



**Fast Break**

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**Ready to go past 16**

“We still got the that feeling in the back of our head about losing in the Sweet Sixteen, so we’re hungry”, said returning sophomore Quaran Johnson as he took a deep breath remembering how the team ended the season last year.

The Ohlone Men’s Basketball team under the coaching guidance of John Peterson was taken to great heights last season as he put together a team that not only reflected his ability to coach the inexperience into being professionals, but also a family that put their hearts out on the court to play ball.

The team itself varied in range, size, height and even personalities, but it was all those elements that worked perfectly to make a team that showed results on the court.

The season concluded with them holding the shared number one spot in conference with San Francisco City College, with a record of 10-2, and a season record of 25-9.

They opened with their first game against Feather River College in the Jon Wallace Tournament and it was then that they set the standards for themselves and the rest of the teams in the league that they were the team to watch out for.

A.J. Flournoy averaged 15 points every game along with James Hancock who followed right behind.

Alpha N’Diaye as a guard not only put on the extra points, but his dunks stole the show.

Tim Bowman and Eric Pitts leadership skills always allowed

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**Streak comes to end in San Jose**



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

**Ohlone Volleyball Head Coach Jeremy Peñaflor celebrates his first conference win. Below, Jayme Leftridge came through big with each of her clutch kills against the Lady Jaguars.**

**■ Lady Renegades end 19-conference game losing streak**

By JEFF WEISINGER  
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“I feel as if something had been lifted off me.”

After a nail-biting five-set win over San Jose City College Wednesday night, Ohlone Volleyball Head Coach Jeremy Peñaflor will no longer have to answer the question if, or when his team will win a conference game.

“It feels great,” Peñaflor mentioned. “I didn’t think about it too much, but now that it’s here and with the way it happened, it feels really good.”

“It’s really big,” said freshman outside hitter Jayme Leftridge.

Ohlone was a heavy favorite

going into Wednesday’s match with the Lady Jaguars only winning one game on the season, however San Jose made things difficult for the Lady Renegades on the night.

“I think that they were surprised with what we had,” Peñaflor added.

After Ohlone won the first set 25-21, the Lady Renegades found themselves in a deep hole in the second set as San Jose pulled out to an early 6-1 lead to start the set. The Lady Jags took advantage of the numerous miscues by Ohlone to take the early lead.

Down, but not out, the Lady Renegades fought back to 15-10, fighting back and forth for each point. Ohlone would continue to fight back to take a 24-23 lead off a huge block by Idle. Ohlone would win the second set 26-24.

Although Ohlone was thinking sweep, the Lady Jags had other

plans, fighting past Ohlone 25-22 in the third and fourth set.

“We had slow starts,” Leftridge added.

Once Ohlone took a 7-6 lead in the fifth and final, they never looked back, winning the final

match 15-10.

“This is just a stepping stone,” said sophomore middle blocker Kelly Idle.

“We’re going to keep pushing it and we’re going to keep wanting it.”



**Merced pitchforks Ohlone Water Polo in Renegades home finale**

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The Ohlone Men’s and Women’s Water Polo teams each took the pool Wednesday hoping to start new winning streaks. The Men’s team lost a heartbreaker to Modesto Junior college on Saturday by the score of 8-7, and the Lady Renegades came off an 8-4 loss to the De Anza Dons last Wednesday.

Wednesday’s action didn’t fare well for either team.

The Merced College Blue Devils arrived Wednesday with two teams headed in opposite directions.

The Men’s team came into the game with a 3-9 overall record, while the Lady Blue Devils came into Wednesday’s game with a 15-3

overall record and sit atop the Coast Conference standings.

The first game of the day featured a dominant defensive effort by the Lady Blue Devils over Ohlone, as Merced won 15-2.

Ohlone was forced to take many difficult shots in the game with inside positioning being eliminated early by Merced and Ohlone’s slashing lanes were simply taken away.

The third quarter was one to forget for Ohlone. The Lady Renegades turned the ball over on all but one possession and allowed Merced to make eight of nine shots all off turnovers.

Evelyn Choy had a goal and an assist for Ohlone, while Kayleigh Torres led the defense in steals for the Lady Renegades with two.

The men’s game featured two teams that have met twice already in the year. Ohlone and Merced’s water polo teams split games between each other this year heading into Wednesday’s game.

The Blue Devils came out of the game winners of the season series, defeating Ohlone 14-5.

Saturday’s tough loss to Modesto Junior College on Saturday, in which Ohlone blew a two-goal lead in the fourth period, all but crushed any chance the Renegades had of making the playoffs this season, and Wednesday’s loss to the Blue Devils didn’t help their cause.

Scott Harvey had two goals for the Renegades on the day and Nick Raimondi led the defense with three steals.

**Ohlone Sports ready to go live**

By JEFF WEISINGER  
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It won’t be SportsCenter, let alone be even on, or close to any of the ESPN channels, however the Ohlone TV Network will launch something on Friday that very few junior colleges, if any, have.

Ohlone Network Sports, produced by the Sports Broadcasting class (BRDC-213) will go live for the first time on channel 28 in Fremont on Friday at 3 p.m., highlighting and discussing just about everything related to the Ohlone Renegades.

The Sports Broadcasting class was introduced to Ohlone College last Spring by former Columbia and Fordham professor Paul Ham-

mons. Hammons also worked for both NBC and ABC for nearly 30 years.

“The idea came from a buddy of mine from Major League Baseball who said that they are having trouble getting qualified entry-level interns to do sports production,” Hammons mentioned.

The Sports Broadcasting class was in its experimental stages last Spring with the class producing and releasing an End-of-Year review for all the Ohlone sports. The class also covered and shot live games, including the Men’s Basketball one-point playoff loss to Reedley College and Ian Hoff’s one-hitter for the Ohlone Baseball team against Sacramento City College.

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