



‘DOG-GONE IT!’

Photos by Jeff Weisinger

Shortstop Michael Ussery, above, overruns the ball in the first inning for Ohlone’s first of three errors on the day; below, Aaron Chavez was called out diving home in the seventh.

Stuck at 30; Bulldogs outlast Ohlone

■ Renegades drop second straight at San Mateo in pitchers’ duel

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After defeating Mission College 9-0 last Monday, the Ohlone Baseball team has scored a combined total of eight runs in the last three games, going just 1-2 in that span.

The Renegades looked to come back from a 3-2 loss to Cosumnes River as they took on the College of San Mateo Bulldogs Tuesday at San Mateo.

Both teams fought the harsh, windy conditions, not to mention three errors by both the Renegades and the Bulldogs, but Glenn Wallace’s sacrifice RBI in the bottom of the eighth against Ohlone sophomore right-hander Alex Oberle was the difference as the Bulldogs took the win 4-3, leaving the Renegades stuck at the 30-win mark.

Freshman left-hander Roberto Padilla (3-4) kept Ohlone in the game despite their three infield errors, fighting through six innings, allowing three runs, two earned, on just six hits while striking out seven.

“Roberto did a great job against the number one team on the other side of the conference,” said Head Coach Jordon Twohig after the game.

However, Bulldogs starter John Austin outdueled Padilla as he got the complete game victory, also allowing three runs on six hits while striking out five.

San Mateo took an early 2-0 lead off Padilla through the fourth; however, Ohlone fought back in the fifth inning against Austin.

Ryan Walterhouse led the rally for Ohlone with a leadoff double to center. Michael Ussery would put Ohlone on the board as his RBI single scored Walterhouse from third.

Ussery’s RBI made up for his er-



ror in the first as he overran a ground ball by CSM’s Brian Bianchi.

Cody Foster’s RBI single to right scored Ussery from second and Steven Ramos scored on an error by Bulldogs third baseman O’Koyea Dickson to give Ohlone a 3-2 lead after the fifth.

The Bulldogs tied the game in the bottom of the fifth on an Adam Chickman RBI single to left field against Padilla.

For the second straight game, Ohlone left the bases loaded as they had a chance to take the lead in the seventh with Steven Ramos, Jeff Johnson and Braxton Miller were all left on base.

Aaron Chavez was tagged out diving toward home plate trying to give Ohlone the lead.

“We had opportunities to score and didn’t take advantage of it,” Twohig added.

Lady Renegades blow past Mission

■ Colker throws one-hitter as Ohlone wins sixth straight, 12-1.

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The Ohlone Softball team is storming through the end of the regular season, winning nine of their last 10 games, including Tuesday’s 12-1 win at Mission College in Santa Clara.

The Lady Renegades, currently riding a six-game win streak have outscored their opponents 53-6 in those six games.

Sophomore right-hander Kelly Colker (21-6) pitched another gem Tuesday, getting the complete victory, allowing just one run on one hit while striking out 10 on a windy day in Santa Clara.

Ashtyn Mullin led the charge for Ohlone, going 3-4 with 3 RBI’s and

a run scored on the day.

Ohlone had some trouble hitting in the wind in the beginning of the game as Ohlone was held scoreless through the first two innings.

“It was difficult at first, but after a while we adapted to it,” Mullin said.

Paulina Gentry, Ashley Nahale and Shelby Tomasello also each had 2 RBI’s for the game.

The Lady Renegades were held by Mission to a 5-1 lead; however, they stormed through in the seventh, scoring seven runs to go up 12-1.

The Ohlone offense has been simply dominant this season.

The Lady Renegades lead the Coast Conference North with a team .336 batting average, in runs scored with 279 and in RBI’s with 208.

Ohlone has also been dominant on the mound this year.

Colker this year has been a force on the mound, carrying a 21-6 record



Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

Kelly Colker pitched well in windy conditions at Mission on Tuesday, allowing just one hit.

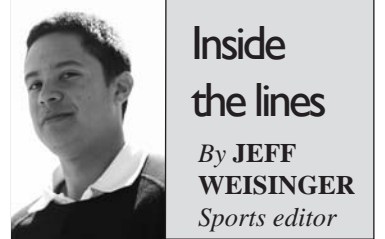
in 28 games as a starter with a 1.46 ERA with 187 strikeouts.

“I just go out there with little goals for each game,” Colker said.

“She dominates,” Head Coach Donna Runyon said of her sopho-

more pitcher. “She wants to make sure that she’s the boss out there.”

Ohlone travels to DeAnza today at 3 p.m. before taking on rival Chabot at home in the season finale Saturday at 1 p.m.



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Changing the world

Before Obama’s Presidential run, before Dr. King spoke about his dream, before Rosa Parks sat on that bus and before nine kids went to school in Little Rock, a second-baseman was stealing home.

Sixty-two years ago Wednesday, a 26-year old man by the name of Jackie Robinson did something that sparked a change in American society.

After just one season with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Leagues, Robinson took Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York for the first time as a Brooklyn Dodger in front of 26,623 spectators, including more than 14,000 black patrons, becoming the first African-American player in Major League Baseball. Robinson went hitless in the Dodgers’ 5-3 win.

Robinson went on to win the then-Major League Baseball Rookie of the Year honors in 1947, batting .297 in 151 games with 12 home runs and a league-leading 29 steals.

Although he wasn’t the best player in the Negro Leagues at the time, Robinson was the best person to handle the oncoming hatred he would get.

Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey signed Robinson because he wanted someone “who had enough guts not to fight back.”

Robinson’s MLB debut 62 years ago yesterday not only integrated baseball, but it sparked the integration of a nation divided between black and white.

His accomplishment paved the way for great athletes like Nathaniel “Sweetwater” Clifton to break basketball’s color barrier in 1950 and Marlin Briscoe to become the first black starting quarterback in the modern era of the NFL in 1968.

In 1997, MLB Commissioner Bud Selig officially retired the number 42 because “no one is greater than the game. Except Jackie Robinson.”

Last season, in honor of the 61st anniversary of his MLB debut, the New York Mets and Washington Nationals all wore number 42 to pay tribute to Robinson.

This season, all 30 MLB teams wore number 42 Wednesday to pay tribute to the man accomplished a lot more than winning a World Series in 1955.

In Citi Field, the new home for the New York Mets, the rotunda entrance was named in honor of Robinson. The top of the rotunda reads: “A life is not important except in the impact it has in other lives.”

Society, let alone baseball today, proves the quote.