**Sports**

**Lady Renegades rally to beat De Anza**

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Photographer

Trailing by three runs, Ohlone Head Softball Coach Donna Runyon was making the decision to replace her starting pitcher to prevent De Anza College from scoring any more runs.

The Lady Renegades needed to mount another one of their amazing come from behind miracle in the March 8 match.

After five full innings, the De Anza fans were mulling “only six more outs” to get a 4-1 win.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, the Lady Renegades had other plans. During the team’s rally circle in front of their dugout, the Sister Sledge hit “We Are Family” played to encourage another last-chance comeback by Ohlone.

The rally started with two runners on base. Renelle Traynor roped a double down the left field line. Ashley Vignola proceeded to get a base hit, to tie the game. Kayley Marden managed to find a way to get the game winning single.

Coach Runyon ran across the field from her third base coaching box to celebrate with her players, another come-from-behind victory. Mariah Nisbet hurried into the stands to give her parents a celebration hug.

“It felt great, but the whole team came together for the win,” Nisbet said.

Marden added, “It was a great team win.”

This may have provided the Ohlone Lady Renegades momentum for the annual March Madness Tournament, which they hosted on March 10 and 11 in Fremont at the Stevenson Softball Complex.

**Sports schedules for March, April**

- **March 15**
  - 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - Skyline College (away)
  - 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - Cabrillo College (home)
- **March 16**
  - 2 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Swim/ Dive - Chabot/Las Positas (home)
  - 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - Chabot College (home)
- **March 17**
  - Noon Men’s Baseball - Monterey Peninsula College (home)
  - 1 p.m. Women’s Softball - College of San Mateo (home)
- **March 20**
  - 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - City College of San Francisco (away)
  - 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - West Valley College (away)
- **March 22**
  - 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - Hartnell College (home)
  - 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - Monterey Peninsula College (away)
- **March 23**
  - 2 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Swim/ Dive - Chabot / San Mateo (away)

**March 24**

- All day Women’s Softball - Hartnell College Tournament (away)
- Noon Men’s Baseball - Monterey Peninsula College (away)
- **March 25**
  - Women’s Softball - Hartnell College Tournament (away)
  - Noon Men’s Baseball - Monterey Peninsula College (away)

**March 27**

- 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - Gavilan College (away)
- 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - Hartnell College (away)

**March 29**

- 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - Skyline College (home)
- 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - Gavilan College (home)
- Noon Men’s Baseball - Canada College (home)
- **April 3**
  - 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - De Anza College (away)
  - 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - San Jose City College (home)

**April 5**

- 3 p.m. Women’s Softball - Foothill College (away)
- Noon Men’s Baseball - Cabrillo College (away)

**April 7**

- 1 p.m. Women’s Softball - City College of San Francisco (home)
- **April 10**
  - 2:30 p.m. Men’s Baseball - College of San Mateo (home)

**Rough start for Ohlone baseball season**

*By THOMAS PHY*

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Ohlone baseball has been one of the more successful athletic programs at Ohlone, taking home a 2010 State Championship and falling just short in 2011 as runners-up.

As with anything, such success brings high expectations, but the 2012 campaign for a state title has gotten off to a rough start for Ohlone standards.

Their current 10-7 record and three-way tie for second place in the Coast Pacific Division is far from bad, but there are improvements to be made in order to get back to the State Championship in 2012.

After getting an opening day victory over Reedley College, Ohlone hit a bit of a skid, losing seven of their next 11 games.

The Renegades have managed to rebound well, however, winning their last five games, with four of which falling within their conference.

The recent success is a good sign for Coach Julian Russell’s team as it still has more than half the season to go before the CCCAA Regional Tournament begins in May.

Ohlone’s most recent of victories came Saturday with a 15-3 thrashing of Hartnell College. The offense came to life, getting 16 hits on the day. Starting pitcher Michael Rogers went six strong innings and picked up the win while third-baseman Garrett Everhart had 5 RBIs at the plate.

The Renegades hoped the momentum from the strong performance would carry them to a victory over rival Chabot College on Tuesday, but rain canceled the highly anticipated game against the Gladiators. Rain put a stop to an attempt to make up the game Wednesday.

Ohlone hopes to get games back underway on Thursday when they go to San Bruno to face Skyline College.