

Women's volleyball rides wave to victory

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The Ohlone women's volleyball team filed into Friday's contest against De Anza College hungry for a win and emerged with a 3-0 victory.

The Renegades went into Friday's game with a 13-6 record, a record that head coach Jeremy Peñaflor touted as one of the "best records Ohlone College volleyball has ever had."

"I think that because the girls play with a confidence that, in my four years here, I've never seen them play with before," Peñaflor said before the game.

Despite a weaker effort that resulted in a loss in their last outing, coach Peñaflor said he thought that the Lady Renegades "rebounded" fairly well.

A match that began as a rather one-sided and under control venture eventually spiraled into a game full of emotion, even if the result seemed inevitable at times.

Ohlone dominated the smaller De Anza squad, at times enough to rely on substitutes to carry the team.

"Everybody contributed. Our ball control was good."

"I thought our serving was really on point," said Peñaflor.

"We really used our service to dictate what their offense did."

Peñaflor added that their strategy, offensively, made De Anza one-dimensional and eventually limited their playing ability.

By serving well, Ohlone remained in control for the entire three games, except for the last game, where according to Ohlone star Anna Ottavis, the team's focus lessened.

"I think we had control of the game the whole time," said Ottavis.

"But everyone [Ohlone] got loose – I think they got a little comfortable. But we played it out."

"I think we started making a little more errors than they were. I would never worry that we were out of control," said Peñaflor.

Ohlone and De Anza were tied up in the last game – first at five, then at seven, and by the time the score went into double digits, Ohlone was able to separate themselves, jumping ahead to a comfort-



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Above: Anna Ottavis digs out a serve during Tuesday's practice. Above right: Melisa Randall serves as the team geared up for their upcoming game against San Jose City College.



able lead and subsequently emptying their bench.

"Everyone was on point,"

said Ottavis.

"We talked. We did what we worked on in practice."

"We ended up putting some of our subs in," said Peñaflor.

"They started using their lefty hitter and we had a hard time containing them."

In the end, it was Ohlone's

tight and punctual defense that left them with a victory.

"Overall, our defense did well to contain the rest of their offense," said Peñaflor.

Peñaflor also added that De Anza's strategy of focusing their offense around one key player was eventually their downfall.

The Renegades sat with an overall record of 14-6 and a Coast Conference record of 5-4 heading into Wednesday evening's game against San Jose City College.

The results of the match were unknown at the time of

Upcoming Schedule

11/9 - Hartnell College (Ohlone) 6:30 p.m.

11/10 - Monterey Peninsula College (Monterey) 6:30 p.m.

11/16 - Chabot College (Ohlone) 6:30 p.m.

Men's soccer suffers loss against physical CCSF team

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A windy day posed a greater challenge for a hungry Ohlone men's soccer team when they dueled with City College of San Francisco Tuesday and ended up with a tough 2-1 defeat.

"We were looking at the weather," said Ohlone head coach Jan Nordmo.

The City College of San Francisco, or CCSF, tackled Ohlone with a tenacity and toughness that is unique to a team with surprisingly no extraordinary players or players with superb skill.

They were a team that won just by that – being a team.

Perhaps a little wind made all the difference, leading to a lone glimmer of hope in that one Ohlone goal, but two heartbreaking goals for a CCSF team that played with heart.

The first Ohlone goal came suddenly, after both teams had advanced the ball up the field multiple times.

The first CCSF goal came when the offense weaved a web consisting of teamwork and tenacity, throwing off a confused and unsure Ohlone defense.

The second CCSF goal came as a major meltdown, and what turned into a competitive and back-and-forth game ended up being a close

defeat for an Ohlone team.

However, Ohlone would have a shot – literally – at taking the game back into frame.

They had a penalty kick, but missed it and their opportunity simmered like a witch in water.

Nordmo stated that he didn't plan on taking a certain special or extraordinary player out of CCSF's rotation to contain their offense.

Instead, he said Ohlone rather "played their game" with their standard 3-4-3 format.

However, for whatever extraordinary skill or talent CCSF did not have to utilize, they passed the ball.

The ball on CCSF's offense moved at least four or five times per possession before they attempted a goal.

"They like to bring the ball in from the outside, especially their left side, and they were doing the slotted ball, where a player would go at one of our defenders and quickly pass it off," explained Nordmo.

"At first, we weren't following."

He stated that CCSF's offense may have been bothering them in the first half, but wasn't a problem for them after the first half when the Renegades made adjustments to tighten up their defense.

Another major bump in the road for Ohlone may have been the officiating.

The handing out of a yellow card to one of Ohlone's players, their center back, really shaped the outcome of the match, according to Nordmo.

"Overall, the officials, they did a fine job," said Nordmo.

"There were a couple little things they got pedantic about. We got a couple hard knocks [physically]."

Nordmo complimented the officials and eventually called CCSF an "assertive" team, continuing by complimenting the opposing coach.

Regardless of the officiating and even the outcome, Ohlone fought to win for the entire match.

This most recent setback against CCSF marks Ohlone's last home game of their 2011 campaign.

The men's team has three games remaining on their conference schedule, starting with a game on Friday against Las Positas College in Livermore.

Kickoff is set to take place at 4 p.m.

Upcoming Schedule

11/4 - Las Positas College (Livermore) 4 p.m.

11/8 - Gavilan College (Gilroy) 3 p.m.

Division I athletes: scandals galore



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Terrelle Pryor stiff-arms Indiana's Nick Polk.

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— the 2010-2011 NCAA budgeted revenue was \$757 million — but paying the athletes would create more problems than it would solve, primarily how to divide the compensation fairly.

Can you quantify an athlete's impact on their team?

An interesting thing to consider is that between 2004 and 2009, according to NCAA data, fewer than 7 percent of all Division I athletic programs reported a positive net revenue and only 50-60 percent of Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) basketball and football programs actually make money.

What happens to athletes at the schools whose programs are actually losing money? How would you justify implementing a system where only half of the FBS field would have players that receive payment?

It may seem like a lot to ask given the distractions and temptations, but these student-athletes should be able to stay focused on school and their respective sport.

You want to see these adults — yes, they are adults — display the maturity that goes along with what these schools entrust them to do.

When the athletes get caught, the schools get punished, too.