

Renegades fall flat



Photo by David Epperson

Brenda Calara, bottom left, lies on the floor after Ohlone gives up another point to Foothill College. The Renegades lost Wednesday in three straight sets.

Underdog Ohlone looks to shock in tournament

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The Ohlone Men's Water Polo team will play in the Coast Conference tournament starting Friday, Nov. 6. The Renegades will play as the fourth seed, taking on top-seeded West Valley, who are the defending state champions and are pushing for their twentieth conference title.

In order for Ohlone to advance to the Nor Cal Playoffs, Ohlone would have to beat West Valley, a difficult, yet not improbable task considering the Renegades lost to West Valley 17-10. The winner of the Conference Championship Tournament will head to the Nor-Cal Playoffs.

This will be the final scheduled tournament of the season for Ohlone, who finished fourth in the Coast Conference overall. At the beginning of the season, Coach Gene Kendall said that he felt Ohlone was among the top three in the Conference ranking with West Valley and Cabrillo.

"I wanted to finish third in conference that would allow us to play the number two seed in conference. And if we would have won that game we would have had a chance at the championship," Kendall said.

This season for The Renegades has been a mixed bag, with many big wins and a couple losses that spelled disaster for Ohlone's chance to take over the division. The crowning jewel of the season was Ohlone's trip to the Cuesta College Tournament in San Luis Obispo. The Renegades took down a Merced team, a first in the 35 years that Ohlone has had a water polo program.

Scott Harvey, leading player for the Renegades this season, led the team in scoring, assists, steals, and field blocks. "He's just a good overall player, and I'll be nominating him for All American, and hopefully he gets enough votes," coach Kendall said about Harvey.

Starting Left-Hander Joey Declerq was among the top goal scorers on the year as well for Ohlone, and was a leader on defense.

One of the bright spots for next season is Austin Fish, a freshman this season and key member of the Renegades this year. "He's probably the most improved player on our team. He's showed that he can play in big games and make things happen."

The tournament will be held all day Friday and Saturday at De Anza.

Mayer tips his hat, scores three against Chabot

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A single point is what is keeping the Ohlone Men's Soccer team from qualifying for the postseason for the first time in a long time. The only archives that keep track of team's records only has information as far back as 2004, a time when the team didn't have much of a positive culture.

Fast-forward to now, the Renegades have beat up on the teams it's supposed to beat up on and won tough games against the more competitive teams.

Tuesday afternoon when they hosted Chabot College, who is having a down year after a good

run last season, they continued their winning ways, coming away with a 6-2 victory. The win is the first time Ohlone has not lost against their rivals since the 2005 season when they ended in a 1-1 tie.

"We realize we have the potential to get to the finals," Head Coach Jan Eric Nordmo said. "So we set goals higher than just winning a few more games than last season."

The Renegades have struggled at times this season with the possession game. Though they like to line up in a 4-3-3 formation: four defenders, three midfielders and three forwards, as the game goes on the Renegades shift to a more centralized 3-5-2 scheme.

There have been games where

they would transition to that scheme and would run into trouble with some teams because of their lack of ball control in comparison to better teams. Against Chabot, Ohlone kept the possession it relies on in a 3-5-2 formation.

The first goal didn't result from the scheme Ohlone runs, but rather a corner kick. Pierre Bruggeman sent a corner kick to the far post and found George Mayer II for the first goal.

Bruggeman set up the Renegades' next goal in the 39th minute. He received a pass from the defense and one-touched a pass to the middle, finding Jonathan "Cookie" Santillam at the mid-field circle rushing past the Chabot mid-

fielders. Santillam then sent a pass up-field to Mayer, who was on a 1-on-1 breakaway with the keeper and found the back of the net for his second score.

Just before the first half finished, Renegade midfielder Brandon Garcia, easily the fastest player on the team, darted past three Chabot defenders through the center of the field. Then, seeing a passing lane, found Mayer for the breakaway score.

Daniel Galloway scored two goals in the second half and the final Ohlone goal was scored by Diego Montantes.

Ohlone had a few slip-ups late in the second half, allowing Chabot to score two and avoid the shutout.

"Their defense was locking down very good, they had speed," Chabot forward Andres Ponce said. Ponce played for Chabot last season and was a part of the 8-3 win in last season's meeting between the teams. Ponce scored one goal against Ohlone Tuesday.

"This year's team is more disciplined. Last year they looked like recreational players," said Ponce.

"We might give up lots of opportunities on defense, but in the end we don't give up a lot of goals," Nordmo said.

Ohlone's final three games are against top teams in the region starting with Foothill College this Friday. Tuesday they host City College of San Francisco.

Lady Renegades prepare for playoff push

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The season is almost over for the Ohlone Women's Soccer team, with two more games left before playoffs begin.

The Lady Renegades were on the road all last week as they played two conference teams, Skyline College and San Francisco City College. They are right behind Skyline, whom they lost to last Friday, 0-1. However, defeating CCSF this past Tuesday, 2-1 bumped them to second place.

The Skyline contest was a well-matched game between two opponents for the second time this season and the Lady Renegades hoped to get a win.

"We didn't play with that much urgency as we are use to playing, but overall it was a good game,"

said defender Anjuli Papineau. The first half were nil games for both sides, and neither team had any luck coming close to the goal, as the ball stayed at midfield most of the game. The Trojans scored the winning goal in the second half, and though Ohlone saw some great looks at goal, they could not finish.

Tuesday's game against CCSF was a rather lifting victory for the team, as they went in with a little more confidence, knowing that their first match-up was a win. This was a fast-paced and well-organized game on Ohlone's part, a game plan that has been seen before in their previous games. The Lady Renegades were defensively strong, as well as offensively proactive about the ball.

"We dominated the ball very well and kept up the intensity," said Papineau. Though CCSF scored in



Photo by Nick Zambrano

First-year players such as Cailin Byrnes, left, have played a huge role in the success the Lady Renegades have shared this season.

the first half, the Renegades broke the tie in the second half with goals by Summer Winters and Melissa Flores.

"We need to really concentrate on these next two games before the

playoffs," said Papineau. The rest of her team could agree that the next two games, especially Friday's upcoming game against De Anza College, are essential victories. With an overall record of 8-8-1 and be-

ing second in conference, the Lady Renegades are hoping to head off into the playoffs.

Next on the schedule for Ohlone will be a home contest against De Anza College, Nov. 13 at 3 p.m.