

Ladies dominate Feather River in Allender's debut

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The Ohlone Lady Renegades basketball team started the season with a bang on Saturday as they beat the Eagles of Feather River by the score of 78-59.

Ohlone came out looking sharp from the get-go, playing with an energy and intensity that lasted the entire length of the game. This was the first win as a head coach for Julie Allender, who spent the past three seasons as an assistant.

"It feels really good," said Allender following the game. "I felt confident going in. We had a couple real good weeks of practice and their competitiveness really showed the past week."

The Lady Renegades started the game very active on defense, forcing many turnovers that led to fast-break points to get an early lead. Ohlone also had its share of turnover issues in the first half, but that was fixed early in route to a dominant effort on both sides of the ball that resulted in an early lead that the Lady Renegades would not relinquish.

When Ohlone had the ball, they made the most of their possessions, making more than 50 percent of their shots, while keeping ball movement

a huge factor in confusing the Eagle defense. Jasmine Rubin was the offensive star of the game, scoring 30 points on the night on 14 of 22 shooting, including back to back 3 pointers early in the game.

"She did a great job and took great shots," Allender said, regarding the sophomore. Rubin also contributed 10 rebounds for Ohlone, with an impressive 6 offensive boards, however she was not alone controlling the boards in the game.

The Lady Renegades did an excellent job out-rebounding Feather River all night, gathering 39 rebounds overall. Ohlone built their biggest lead of the night late in the first half when they took a 21-point lead. Feather River grinded the rest of the half, cutting the lead to nine points just before halftime. Ohlone would take no part in letting the Eagles get back in the game.

Ganeaya Rogers nailed an off-balance deep two-pointer as the buzzer went off to signal halftime to crush the souls of the Eagles and give Ohlone a 14-point lead. The Lady Renegades didn't quite dominate as much, but still played a solid second half, outscoring Feather River by five points.

Rubin's 30 points was by far a game high. Rogers had 16 points

on the night, making exactly half of her shots at a nice 50 percent clip. The Milpitas High alum Rogers nearly had a triple-double on the night, finishing with nine assists and eight rebounds.

"Getting out in the open court and passing, that's what she does best," Allender said regarding Rogers' style of play.

Crystal McLaughlin dominated the boards for the Lady Renegades, finishing with 12 rebounds overall, and keeping the Eagles' posts in check not allowing Feather River to get over 10 points in the post.

"I felt like we took a lot of good shots, we did a good job on the defensive glass, we had a little trouble early on with turnovers, but we cleaned that up. They played really hard, and we have great kids," Allender added. "We rebounded well for our size, we really preach to them boxing out, trying to win the battle of the boards and they're really buying in to what we're preaching."

The Renegades take on the Mustangs of Delta College tonight, at 6 p.m. in Epler Gym.

Last year the Mustangs finished in the top four of the state and are projected to play at just as strong of a level this season, so we are sure to be in store for a great game.



Photo by Tomás Ortega

Lady Renegades guard Ashley Valenzuela leaps for a layup. Up next for Ohlone will be Delta College, tonight at 6.

Volleyball honors sophomores in final home game

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"We just got to bring it."

Much similar to the words of Ohlone sophomore middle blocker Kelly Idle, Lady Renegades Head Coach Jeremy Peñaflor claimed that Ohlone had to bring it to the Rams in order for the Lady Renegades to defeat City College of San Francisco.

However, it was the Lady Rams who brought it on Wednesday night, sweeping Ohlone in three sets 25-16, 25-16 and 25-19.

"We should've went in a little more upbeat, a little more positive," Idle said after the game. "We wanted it and we did our best."

Idle, along with opposite hitter Kayla McManus and libero Kimberly Lam, were all honored

during sophomore night in Epler Gymnasium as the lone three sophomores playing in their final game as a member of the Ohlone volleyball squad.

"It was the last game, we just had to go for it," Lam said. "It's very disappointing."

The Lady Renegades hung tough with the Lady Rams throughout the entire set, hanging around within a point or two early in each of the three sets.

However, in the first set, with Ohlone taking the early 4-2 lead to start, CCSF would fight back, taking advantage of Ohlone miscues to go on a 6-0 run to take an 8-4 lead. CCSF would not look back once they took the lead and would take the first match 25-16.

"I think it was a combination of trying to be relaxed and trying to

do too much," Peñaflor explained. "Something was a little bit off."

Despite coming out relaxed and loose in pre-game, Ohlone came out tense and "on their heels" to start the match.

"They served us pretty tough," Peñaflor added.

Going into the second match, Peñaflor made Jayme Leftridge serve first, switching up the rotation which put her up against Rams server Vivian Lee.

Peñaflor's adjustment worked as he planned in the second set as both the Rams and the Lady Renegades fought back and forth throughout. The second set saw five lead changes to start off, getting the match to 10-all.

With the game tied at 16, the Lady Rams snapped out of their funk and went on a 9-0 run, winning the

second set 25-16.

CCSF took a 3-6 lead to start the third set and never looked back, winning the third and final set 25-19, after Cao's serve flew out of bounds to end the match.

With the season now in the books, Peñaflor will look forward to the

2010 season, with six freshmen returning.

"I'm not disappointed, I'm looking toward the future," Peñaflor said. "We have the foundation for a great program."

"I wish them luck for next season," Idle added.

Ohlone continues winning ways, tops De Anza, 74-61

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The Ohlone Men's Basketball team is ready to take upon a new season with a single thought in mind, to do it better and bigger than last year.

With an already impressive opening tournament, the Renegades faced off against De Anza College, winning the game, 74-61. "We had a good defensive effort throughout the whole game, which was the main reason why we were able to win," said forward Lavon Gray.

Having a fresh, new team this season with some returning players, Head Coach John Peterson expects this team to be a great shooting team. Taking into account De Anza's record of 1-2, it could have been assumed that this would have been an easy game for Ohlone. But, both teams put up a good defensive effort in order to keep the other from gaining too much of a lead. The half concluded with a 32-32 tie.

"As a team, we need to improve on our rebounding," said Peterson,

reflecting on the first half. The Renegades did not look any less determined than the Cougars in the second half to swing the win in the game in their favor. "We pulled away in the second half because we were good with our defense," said Gray as Ohlone got control of most possessions during the half.

Though Ohlone gained a quick lead, the Cougars showed their frustrations as an argument broke out on the court. Both the Renegades and Cougars had a player ejected. The remaining half was close until Scott Clark caught fire and led Ohlone with 23 points.

"We had 30 turnover this game, so we need to take better care of the ball," reflected Peterson which he thinks is necessary for his team to be seen as an elite team.

The Renegades will be heading off to Redding this weekend to participate in the Shasta College Tournament. Considering their flawless record of 4-0 so far and their on-and-off court team chemistry. Ohlone hopes to place high in the tournament.



Photo by David Epperson

Kayla Mcmanus, left, and Kelly Idle attempt to block a spike from the CCSF middle blocker. The Lady Renegades lost in three sets.