Ohlone's win streak continues

Renegades undefeated after blowout against West Hills College

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Ohlone's baseball team remains undefeated after extending its win streak to seven on Wednesday afternoon, blowing out West Hills College Coalinga 14-3.

The Renegades scored in a variety of ways in their third meeting against West Hills, beating them by a large margin compared to their last two meetings.

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The Renegades play next on Saturday, in a doubleheader against College of the Siskiyous here at Renegade Field.

Above: Shortstop Isaiah Maddela hit a home run in the third inning. He was a triple short of the cycle.

Below: Starting pitcher Carlos Jimenez winds up for a pitch. He threw six scoreless innings in the 14-3 rout against West Hills.

Ohlone trainer takes part in Super Bowl

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Despite not having a football program, Ohlone College was represented in the most recent Super Bowl between the Seattle Seahawks and the New England Patriots.

Jeff Roberts, Ohlone's head athletic trainer and full-time kinesiology professor, served as a spotter who watched and monitored potential head injuries during the game.

Roberts served the past three seasons at the Oakland Coliseum covering Raiders home games and spotting for head injuries.

In previous seasons, the NFL selected local helmet wearers for the Super Bowl, but this year they selected the spotter who has done the best job during the season – in terms of detecting and paperwork.

Along with two technicians, Roberts was responsible for notifying and verifying that both medical staffs had checked players who he determined have potential head injuries.

"I can't pull anyone from the game, I can't decide whether they do or don't have a concussion; that's not my role," Roberts said. "My role is to verify both medical staffs for the teams, document that and send that to the league."

Roberts said that both medical staffs had "humbly, surprised and excited." Roberts has been at Ohlone since 2006. Previously he's worked at San Jose State, Stanford, Arizona State and Miami University – as an assistant and associate athletic trainer.

"I've never been to the Super Bowl but I've been to the NCAA Final Four and two Rose Bowls," he said.

"I've been around the media circus and ESPN and all that kind of stuff, if someone's never been a part of that they would be like, 'wow' – appropriately," Roberts said about his experience. "When I first started doing that kind of stuff, it was that way."

"It's not like that for me anymore. It's more like been doing this season is truly unbelievable – it was like throwing rocks into an ocean."

The performance had the whole Bay Area and the NBA buzzing. It was unbelievable – it was like scoring was as easy as throwing rocks into an ocean.

This weekend the Warriors will be well-represented in the All Star game. Let's hope they can stay this hot going into the playoffs and be the first Warriors team since 1975 to bring home an NBA championship title.