

Lady Renegades edge out Foothill in OT

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Beatrice Conejero hit a deep three-pointer with 20 seconds left in overtime to give the Ohlone Lady Renegades a 63-62 win over Foothill College last Tuesday night at home in a Coast Conference battle. The Lady Renegades came off a tough loss to Delta College the Thursday prior, and overcame many blown leads to come away with the victory. Ohlone is now 2-1 overall.

Early in the game, Ohlone let Foothill stay in the game by committing turnovers and fouls, and not taking advantage of early mistakes by Foothill. The Lady Renegades gave up a few too many easy shots off the perimeter, allowing Foothill to stay alive via the three-point shot. Foothill seemed to control the pace of the game when they needed to and chipped away at a nine-point lead that Ohlone had, and took the lead late in the first half off a deep three-point shot.

The Lady Renegades, State Championship contenders a year ago in their own right, would keep this game from getting too far out of hand. They quickly regained the lead on the next possession as Ganeaya Rogers threaded the needle with a beautiful pass to Jasmine Rubin inside the post, making a nice contested layup.

Throughout the second half, the game was a back-and-forth battle. Ohlone took its only two-possession



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Freshman Jazmine Duenas, right, blasts past the Foothill defender.

lead of the half when Elise Spain nailed a 20-footer off a Foothill turnover. Foothill never let Ohlone pull away from them. The Lady Renegades showed them just as much heart in the final minutes, countering Foothill's attack with one of their own. In the final six minutes of play, there was a total of six lead changes.

During the final minute of regulation, Ohlone took a three-point lead when Rubin nailed two clutch free throws. On the next possession for

Foothill, one of the Owls made a nice 15-foot teardrop while getting fouled with seconds remaining. The free-throw was made, and the game was pushed to overtime.

Early in overtime, Foothill took a four-point lead. The Lady Renegades scratched and clawed their way back, tying the game with a minute thirty left with a Rubin field goal.

With 48.1 seconds remaining in overtime, the Owls in-bounded the ball and, instead of playing for the two-for-one, ate 20 seconds off

the clock and played for the foul, getting it, and making both shots to give Foothill a two-point lead with 27 seconds remaining.

The Renegades called a timeout immediately after to set up the play of the game. With 20 seconds left, Conejero hit a three-pointer off a perfect Rogers assist pass, putting them up by one. The Renegades then came up with a huge defensive stop, with Rogers forcing a fade-away jumper and then getting the rebound, which sealed the win for

the Renegades.

"She told us to stay in control out there, and take good shots," Conejero said after the game, referring to Head Coach Julie Allender's strategy during the timeout.

"We knew if we pulled Jasmine in, trying to run a play to her on the inside, we knew people would all move to one side, leaving her wide open," Allender said. "Ganeaya made a great feed, and it was a great shot."

"Anytime you beat a Foothill, a team that has that reputation of that caliber, it's nice going into the break we got, we still have some work to do, but they got it done," Allender continued.

Rubin led all scorers on the night with 22 points, and also recording six rebounds. Crystal McLaughlin had a nice night controlling the boards with 10 rebounds, while picking up seven assists as well. However the stat of the night belonged to Conejero, who not only hit the game-winning three, but also made three other shots from beyond the arc, going four out of five from downtown, at an amazing 80 percent clip.

Ohlone will have plenty of time to enjoy this win – which gives them a 2-1 record – and get ready for their next opponent. The next game for the Renegades is Dec. 10, in one of the toughest tournaments in the state at Santa Rosa Junior College. Ohlone will open with another State contender last year in City College of San Francisco.



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Scott Clark, left, extends to get the layup. Clark had 18 points in the loss to Cabrillo.

Renegades to perform encore in 2010?

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A school record 37 wins, 12 players who earned scholarships, a player who was named CCCAA Male Athlete of the Month (a first in Ohlone Baseball history) along with a player who led the state in homeruns after taking two years off the game.

Then you toss in win streaks of 11, 9 and then 13 in a row, the team's first outright Coast Conference championship in nearly two

decades and home-field advantage in the playoffs and one would think that the 2009 Ohlone Baseball team was going to come home with that State title toward the end of May.

However, losses to San Jose City and Cosumnes River in the Super-Regionals ended Ohlone's chances at that very certain State title.

So, with the 2010 season coming up, all we can ask is: What will the Renegades do for an encore?

Ohlone was dominant in 2009 in Jordon Twohig's first year as the Renegades' Head Coach.

The pitching staff held its own, with a solid 3.34 ERA, led by Ohlone Male Athlete of the Year, and First-Team All-Northern California Ian Hoff's 1.25 ERA. Hoff's 8-2 record is highlighted by two wins against rival Chabot and a one-hitter against then-top-ranked Sacramento City College.

However, of the big-four pitchers from 2009 (Luna, Martin, Hoff and Padilla), only one returns in 2010, and that would be lefty Roberto Padilla.

Padilla started slow as a freshman

in 2009, starting 0-2, but picked up his first win at West Hills College in late February. He'd finish the season 4-4 in 14 appearances with a 3.64 ERA.

The lineup has the experience to be even more dominant in 2010.

As a team, Ohlone batted .328 with 322 RBI's and 35 HR's in the regular season.

By the way, they were a freshman-dominated lineup.

Leadoff hitter Steven Ramos returns in 2010 after hitting .376 with 31 RBI's in 2009 and Cody

In their second game over the break on Friday, the Renegades came out with more fire and intensity as they rolled over Gavilan College, 90-77.

After ending the half tied at 40, Ohlone lit up the score board with 50 points in the latter half.

The Renegades saw four players break double digits in points. Isaiah Moore put up 22 points, while going 9-11 from the field. Sawyer continued his hot hand with 19 points to go along with his seven rebounds and seven assists. Cyleb Burton dropped in 18, while fellow freshman Charles Barnes threw 11 into the pot.

Up next for the Renegades will be a match-up with West Valley College, Saturday at 3 p.m.

Men's basketball splits their last two games

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Over the Thanksgiving break, the Renegades split two games that put them at a 6-3 mark for the year.

In their first match-up with Cabrillo on Wednesday, Ohlone lost a close battle, 67-64. A hard-fought battle throughout, Ohlone's main flaw was turning the ball over. Cabrillo took advantage of Ohlone's 20 giveaways, and in the second half got under Ohlone Coach John Peterson's skin.

Peterson was physically distraught as Cabrillo was sinking shots with ease from beyond the three-point line. Seahawks' guard Tony Gallo proved tough to defend as he

led Cabrillo with 20 points.

The Renegades were led by Scott Clark, who dropped 18 points, along with seven rebounds. Ronnie Sawyer followed up Clark's performance with a stat line that included 16 points and four boards.

In the final minutes, Ohlone and Cabrillo kept exchanging one-point leads, and the Renegades were eventually forced to foul. Unfortunately for Ohlone, the Seahawks were in the bonus.

Cabrillo lived on the foul line for the final seconds and held on tightly to a 65-64 lead. After sinking two consecutive free-throws, Cabrillo now clutched on to a 67-64. With one possession to go, Ohlone attempted to force overtime, but to no avail.