to come here with the one goal in mind.

“We would win.”

And so he did.

“I learned a lot about organization, detail to the game, how to get your guys to do what you want them to and team work.”

Peterson only recruits “guys with great character” for Ohlone.

Sure there are other key assets he looks for too, but he is more concerned with the guys that are “hungry” to play and do their best.

As a father with two kids, some would think it gets hard for him or any coach to separate work from their personal life.

Yet, as Peterson has shown, coaching is a lot more father like than some thought it would be.

Chemistry between the coach and the player, that’s what it is.

“If you’re fair, they’ll believe. That’s how you earn their respect.”

Respect is just one key to the relationship. It takes timing and trust from the players that there will always be “a fear of losing.”

But they come out to play and they do their best.

He is thankful for the wonderful assistant coaching staff he has, and the great group of guys this season.

“They are a group of well maintained, enjoyable and sincere students I have this season to coach.”

With every great team, come great expectations. After a nine-year career as Men’s Head Basketball Coach, John Peterson has been nothing but great.

Renegades roll over Bulldogs

■ Ohlone baseball scores 17 to win second straight game

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It wasn’t the perfect start that the Ohlone baseball team wanted, but the improved start to the 2009 season was exactly what Head Coach Jordon Twohig expected.

The Renegades’ 3-2 record in their first five games of the season is a great improvement over their dismal 1-4 start last year.

Their 17-11 win over the College of San Mateo Bulldogs Tuesday gave Ohlone the second straight win, and their third in the last four games.

Freshman Roberto Padilla (0-1), who lost his first start at Sacramento City College, made his second start for the Renegades on Tuesday.

Padilla fought through six innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits with six strikeouts on the day. His only mistakes came in the first inning when he allowed a two-run home run to Bulldogs freshman Chris Schindler, and a three-run home run to Schindler again in the sixth.

“He’s a young pitcher with explosive stuff,” said Twohig about his young starter. “He held his poise and didn’t lose his cool. He gave us a chance.”

Sophomore Kevin Radach relieved Padilla in the seventh inning and earned the win.

“We’ve had consistent pitching,” Twohig added.

Freshman second baseman Michael Ussery’s clutch RBI double in the seventh inning gave Ohlone the go-ahead lead and sparked a six-run inning for the Renegades. Freshman outfielder Steven Ramos and third-baseman Zack Johnson each had two RBI’s in the inning.

“Our hitting has been more aggressive,” said Assistant Coach Dan Lewis. “They should be putting up double digit runs every game.”

Ohlone starts a three-game home series against top-ranked West Valley on Thursday.

San Jose State prospect David Luna will get the start for the Renegades on Thursday. Luna pitched 2 2/3 innings against Diablo Valley last Thursday.

Freshman Sean Martin (1-0), who pitched seven innings in the win against Shasta College, will start on Friday.



Photo by Daniel Yuan

The Renegades and Bulldogs were in a dog-fight until Ohlone’s seven runs in the seventh.

Colker pitches Ohlone to 4-0 start

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Sophomore pitcher Kelly Colker didn’t need to fill the box score with too many gaudy stats to give the Ohlone Softball team a 2-1 victory over visiting Sierra College Tuesday afternoon.

Colker, 3-0, needed just 66 pitches through seven innings to improve her team to 4-0 on the year.

Colker said she “did the same thing” she’s done all season in her starts.

Of the 26 Sierra hitters she faced, only four of the hitters saw more than four pitches in their at bat. Two of those hitters saw seven and eight pitches before Colker ultimately struck them out, her only two strikeouts of the game.

“She was hitting her spots,” sophomore catcher Kat Sumner said. “We had to adjust to the strike zone. But we did adapt to it. It was a good thing we had a good defense to support us.”

Picking up the loss for Sierra



Photo by Jorge Gomez

Ashley Nahale’s hit in the fifth inning sparked a rally that led to the game-winning run for Ohlone.

(3-1) was sophomore Christina McMillan.

“I got a bit tired,” McMillan said. “They fouled lots of pitches off.”

The Lady Renegades took the lead on a controversial call that

granted second baseman Kim Cawley a key walk.

Cawley scored two batters later when Sierra shortstop Rochelle Vanyi threw wide of first base on Paulina Gentry’s groundball.

Ohlone struck again in the fifth inning on a Mariah Jones sacrifice fly, scoring Ashley Nahale.

Colker had a less-than-exciting seventh inning, retiring the final three batters for the win.

Ohlone tied for 1st

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The Ohlone Men’s Basketball team traveled to S.F. with the Coast Conference North’s pole position. A 77-59 loss to the CCSF Rams erased the single game gap between the two teams making room for a tie at the top.

The loss hurts most because both CCSF and Ohlone have to play against Chabot and Las Positas who are third and fourth in the Coast North, respectively.

“We got beat by what we need to work on,” Ohlone’s Alpha N’Diaye said, who led the Renegades with 12 points.

Lady Renegades down the Dons

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They didn’t play perfect, but they’ll stay perfect in conference play after their 67-53 win over DeAnza Wednesday.

“I’m glad we get an ugliness out so we know what we need to improve upon for the next game,” said Ohlone Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley.

From the beginning game, Ohlone’s Casceal Swaggard opened

the scoring and led the Lady Renegades on a 10-2 run in the first three minutes of the game.

Ohlone took advantage of nearly every DeAnza turnover.

Ohlone played outstanding defense, not allowing DeAnza to get the easy shot all game.

The tough Ohlone defense gave them the lead 33-22 at the half.

The Lady Renegades started off a little sloppy in the second half, allowing the Dons to fight back and gain rhythm on defense. But

Ohlone stayed strong and kept the lead throughout the second half.

Sophomore guard Bradleigh Miller finished with 13 points on the night, followed by freshman Cassie Bates 12 points.

The Lady Renegades extend their winning streak to eight games, staying perfect in conference play and have won nine of their last 10 games dating back to Jan. 3.

They’ll take that streak on the road against Foothill College on Friday.