

Ladies get second round exit against CCSF

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The Ohlone women's basketball season ended Saturday night with a 63-74 loss to the No. 1 City College of San Francisco Rams in the second round of the California Community College Athletic Association playoffs.

It was the fourth meeting between the two teams, CCSF had won the three previous meetings,

Fueled by a driven Ganeaya Rogers, Ohlone jumped out to a 17-12 lead 10 minutes into the opening period. The guard contributed eight points in the fast start.

CCSF overcame its slow offensive start by ferociously attacking the offensive glass and hounding Ohlone's offense with a full court press. Second-shot opportunities and Ohlone turnovers allowed CCSF to outscore Ohlone 28-12 over the last 9:17 and take a 40-29 lead into halftime.

The second half started in the same manner as the end of the first half, with San Francisco relentlessly crashing the offensive glass and Ohlone having difficulties executing offensively.

"It's been the story all year for us. They knew we needed to rebound, we didn't get it done...that was the

difference in the game," said Ohlone Head Coach Julia Allender.

Immediately following a timeout, Rogers intercepted a CCSF pass and raced ahead of two Rams to lay the ball in. It was the ignition of a 17-3 Renegades run. Rogers scored six points during the run, while guard Crystal McLaughlin added eight points.

Ohlone finally regained the lead on a McLaughlin pull-up jumper in the lane to put the score at 51-50 with 9:38 left to play. McLaughlin then hit a three-pointer from the right wing to put the Lady Renegades up by four and prompt a CCSF timeout with 7:24 left.

McLaughlin's three pointer would prove to be the Lady Renegades' high water mark. San Francisco responded to the challenge with a devastating offensive display, scoring on their first five possessions out of the timeout. Meanwhile, Ohlone buckled under the pressure of the Rams' surge, turning the ball over on three straight possessions, the last of those three turnovers leading to an easy CCSF layup that capped a 12-0 run and put the Rams ahead for good, 62-54 at the 4:48 mark.

However, hopes of a miracle comeback were diminished by a backbreaking CCSF possession that included three offensive rebounds

and finished with a put-back.

Rogers led the Lady Renegades with 28 points. McLaughlin added 16. Ohlone's leading scorer, Jasmine Rubin, chipped in 10 points even though she was hampered with strep throat.

Despite the disappointing season-ending loss, Allender expressed satisfaction with her team's effort. "I'm really proud of my team," Allender said. "From last spring until now, bets were against us, odds were against us. They just got it done...they believed in themselves, and they turned the year around. I couldn't be more happy with it."

Cañada walks over Renegades' comeback try

By JEFF WEISINGER
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This time around, the comeback wasn't successful.

Despite a two-RBI double by catcher Michael Di Rocco, two home runs by Zach Johnson and solo homers by Steven Ramos and Tanner Laran, the Renegades saw the offensive rally fall short as both Ryan Devencenzi and Jon Sa struggled in the bottom of the inning against the Colts in Ohlone's 9-8

loss against Cañada on Tuesday.

The loss snaps the Renegades three-game win streak, as Ohlone defeated Gavilan, DeAnza and Hartnell over the weekend by a combined score of 32-5.

Freshman right-hander George Asmus took the mound for the Renegades in his first start of the season (his eighth appearance overall) and pitched fairly well for the most part even though he pitched just 4 1/3 innings, allowing six runs on nine hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

Asmus' main blemishes came in the third and the fifth innings, where he allowed three runs in each.

"George went out there and did well," said Renegades Coach Dan Lewis. "There was a couple pitches where he hung his off-speed stuff and they made him pay for it. A good team is going to do that."

After Alika Pruett shut down the Colts in the bottom of the seventh, the Renegades took a 7-6 lead in the top of the eighth off solo home runs by Zach Johnson and Laran.

Devencenzi relieved Pruett in the eighth and, after walking his only two batters faced, Sa came in and walked his first batter, then allowed the runner to score after over-throwing shortstop Michael Ussery as he was trying to pickoff the runner at second, tying the game at 7-7.

Sa's struggles continued after two wild pitches scored the next two runners, giving Cañada a 9-7 lead. Cody Wilson came in the game and ended the inning with a strikeout and a fly out to centerfield.

Ohlone tried to fight back in the ninth, getting base hits by Mark Mercer and Kyle Holmstrom and a walk by Ramos, but Cody Foster grounded into a double play, scoring Mercer from third and, after Zach Johnson drew a walk, Jeff Johnson popped out to first to end the game.

Matt Fontaine (3-1) is expected to start on the mound for Ohlone today at Mission College at 2 p.m. Fontaine won his last start in Ohlone's 13-1 win at DeAnza.

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12 Men's Basketball State Finals, all day

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State Finals, all day

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