

Renegades win-streak hits cloud nine

By **JEFF WEISINGER**
Sports editor

Jordon Twohig's baseball team looks nearly unstoppable during their current nine-game win streak. Whether they win by one run or by as much as 19 runs, the Renegades have been on fire even since losing to Diablo Valley back on Feb. 10.

Their recent 28-9 win against Gavilan College last Thursday and their 11-8 win against Hartnell College on Saturday was just another display of Ohlone's high powered offense.

On Thursday, the Renegades traveled with their-then seven-game win streak to Gilroy to take

on Gavilan College.

Sophomore right-hander Alex Oberle (3-0) would have an easy outing on his way to his third win of the year, pitching just three innings, allowing three runs on five hits with two strikeouts as Ohlone clicked on all cylinders against the Rams.

Outfielder Jeff Johnson sparked the Renegades' rally with his solo home run in his first at bat in the first inning. He would outdo his first inning performance in the second inning with a three-run shot as the Renegades scored 16 runs in the first three innings en route to a decisive 28-9 victory.

Saturday's game against Hartnell was much a much closer game than

Gavilan.

Ohlone took a 5-1 lead after three innings, highlighted by Steven Ramos' two-RBI base hit in the second inning.

However, starter Roberto Padilla would have trouble holding the four-run lead in the fifth as the Panthers went on to score six in the fifth to take a 7-5 lead. Padilla (1-2) pitched four innings, allowing five runs on four hits with three strikeouts. He also walked four batters on the outing. Freshman Jon Sa relieved Padilla in the fifth after Padilla hit Hartnell's Ridge Carpen with the bases loaded, scoring Justin Andra.

Ohlone rallied back with a

five-run eighth inning, sparked by Michael Ussery's RBI groundout, which sent in Brad Reeves from third. Jeff Johnson sealed the deal for the Renegades with a two-out grand slam as Ohlone won its ninth straight game 11-8.

Sophomore Ian Hoff came in in the sixth inning and pitched a solid four innings, allowing one run on one hit, a Carpen RBI double in the eighth, and two strikeouts.

Hoff (2-1) leads the Ohlone pitching staff in innings pitched (34.1), ERA (1.05), saves (3) and strikeouts (23).

Outfielder Jeff Johnson leads Ohlone with a .407 batting average, seven home runs and 22 RBI's.



The fast break

By **ANKITA CHHABRA**
Sports writer

Tennis begins

The racket, the neon yellow ball and the long net. That's all there is to this sport called tennis...right?

Wrong.

The Ohlone Men's Tennis team opened their 2009 season this past Tuesday as they hosted Cabrillo College at home and closed the day by bagging their first win of the season.

Both the singles and doubles matches were dominated by the Renegades as they came ready and prepared to take the Cabrillo Eagles down.

Even though the team consists of six roster players, only four of them were able to play in the season opener.

"If we had all six players, this team could be capable of making it to state," said Head Tennis Coach Clif Awuy.

He joined the Renegade squad two years ago and feels that this year he has a good team at hand with talented players that were bought out of great tennis programs and are ready to win.

Andrew Cimpoale, Luis Castuita, David Verdeflor and Kevin Chung all won each of their single matches against the Eagles squad.

For Cimpoale it was a great "expected win" as he felt it was great to have opened this season with a win, because he has not been playing for a while.

Verdeflor is a freshmen recruit from Morrow High school and was very pleased with his performance for the first game.

"At first I wasn't sure how [my opponent] was going to serve or set the ball, but I started to read him more and won," said Verdeflor after the match.

Anticipating and presuming are keys to winning the game, because without the two you either lose the match or fall victim to your opponent's mind games because he/she just knows how to beat you.

Each of the men on the team have great dreams and aspirations.

They are playing it because that's what they enjoy doing and they're the best at what they do.

One lesson learned in sports is that you always enjoy what you put your heart to, and without your heart in the game it becomes a job and unpleasing.

Through the heat and the endless amount of hitting the ball in attempts to reach that perfect serve, the Renegade Men's team has a bright season ahead of them.

"We are a great team this year and have a lot of potential to make it to state and conference," said Awuy who, like the rest of his squad is looking forward to the rest of this season and playing tennis.

The Ohlone tennis team travels to Santa Clara to take on Mission College on Friday, then returns for a match against the DeAnza Dons on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Ohlone tennis courts.

Lady Renegades slowly coming back

By **TOMÁS ORTEGA**
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The Ohlone Softball team split a pair of games over the relatively dry weekend.

Unfortunately, a 2-1 record over a seven-day stretch will be the best they can accomplish after having two games rained out Monday and Tuesday afternoon against City College of San Francisco and DeAnza College, respectively.

Ohlone's weekend games

included a 6-3 win over Solano College and a 2-1 loss to Siskiyou College.

Against Solano, Ohlone had control from the start, scoring the first run of the game in the first inning.

Renegades starter Kendall Beermann held Solano scoreless for nearly five innings. Beermann ran into some trouble and was relieved by Jessica Maria with two outs in the fifth.

Beermann finished her day with 4.2 innings pitched, allowing two

runs on five hits and a pair of walks. Beermann, though, did finish with the win and five strikeouts.

In relief, Maria went 2.1 innings, allowing only a run in the sixth inning, preserving the win and earning the save.

Ohlone's Paulina Gentry led the way offensively, reaching base in three consecutive at-bats, including two singles and a double.

However Ohlone didn't fare well in the against Siskiyou in the second game, losing 2-1.

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March

5 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Mission College at 2 p.m.

5 Women's Softball - Away vs. Chabot College at 3 p.m.

6-7 Men's Basketball - Regional Semifinal Playoffs

6 Academics - Last day to apply for Spring 2009 Graduation or Certificate of Achievement.

6 Entertainment - The Ohlone College Psychology Club presents Why People Believe Weird Things in the Jackson Theater at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10.

7 Women's Basketball - Regional Final Playoffs

7 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Cabrillo College at noon.

8 Entertainment - Ohlone Chamber Orchestra, Jackson Theater at 2 p.m.

9 College Council - Meetings at Fremont Campus in Room 1407 and Newark Campus in Room NC-1219 3 until 4:30 p.m.

10 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Skyline College at 2 p.m.

10 Men's Tennis - Home vs. Chabot College at 3 p.m.

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11 Meeting - Board of Trustees business meeting on the Newark Campus at 6:30 p.m.

12 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Chabot College at 2 p.m.

12 Women's Softball - Away vs. Cabrillo College at 3 p.m.

13-15 Women's Basketball - State Finals in Fresno

23 College Council - Meetings at Fremont Campus in Room 1407 and Newark Campus in Room NC-1219 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. - Professional Development Committee meeting in Room 1407 on Fremont Campus at 12:20 p.m.

13 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving - Home vs. Foothill College at 2 p.m.

14 Event - Ohlone College Super Flea Market on Fremont Campus. The flea

market is held every second Saturday of every month in parking lots H and E. Parking is \$2.

14 Men's Basketball - Regional Final Playoffs. Location and time TBA.

14-15 Women's Softball - March Madness Tournament on Fremont Campus

14 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Monterey Peninsula College at noon.

15 Ohlone Wind Orchestra - Jackson Theater at 2 p.m.

16 Meeting - Citizen's Oversight Committee discuss Bond Measure A on Fremont Campus at 6 p.m.

17 Meeting - TechComm meeting in Room 1407 on Fremont Campus at 2 p.m.

17 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Hartnell College at 2 p.m.

18 Faculty Senate - Room 1307 on Fremont Campus at 3:30 p.m.

19 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Monterey Peninsula College at noon.

19 Women's Softball - Home Monterey Peninsula College at 3 p.m.

19-20 Art - Student Rep

First Bill in the Nummi Theater at 8 p.m.

20-22 Men's Basketball - State Finals. Location and time TBA.

20 Men's Tennis - Away vs. Cabrillo College at 3 p.m.

21 Women's Softball - Home vs. Napa Valley College at 10 p.m.

21 Men's Baseball - Home vs. City College of San Francisco at noon.

21 Women's Softball - Home vs. American River College at 2 p.m.

21 Art - Art Gallery Reception for Design Show in the Louie-Meager Art Gallery at 7 p.m. The Design Show is open until April 4.

21 Entertainment - Ohlone Chamber Singers perform in the Jackson Theater at 8 p.m.

23-29 Spring Break - Fremont and Newark offices are open. No classes

24 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Gavilan College at 2 p.m.

24 Men's Tennis - Home vs. DeAnza College at 3 p.m.

24 Women's Softball - Home vs. Hartnell College at 3 p.m.