

Ladies lose a close battle to Skyline

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In soccer, everything and anything is possible, even the possibility of being unsure of how to play in the first five minutes of a game. Something along those lines was how the Ohlone Women's Soccer team felt like and faced their sixth loss of the season against Skyline College, Tuesday. The game concluded in a 1-0 loss, which Ohlone agreed could have been easily avoided.

"We lost our mental focus in the beginning and that cost us," said Ohlone Head Coach Larry Heslin.

The winning goal for the Trojans came off the foot of freshman forward Isharene Malave. She slipped the ball into the Ohlone net within the first three minutes of the game. "We knew we were going to be faced with a tough team, so I feel very proud of my girls to have gotten that first shot," said Skyline Head Coach Kevin Corsiglia.

Though the goal was a result of the lack of focus of the Lady Renegades, they attempted throughout the game to make up for it.

"We could have easily tied or had a nil game today, if it wasn't for the first goal," said Ohlone goalie Shelby Tomesello.

Toward the end of the half, Ohlone managed to get about four good attempts at the goal, but long shots sometimes aren't the answer to the problem when your team is at a disadvantage in terms of height.

"This is our eighth game, and out of the eight this is the sixth time we



Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

Reanna Williams fights to keep the ball away from the Skyline attack. Despite being smaller in stature, Ohlone only lost, 1-0.

have allowed for a goal to be slipped in the first five minutes," said Heslin. "I just think the girls are physically prepared, but mentally they need to get themselves ready."

The second half showed more aggression on Ohlone's side, as the Lady Renegades created more space to move the ball around and get more looks at the goal.

"We played hard after the first goal, because we knew we could get it back, and tie the game," said

freshman forward Ariel Brown.

Tomesello set out to prove that she was not going to allow any more balls to go past her. "We just need to work harder and attack in the beginning," said Tomesello. Neither side got many looks at the goal during this half, but Ohlone's game tactic on the field changed with the wind in a new direction.

"We're 1-1 in conference right now, so we can still prove something and just get better," said Heslin.

This loss was a tough one for Ohlone, as Skyline head coach Corsiglia was surprised to have earned it because this is the first time in four years that Skyline College has won a game on Ohlone turf. Looking back at this game, defender Jagdeep Braich, like the rest of her team agreed that "this is only a learning process that we will get better at."

Ohlone will be hosting San Francisco City College tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Ohlone goes 3-1 in opening tournament

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The Ohlone Men's Water Polo team continued its solid play to begin the year. The Renegades went 3-1 over the weekend at the Ohlone College Tournament last Friday and Saturday. On Friday, Ohlone was barely edged out by Delta College 13-11, for the third loss versus Delta this year.

The Renegades, coming off a 18-11 loss to Delta in the two teams' previous match, came out with a new defensive strategy to try to combat the strong offense Delta has to offer. Ohlone started the first half a bit sluggish, falling victim to a 5-0 Delta run to give Delta an 11-5 lead. But Ohlone came out strong in the

second half, outscoring Delta 5-2, with another couple scoring chances taken away by a couple great blocks by Delta's goalie Nick Giles.

Overall, Head Coach Gene Kendall was pleased the way the game turned out, and the way the new defensive scheme worked.

"I thought it went pretty well, they actually ran that play, it was an isolation play the first three times that they had the ball, all three times we shut it down and they never tried that play again," Kendall said.

Ohlone's second game on Friday was against an undermanned, young Solano team. Five players from Solano were not able to suit up for the tournament, due to the flu, resulting in an unfortunate forfeit for the Falcons. Day two of the tournament

was all Ohlone. The Renegades also played San Jose State, beating them 8-6, in a defensively sound game. Ohlone also won their second game of the day, versus Sierra College 12-9. Scott Harvey was the team's leading scorer against Sierra,

"He had a fantastic game, they couldn't stop him, it was fun to watch," Kendall said.

The win against Sierra College was especially impressive considering Ohlone only had one hour's rest after the first game, and Sierra had not yet played that day. This is a very good example of great conditioning in the off-season, experience to know what it takes to get ready for the rigors of a tough, full season.

"To only have an hour rest in between games, and to beat a

fresh team, I feel like yea, were in pretty good shape," Kendall explained.

"It's a tribute to these guys coming to Tuesday, Thursday swim practice very early in the morning and putting some miles in, and getting in great condition lifting weights every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the morning before school," Kendall continued. "They're putting in a lot of conditioning time, and it's paying off for us."

Ohlone will begin conference play this Friday at the Ohlone pool taking on Solano at 4 p.m.

The women's water polo team will begin the day at 3 p.m., the first game of a double header, playing the College of San Mateo.

Galloway and Aghel propel Renegades

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After ending the 2008 season with only 3 wins on their overall record last season, this year's squad has not only surpassed their win total from 2008, they have accumulated their most wins since records started collected in 2003.

Since a 3-1 loss to Merritt College in mid-September dropped the Renegades to a .500 team, they have been on a tear, winning their last four, Friday beating Skyline 2-1 and a 3-1 win over Gavilan.

In the Skyline game, it took the

Renegades the entire first half to get back to their winning ways. The one highlight of the first half came when Renegade keeper Iman Aghel blocked a shot to his left, then crawled on his knees sideways to punch the ball out of bounds. It was reminiscent to a penalty kick Aghel blocked last season when he dove to his right to block the initial shot then got back to his feet to dive and save the second shot.

Three minutes into the second half, Ohlone struck for their first goal. Daniel Galloway took a throw in pass up the right sideline and crossed it to the back post where George Mayer II

placed a header into the middle of the box. Galloway then rushed over after the initial cross to pick up the loose ball that ricocheted off the crossbar and tapped it in for the score.

Ohlone's lead would last only until the 62nd minute after a superb 20 yard score by Skyline's forward William Sardiñah. Sardiñah moved to his left, parallel to the 18 yard box chasing down a quick pass from teammate Drew Heuer then finishing with a perfectly placed shot in the left upper 90.

Ohlone was later denied a great opportunity to score via a Dustin Richards 20-yard shot on goal. Unfor-

tunately for Ohlone, Skyline's backup keeper made a great save on Richards' shot, diving high to his left side.

Skyline's defense couldn't hold for any longer after that. Galloway backpedaled toward the goal taking a throw in pass and chipping it backwards toward the right side of the goal for the 90th minute winning goal.

Galloway and Mayer continued through Tuesday's game at Gilroy against Gavilan College. Galloway added to his season total of goals, scoring two against Gavilan. Mayer added the third goal for Ohlone.

The Renegades will face Evergreen College tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.



The fast
break

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From side to side

The men's soccer team has had its moments of glory and misery. But one consistency they can be thankful for is their goalies. Yes, goalies. Not one, but two of them that are unstoppable on the field and their feet are the rock solid shield that has been convincing us sideline viewers that there is always room for jaw-dropping moments, even if it is soccer.

This year opened with sophomore Daniel Galloway, who was the unexpected element to Ohlone's success. Galloway stumbled upon this opportunity, as the team goalie, during practice over the summer. Head Coach Jan Nordmo asked for a volunteer as the other goal keeper and it ended with a sideline talk with coach Nordmo telling Galloway, "I have some good news, I think I found us a keeper for next season. Are you up for it?"

"As a forward, I liked being the first one who was running through defenders to get to a lofted ball. But as a keeper I love the feeling of being the last line of defense," Galloway stated.

Since game one, against West Hills College to his last game in the goal against Merritt College, Galloway has earned recognition by his teammates for blocking 39 attempted shots. Now that he has finished his job substituting for Iman Aghel, he returns to the offensive side of the field.

On the contrary, the real show stopper for the Renegades has been Iranian recruit Iman Aghel, who started playing here at Ohlone about two years ago.

"The role of a goalie is to come up with the big saves when the team needs them most," said Aghel. "The difference between a regular goalie and a great goalie is the one on one contact with the ball and assuring a shut-out game. I want to be a great goalie every game." Though Aghel had a rough start this season, as he could not start this season in goal due to a hip injury that he faced over summer training.

"I wanted to earn my spot back and when coach gave me the chance I made sure not to let him down," added Aghel, who has been back in the goal and has been unstoppable. In his game against Mission College, Aghel contributed by giving his team a shut out game. "I love to make saves, that's why I like being a goalie."

The season is still young and these two players have devised a new light and hope for the men's soccer team. With Galloway back on the offensive side and Aghel back in his comfort zone, the dream of making championship this year only seems like another block away.