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**Celebration time: The Renegades clinched a berth in the Elite 8 of the CCCAA State Championships when they defeated Yuba, 75-65. Ohlone will be looking to bring home the first state title in school history this weekend.**

## Renegades earn berth to compete for state title

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"We're going to LA, we're going to LA, we're going to LA!"

That was the chant rumbling through Epler Gymnasium on Saturday night after the Ohlone Renegades celebrated their Sweet 16 victory over the Yuba 49ers, 75-65. The win places the Renegades in to the Elite 8 of the 2010 California Community College Athletic Association Championships, which will take place this weekend down in Thousand Oaks.

The final tuneup for Los Angeles wasn't an easy one for Ohlone as the 49ers put up a bigger fight than expected.

In the first half, Yuba made their presence known from the three-point line. Fifteen of Yuba's first 20 points came from behind the arc, as they were 5-7 for the first half.

"They made some tough shots, all of them were contested," said Ohlone Head Coach John Peterson. "I didn't think they could do it the whole game, I didn't think it was possible."

After a 6-0 run with 3:45 remain-

ing in the first gave them a 38-32 lead, Ohlone went back on the defensive as Yuba answered back with a 5-0 run. The buzzer sounded for the half with Ohlone clinging to a 38-37 lead.

The Renegades made their living in the second half all season, so it made sense when they opened up the scoring.

Scott Clark ignited a run motivated when he swatted a Yuba lay-up from behind. Later on, Clark picked a 49er clean and drove all the way to the basket for an easy bucket. He finished the game with

nine points while going 7-8 from the charity stripe.

With 16:00 left, Ohlone ignited a 12-1 run that lasted for five minutes.

Coast Conference MVP Reggie Jones was in typical form, as he led all scorers with 25 points and six rebounds. He was one of three Renegades who finished with double digit points.

The Renegades opened up their biggest lead with less than 4:30 left in the game. The 15-point margin marked the end of the night for Yuba as Ohlone would not relinquish the lead.

Lavon Gray dominated the boards once again, this time for team-high 11. He also had 17 points to earn himself a double-double. Ronnie Sawyer broke double-digits also, finishing with 14 points, five rebounds and four assists.

Ohlone opens the Elite 8 on Friday afternoon against Saddleback College of Mission Viejo.

Friday's tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m.

The Gauchos have made quite the journey to the Elite 8 which featured a 73-69 overtime thriller against Riverside College.



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**Mowing 'em down: Jessica Varady was in top form against Cabrillo College on Tuesday.**

## Varady hurls 3-0 no-hitter against Cabrillo College

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In the fifth inning, Jessica Varady was in dangerous territory. She was possibly looking at giving up the first run of a 0-0 contest. After two sacrifice plays put a runner at third, Varady took a quick breather off the mound.

She was greeted by catcher Antonia Gentry, who comforted the pitcher by cracking a joke and making light of the situation. When she turned around to face Samantha Fauss, Varady was visually at ease. Immediately after, she got Fauss to fly out to right field.

Through the fifth, Varady had four strikeouts, two walks and most notably, no hits.

All throughout the game, Varady had gone head-to-head with Seahawks' pitcher Tanya Mutz. Mutz had given up the game's only hit up until that point.

Ashtyn Mullin finally opened up the scoring in their half of the fifth for the Lady Renegades.

With two outs, Mullin connected and drove a double down the right field line. The Ohlone bench was fired up as Mullin pulled into second, she marked the Lady Renegades' first baserunner since the third inning.

Paulina Gentry finally put a run on the board when she slipped a grounder past Seahawks' first baseman Sara Ostlund to score Mullin. She would finish the game 2-2 with one RBI.

The 1-0 celebration was obvious for Ohlone, but none were as relieved as Varady.

"I felt way more confident than I was in the past innings," Varady said after the run support in the fifth.

Shortstop Ashley Nahale got things rolling once again when she brought in Candace Christiansen with her two-out triple in the sixth. Shelby Tomasello followed Nahale with a double to make it a 3-0 game. Both Nahale and Tomasello finished 1-3 with a run batted in.

Varady shut down the Seahawks in the seventh to seal the 3-0 victory, yet no one knew what

she had accomplished.

While boosting her record to 7-3, Varady did not allow a single hit against the Seahawks. That's right, she threw a no-hitter, but no one was aware of it, even Ohlone Head Coach Donna Runyon.

"It's very sweet," said Runyon. "I didn't even know it until the Cabrillo coach said 'we got to get a hit to score,' and then I went, 'oh maybe it was a no-hitter.'"

Varady also finished with four strikeouts. At Livermore High, Varady threw two no-hitters, so it is safe to say that for her, it was just another game.

"It feels like just another game," Varady said with a little laugh in her voice.

Varady and the Lady Renegades will also host the 18th annual March Madness Classic tournament this weekend. Last year, Ohlone was 4-1 in the tournament.

This year, they'll open up against Porterville College on Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m.