

# Hartnell snaps Ohlone's winning streak

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When a team rolls out a four-game winning streak the way the Ohlone Men's Soccer team has twice this season, once in mid September and the second this past four game stretch, it gets to the point where it is expected that they can win every game played.

A 2-0 win over a tough De Anza team, on a turf field no less, the type of field Ohlone has had problems playing on previously this season, surprised a number of the team's followers and only added to that expectation.

Then came Tuesday afternoon's duel with Hartnell College, which kicks off the toughest part of the schedule for the Renegades, where they would be facing teams that are ranked in the top 15 in the North.

The matchup with Hartnell ended badly for the Renegades in their worst loss of the year, a 5-1 loss where all goals including Ohlone's, was put in by Hartnell. The lone Ohlone goal came by way of an own goal that bounced off a Hartnell defender after a free kick



**Jorge Gomez, right, dribbles through a pair of defenders in the Renegades' worst loss of this season, 5-1 to Hartnell College.**

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by Ohlone's George Mayer II.

Hartnell's star forward Eduardo

Verduzco, who was honored as the

forward of the year last season, ter-

rorized the normally good Ohlone

defense. Particularly team captain

Saman Haidari who was directly involved in all five goals scored by Hartnell.

"I came in and told Juan (Alvarez) 'they're not that strong,'" Verduzco said, referring to his teammate who was honored last year as the Coast Conference player of the year.

"We knew their weakness so we wanted to put them away," said Verduzco. "Last year (Alvarez and I) played together, so I can tell where he is with my eyes closed."

By halftime Ohlone saw themselves down 3-0, which included two goals by Verduzco and a third goal that awed the crowd.

With the half nearing a close, Alvarez dribbled to the top of the half-circle and was met by two Ohlone defenders.

Alvarez then performed a spin move that was made popular by the French legend Zinedine Zidane and sent a pass to the right side of the 18-yard box to midfielder Juan Espinoza.

From there, Espinoza struck a high-paced shot that zipped by Ohlone keeper Iman Aghel and

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## Peterson begins tenth year on Ohlone's bench

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Aside from his impressive 201-81 win-loss record, John Peterson has excelled where other coaches have failed - job security. Next weekend's tip-off of the Jonathan Wallace Memorial Tournament will mark Peterson's tenth season as Ohlone's basketball coach.

Peterson admitted that he didn't believe it had been this long since he joined the Ohlone community and was actually dumbfounded to hear the news. "I'm lucky, I've been in a good spot for this long," said Peterson. "Not many coaches can say that they stayed in one place, and withstand the period of time."

Coming off a season in which he led the Renegades to a 25-9 record and a sweet sixteen appearance, Peterson has big shoes to fill. Last season alone, the Renegades saw Peterson win Coast Conference Coach of the Year, while guard AJ Flournoy won Coast

Conference MVP and selected First Team, All State. Post player Alpha N' Diaye was also named Honorable Mention, All State.

"The goal is to win the state title, and the expectation is to get better everyday in terms of reaching the goal," said Peterson.

Last season, Ohlone was second in the state in defense, allowing only 59 points per contest. This year's team seems to be the complete opposite according to Peterson. Under his tutelage, Ohlone has won 20 or more games in eight of the last nine seasons, not an easy feat to accomplish by any means.

"We're not nearly as good defensively, and it's a big concern," said Peterson. "We can score though, we can score probably better than any team I've had since I've been here. The ability to pass the ball, and the willingness to pass the ball is phenomenal, it's a lot of fun to coach because of that."

The '08-09 squad was filled with a major-

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## Women's hoops: New coach, same swagger

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The Ohlone Lady Renegades are looking to build off a solid '08-'09 campaign as they head into a new basketball season. Last year's team was the first team in school history to finish the season undefeated in conference play, (12-0), and 19-9 overall. The Lady Renegades fell one game short of a heading to Fresno for the state championships.

Last year's team was coached by Elizabeth Stanley, who has coached the Lady Renegades since 2001. Stanley was not renewed a contract for the upcoming season. Taking over this year as head coach is Julie Allender. Allender has been an assistant to Stanley for the past three seasons. In those seasons she was in charge of recruiting, offensive strategies, and player development.

"I don't think there's real big differences at this level, I teach the game, that's a big thing

for me. I'm huge on teaching situations and teaching kids the game I think a majority has to do with the talent you have in that year to the style you bring," Allender said.

The Lady Renegades will try to continue to play solid, error-free ball this year, and limit as many mental mistakes as possible. Keeping a high intensity, level-headed approach is something Allender is preaching to her team this offseason.

This year's team will be returning six players from last season, as well as six new players, an even balance. A couple key returners include guard Jasmine Rubin. Rubin led the team offensively last year, her best game was a 27-point performance, to go along with a 40 percent field goal percentage.

Another key returner is Geneaya Rodgers. Rodgers has the potential to lead the state in many statistical categories. Rodgers is expected to lead the Lady Renegades with her

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# Ladies drop a heartbreaker to Las Positas

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The Ohlone's Women's soccer team were faced with some rough conditions that cost them their game this past Tuesday against Las Positas College, losing 4-3. The Lady Renegades stuck through the whole game and put up a great fight in efforts to tie the game, however just as Las Positas Head Coach Sissi do Amor said, "sometimes the wind gets the better of you."

The game began with neither team being able to control the ball with the high winds blowing and the projection of the ball being misread by many of the players in order to play. However, it was Hawks forward Stefani Amaral broke the nil game, but her moment of glory was soon matched up with Ohlone captain's Casey Tuoto's goal.

"There was a lot of miscommunication going on which got a lot of confused, but it was a well matched game between the teams and they just did better," said Tuoto.

The second half commenced with the 2-2 tie and both teams looking for an opportunity to swing the game in their direction. With the weather conditions not looking any better, the first 15 minutes was a juggle between both teams to gain control of the ball. Since the conditions did not allow for much of an air game, the ladies were forced to keep the ball grounded and hope that they could move swiftly on their feet.

"With these conditions we had to play on foot and since they played directly we had to work even harder," said Ohlone Coach Larry Heslin. The Hawks once again broke the tie, but a few minutes later Summer Winters tied the game, 3-3 with

an assist by Arielle Brown.

"We changed up our formation and hoped that the new rotation would have worked, but they just ended with a lucky last shot," said Tuoto.

The Hawks put up the last goal with seven minutes to spare in the game concluding a victory for them. "The girls worked hard and both teams made nice goals and it could have been either team's game," Heslin said.

The Lady Renegades have some key four games coming up that will determine their standing in conference and chances in the championships. With the season almost coming to its close, the ladies hold a record of 7-7-1. They are tied in conference with Las Positas for second place. They will be playing their next game against Skyline College this Friday in San Bruno.



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**Reanna Williams, right, and the Lady Renegades were stunned by a Las Positas goal.**