

Ohlone crosses Shasta off postseason checklist

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The long journey to the state title will continue for the Ohlone Renegades. This past Saturday, the Renegades opened up the regional playoffs in typical fashion as they

FINAL SCORE

Shasta: 60
Ohlone: 75

Next game:
Sat. Mar. 6,
vs. Yuba
7 p.m.

rolled past Shasta College, 75-60.

The Shasta Knights won their bid-game against West Valley College back on Feb. 24 to earn the match-up with Ohlone.

Ohlone Head Coach John Peterson stated before the match-up that he wanted to see more of a "man defense" in the postseason. According to Peterson, the Renegades have not played a man-to-man defense in their last four games.

"I thought we defended well," said Peterson. "They present some problem with the player movement but I think overall we did a pretty good job. I mean 60 points is 60 points."

As the first half moved forward, the Ren-



Photo by Nick Zambrano

Driving hard: Ronnie Sawyer attempts to finish a difficult lay-up. He finished the contest with 12 points.

egades saw their lead expand and at the end of the first 20 minutes, they led 37-26. Shasta had only three leads in the half, all of which were simple one-point exchanges.

Reggie Jones lit up the scoreboard in the first half with 11-point output. He finished the contest with 15 points, nine rebounds and two blocks.

The 11-point lead at halftime kept growing in the second half. With 10:30 left on the clock, the Renegades opened up a 17-point deficit. Unfortunately for Shasta, things got worse when the Renegades grabbed a 70-51 lead with five minutes left to play.

Guard Scott Clark had 10 of his 15 points in the latter half. He was 6-10 from the field but also went 3-6 from the three-point land and had a team-high eight assists.

"It was a good effort," said Clark. "My teammates were able to get me the ball in good positions and I was able to knock down the shots. It was good to finally have that happen in the playoffs right now."

Along with the efforts of Jones and Clark, Ronnie Sawyer was 5-6 from the free-throw line and finished with 12 points and six rebounds. Despite grabbing just three boards, Lavon Gray grabbed eight points for himself.

After making short work of Shasta, Ohlone was right back to work in Epler Gym as they prepare for a "Sweet 16" showdown with the Yuba College 49ers on Saturday, March 6. The eighth-seeded 49ers come into the contest fresh off a 65-62 win against Sequoias on Feb. 25.

Yuba finished first in the Bay Valley Conference where they went 25-4 overall. They also posted a conference record of 15-1.

Tip-off Saturday is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Photo by Alex Glanville

Swim teams return for home meet

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The Ohlone College men's and women's swim teams each competed in two meets last week.

On Friday afternoon, Ohlone met College of San Mateo. The men's team prevailed 130-58, while the women's team fell, 112-66.

The men who won eight of the meet's 11 events with a manifold effort, as seven different Ohlone swimmers took first place in individual events.

On Saturday, Ohlone hosted the 2010 Norcal Pentathlon. Scores of men and women from seven different colleges met in Fremont. Although the action on both the men's and women's side was dominated by Santa Rosa Junior College, Ohlone managed to post some strong results.

Jason Corbett was superb for the men's squad, finishing in first place in two races, the 100 breast (1:02.28) and the 100 IM (56.43). Corbett managed to produce high finishes

in each of the five events, placing 2nd in the 100 free (49.19), 3rd in the 100 fly (55.25).

Ohlone's women fared less well than the men, but Ashley McBride was a bright spot on the day. McBride cracked the Top-5 in each of the three events she raced in, nabbing 2nd in the 100 IM (1:06.44) and a pair of 5th place finishes in the 100 free (58.34) and the 100 back (1:08.21).

Both teams will race face De Anza on Friday at 2 p.m. in Cupertino.

On their mark: Swim season began this week.



Photo by Nick Zambrano

Jayne Leftridge hits a crucial shot.

Lady Renegades make it past Contra Costa in first round

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Ganeaya Rogers flipped in the decisive go-ahead layup with 12 seconds remaining as the eighth-seed Ohlone Lady Renegades defeated the ninth-seed Contra Costa Comets 71-67 in last Friday's first-round playoff game in Fremont.

"This feels really good," Ohlone Coach Julia Allender said after the victory. "Not a tougher kid could have hit a bigger shot."

The game featured two teams closely matched in skill and athleticism, as well as two of the top scorers in the state in Comets' guard Kenyanna Martin and Renegades' guard Jasmine Rubin. Martin came into Friday night averaging 23.8 points, 12.2 rebounds and 3.3 steals, while Rubin entered the game averaging 21 points per game and shooting 38 percent from beyond the three-point line.

Rubin and Martin were effectively neutralized while guarding each other early on. Martin's first score came on a banking jumper in traffic at the nine-minute mark. Ruben did not score until a three pointer with 8:03 remaining in the half that put Ohlone up 19-16. Both stars, however, would

quickly heat up.

At halftime, with Ohlone holding a 31-24 lead, Rubin had nine points while Martin had 11.

Rogers chipped in eight first half points with several determined drives to the hoop.

Ohlone opened the second half with a sudden offensive burst as guard Crystal McLaughlin hit a long two-point jumper along the baseline.

After that, everything started to go wrong for Ohlone. Ohlone committed turnover after turnover, despite coach Allender calling two timeouts in an effort to settle her team down.

"I've got tough kids," Allender said.

"All season long, every big game. They're just not going to go away. They kept themselves in it."

After that, the game became a shootout, as each team scored basket after basket. After a Martin jumper, Ohlone failed to score on their ensuing possession, it looked as though the Renegades' season might be coming to an end.

With 30.9 seconds remaining, and Ohlone needing a defensive stop, the Lady Renegades forced a Contra Costa miss and Valenzuela knocked the rebound out

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