



Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

Ian Hoff, above, is ready to celebrate after beating Skyline on Thursday. Below, Jeff Johnson's three-run home run in the seventh proved to be the game-winner.

Renegades ready to chase down State

Renegades to take on Chabot College in first round of playoffs

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We thought they would be good, but almost nobody predicted how good Ohlone Baseball would be in 2009.

The Renegades capped the 2009 regular season the best way any team could last Thursday: by winning the Conference title in their final home game of the season.

With the fans in the stands, the Renegades beat the Skyline Trojans last Thursday 4-1 to clinch their first Conference Championship in 18 years.

The win also set a new record for the amount of wins in a single season, as the Renegades finish the season with a record of 35-9, just one win better than the 2002 Ohlone baseball team.

Ohlone also had an unprecedented 17 players named to All-Conference.

Freshman Sean Martin (8-1) took the mound against the Trojans and struggled a bit on the mound, only pitching 4 1/3 innings, allowing a run on six hits while striking out three. However he also walked five batters on the day. Sophomore right-hander Ian Hoff (8-2) relieved Martin in the fifth inning after Martin walked David Gregory with the bases loaded as Skyline scored the first run of the game. Hoff pitched another gem, going 4 2/3 innings, allowing just two hits and striking out four.

Cody Foster singled in the bottom of the seventh, scoring Steven Ramos from third to tie the game at one.

After Zach Johnson walked to place runners on first and second, Jeff Johnson hit his state-leading 17th home run of the season to give the Renegades the 4-1 lead and Ohlone never looked back as Hoff allowed just one hit in the next two innings, striking out Nico Vargas to end the game.

With the regular season in the books, the top-seeded Ohlone Renegades are now faced with the



challenge of getting to Fresno for the State Championships which begin on May 22.

Their first matchup is set for Friday at 2 p.m. when the Renegades will host rival Chabot College in the first round of the regionals.

"It's been a great week of practice," said Head Coach Jordon Twohig, who was also named Coast Conference-Pacific Division Coach of the Year. "Everybody is at no losses, and no wins. It's a brand new season."

The Renegades beat the Chabot

Gladiators 8-5 back on March 12 at Chabot in their only matchup in the regular season.

The Gladiators are the 16th seed in the playoffs and won their single-elimination matchup to get to face Ohlone as they won against Shasta College 6-5 in 10 innings on Tuesday.

Sophomore right-hander David Luna (8-1, 4.04 ERA) will take the mound for Ohlone on Friday.

For further playoff coverage, log on to www.ohloneonline.com starting next week.

An ode to 2008-09; a hell of a year

With the 2008-09 season over for most Ohlone Renegade sports, what better way to say farewell than to recognize some of those defining moments that just made us say "Wow."

Starting with fall sports, it could be said that the unpredictable weather could describe Ohlone's play... unpredictable.

Men's Soccer: Though their record wasn't the best reflection of their efforts, their game against Mission College, 3-0, gave us back the hope that the fans needed and assured us with goalie Iman Aghel and the others worked hard to keep up.

Women's Soccer: Hartnell College was sent home shocked by this team, as Ohlone won 5-0. Fanny Koloko-Green scored a season high three goals.

Water polo: The Ohlone College Tournament shed light on both the



The fast break

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Men's and Women's team as they displayed some great skills under the water that showed what it took to get a great win.

The Men's/Women's Basketball team, along with Women's Volleyball, kept Epler Gymnasium hot through the winter.

Men's Basketball: Rival games always bring out the best in teams, And the Ohlone/Chabot rivalry is no exception when the Renegades traveled to Hayward and beat the Gladiators 63-43.

Women's Basketball: Under Coach of the Year Elizabeth Stan-

ley's supervision, the team proved to every college in the league that they were not something to be taken lightly, thus their 12-0 conference record.

Women's Volleyball: Though the team did not catch an easy break this year, their second game gave us a glimpse of the capacity of new Head Coach Jeremy Peñaflo as he led his team to victory over Laney College.

Winter left, and the spring sports season looked heated and ready to show some action.

Baseball: Ohlone won the Coast Conference Championship for the first time in 18 years, beating Skyline 4-1 and an added bonus was their record for most wins in a season with 35, one win better than the 2002 Renegades.

Softball: Lady Renegades blew past Mission as sophomore pitcher

Kelly Colker threw a one-hitter in a windstorm at Santa Clara as Ohlone beat Mission 12-1.

Men's Tennis: Two words, Thomas McGhee. This sophomore tennis player alone won every single match this season he played and then got selected for "All-American" as one of the best.

Swimming and Diving: Untouchable, is what you could call the Men's Swimming team this year as they flew without a single loss to the finals, and for the Women's, Joanna Wilk left us all speechless with her record of wins for her qualifying breast stroke.

With all said and done, and even words that could not do these moments justice, the seasons came and left and gave us some amazing memories. There will be another year to come and more great moments to be created.



Inside the lines

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State or bust?

Outstanding regular season records, numerous All-Conference players, win streaks and dominant performances throughout the 2009 regular season.

There was even a school record that was broken.

So, knowing all of that, the question is: if the Ohlone Baseball or Softball teams fall short of a State Championship, or a trip to their respective State tournaments, would their season be considered a bust?

For the seventh consecutive season, the Lady Renegades captured the Coast Conference North Championship under Head Coach Donna Runyon. They also had 10 players named to the All-Conference team in 2009.

The Ohlone Softball team started their playoff run last weekend, sweeping the best-of-three series against the Merced College Blue Devils last weekend.

The sixth-seeded Lady Renegades won the first game 2-0 in a pitcher's duel Saturday, then fought back to win 3-1 despite the rain on Sunday for a trip to Cosumnes River in Sacramento for the second round of the playoffs. The winner will go to the State Championships in Salinas in two weeks.

In his first year as Head Coach, Coast Conference-Pacific Division Coach of the Year Jordon Twohig led a team that struggled to a 21-22 record in 2008, to it's first Coast Conference Championship in 18 years.

The Renegades also set a new record for wins in a single season with their 35-9 record, just a win higher than the previous record of 34 set by Ohlone in 2002.

They are also ranked fourth in the nation, becoming the first Ohlone sports team to be nationally ranked.

Freshman outfielder Steven Ramos became the first Ohlone baseball player to win the CCCAA Male Athlete of the Month back in February. Freshman pitcher Sean Martin, who's on his way to San Jose State after this season, started the season 8-0 in his first 10 starts. The other "lights-out" pitcher Ian Hoff finished the season 8-2 with a 1.25 ERA, best highlighted by his one-hitter against then top-ranked Sacramento City College in late February.

The top-seeded Ohlone Baseball team starts their hunt for the State Championship this weekend against rival Chabot College.

There will be many opinions about whether or not failing to win State or reach it is considered an incomplete season, considering the year both teams had.

As far as this writer is concerned, to best cap the season, a trip to State is recommended.