

Ohlone moves on

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lay the ball in, giving Ohlone a 68-67 lead.

Contra Costa rushed the ball up to midcourt in a desperate effort to turn the tables, but Valenzuela stole the ball and was immediately fouled with 7.1 seconds still on the clock.

As the Comets were not yet over the bonus, they would need to foul one more time before forcing Ohlone to shoot free throws.

Ohlone inbounded the ball to Rogers, who was fouled roughly by Comets' guard Zenaia Hunt.

Rogers hit three of her last four free throws in the game's final seconds to close out Ohlone's four-point, 71-67 win, sending them to the Regional Final, just one game away from the State tournament.

Rogers finished with 15 points and nine assists. Rubin had 25 points on 10/17 shooting. Martin ended up with 28 points.

"A lot of people didn't expect us to be in playoff position this year," Rogers said after the game.

"Now that we've made it to the second round, it means a lot to have proved people wrong."

Ohlone's second round opponent will be arguably the state's best community college team in top seeded City College of San Francisco.

CCSF defeated Ohlone during the regular season 69-46.

The game will be played in Saturday night in San Francisco at 5:30 p.m.

Renegades split series vs. Solano

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Twenty-five combined runs, 23 innings, three days and one extra-innings thriller. But no partridge in a pear-tree.

Then toss in the weather holding up, along with Ohlone and Solano splitting their two-game series, and we really can say that "everybody won."

The Ohlone baseball team and the Solano Falcons split their doubleheader over the weekend, with the Renegades winning on Saturday 8-7 in 14 innings and Solano winning the second game 7-2.

The catch here is that Thursday's game stretched into Saturday due to darkness after the 13th inning on Thursday.

The series started at Ohlone with freshman Mark Mercer taking the mound for the Renegades in his third career start. Mercer struggled a bit on Thursday, pitching just 4 1/3 innings, allowing three runs on five hits while walking and striking out two.

Falcons starter Joe Lewis shut down the Renegade lineup through 7 2/3 innings, allowing two runs on four, this while striking out and walking five batters.

And then came the ninth inning.

After Matt Fontaine sat down Solano in the top of the inning, the Renegade lineup went to work.

Down 4-2, Ohlone catcher Michael Di Rocco led off the inning by reaching first on a throwing error,



Photo by Joseph Florez

Kyle Holmstrom's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game at four with Solano marked the second straight game that Ohlone rallied from behind.

allowing him to advance to second. Kyle Holmstrom came up next and, much like Ryan Walterhouse did at San Mateo, Holmstrom drilled a Ben Consuelo pitch to right-center field for a two-run home run, tying the game at 4.

Holmstrom's home run marks the first time that Ohlone has come back in the ninth inning in back-to-back games.

Ohlone had two more chances to win the game in extras, once in the 11th inning after tying the game at 5, but Cody Foster popped out to center to end the inning. Then in

the 13th, Walterhouse's shot fell just short of the fence.

On Saturday, Solano picked back up, driving in two runs in the 14th, one off a Derek Crenshaw RBI single and the other off Patrick Johnson's run scored with two outs.

The Renegades offense picked up also, with Ohlone driving in three runs, including Zach Johnson's two-RBI single, tying the game at 7, then Ohlone ended the game with Josh Vidal's sacrifice fly, bringing home Stephen Lacombe for the win, capping Ohlone's three-hit,

three-run bottom of the 14th.

The "second" game Saturday saw the Renegade magic simply disappear, as Falcons starter Kenton Bevacqua held the Ohlone lineup to just two runs on seven hits through 6 2/3 innings in the Falcons 7-2 win.

Renegades ace sophomore Roberto Padilla suffered his first loss of the season, struggling through 4 1/3 innings, while allowing six runs, five earned, on a season-high eight hits allowed, although he struck out three and walked one batter on the day.

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4 Women's Softball home vs. Chabot College 3 p.m.

5 Men's and Women's Swim/Dive away vs. De Anza College 2 p.m.

6 Men's Basketball Regional Final Playoffs all day.

6 Women's Basketball Regional Final Playoffs all day.

6 Women's Softball home vs. Cosumnes River College/Merced, all day.

6 Men's Baseball away vs. Hartnell College, Salinas, noon.

7 Ohlone Symphony Orchestra directed by Larry Osborne, presents

their first concert of the Spring featuring Mozart's Serenade No. 10 for Wind Instruments (Gran Partita). Jackson Theatre, 2 p.m.

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presents a concert of new compositions. Jackson Theatre, 6 p.m.

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