Renegeades lose in extra innings

Despite an 11-4 record, Ohlone falls into last place after another division loss

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The Renegades couldn’t recover after blowing a 4-3 lead in the ninth inning Tuesday, losing in 12 innings to Mission College.

After allowing a single and a walk, pitcher Josh Calmerin was replaced by Josh Nobriga with no outs in the ninth.

With runners on first and third, Nobriga threw a wild pitch and another baserunner scored easily, tying the game 4-4.

Both teams were held hitless in extra innings until Mission College started a rally in the 12th inning.

After a double and a sacrifice fly, Mission College took the lead 6-4.

The Renegades made things interesting in the bottom of the 12th after back-to-back singles from the top of their batting order: center fielder Brock Pradere and shortstop Pablo Artez.

Pinch-hitter Max Diaz and third baseman Brandon Sewell both struck out, leaving it all to first baseman Joey Torres to keep the rally alive. He grounded out to second and Mission College completed the comeback.

Pitcher Elias Bedolla had a rough game, but had a no-decision. Heallowed three runs, eight hits and three walks.

Despite the rough outing, Bedolla still has stellar numbers this season. He’s 3-0 in 27.2 innings pitched with a 2.60 ERA and 22 strikeouts.

Getting on base wasn’t a problem for the Renegades in the tough loss. The team had 10 hits and was disciplined at the plate with six walks.

Ohlone just couldn’t drive in the runners on base, stranded 10 in total. The extra runs would’ve padded the lead and put less pressure on pitchers to hold the one-run lead.

Pradere had a solid game, getting on base all four plate appearances with a steal – he leads the Renegades with 12 steals.

With another division loss, Ohlone falls to last place in the Coast Pacific division.

With the standings heavily weighted toward division play, Ohlone’s 11-4 record doesn’t mean much. Their 0-3 division record is something to improve going forward.

The Renegades will try to get back to their winning ways against Hartnell College at 2 p.m. today at Renegade Field.

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Team faces De Anza

Lady Renegades will play a reeling squad on an eight-game losing streak

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The Lady Renegades will host division foes De Anza College at 3 p.m. today at the Softball Field.

They are coming off a 6-3 victory against Porterville College and are looking to string together a back-to-back win – something they haven’t done since the first two games of the season.

Pitcher Jasiaha Ghoshlon is projected to start against De Anza. She has made a team-leading 10 starts and has a 4-4 record. In her 76 innings pitched, Ghoshlon has a 4.05 ERA with 41 strikeouts.

She’ll look to get back on track today after allowing six runs and walking four batters in her last start.

One month into the season, Coach Donna Runyon’s softball squad is 8-9 with a 2-1 conference record.

Ohlone has a dismal 2-17 record and is currently on an eight-game losing streak.

Offensively, De Anza isn’t much of a threat – they’re batting .166 as a team.

During their losing streak, they have only scored 11 runs, and they have surrendered 100 runs in that span.

This easy matchup can elevate Ohlone into a tie for second in the Coast North division.

Ohlone hires new water polo coach

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Ohlone has hired Alyssa Hess as the new women’s water polo head coach.

She played four years of Division II water polo at Azusa Pacific University, recently graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Physical Education. She led the team in scoring in 2011.

Prior to her time at APU, she was a four-time All-MVC. player for Newark Memorial High School.

“The Ohlone Renegades Water Polo Club is where I found my passion for the sport,” Hess said in a statement.

“I am extremely excited to be part of a program where I learned and grew as a player and student of the game. This is a place I call home.”

Ohlone is currently at Cal State East Bay, working on her master’s degree in kinesiology as well as wrapping up her collegiate water polo career.

Hess takes over the Water Polo program that was canceled during the 2014 season. In 2015, the Lady Renegades went 0-10 under former coach Edgar Kendall.

“The Ohlone Renegades Water Polo Club is a possible suspension for a first offense. Fighting is a five-minute major penalty and players can fight a maximum of three times a game – which is extremely rare. If they do, the fighters receive a match penalty and are ejected from the game – along with a possible suspension for future games.

Fights are mutual agreements between two players and result when they tire out or fall to the ice, or when a player is unable to defend himself.

Sometimes a player will “instigate” a fight with an opponent, who is then forced to fight. This usually happens after a huge hit or a dirty play. The player instigating the fight receives an extra two-minute minor penalty on top of their five-minute major.

Fighting in hockey is an integral part of the game – not just two guys beating their faces for the hell of it.

There are actual reasons why players fight. They mostly fight to defend their teammates or get their team going. Let’s say that a player’s team is losing or is playing sluggish; a player will try to find a willing partner to fight to motivate his teammates.

It’s a unique way that hockey players govern and police one another – which is especially important in a physical sport. It keeps players accountable and lets them know that there can be repercussions for their actions. Each team usually has one enforcer – a player who is always willing to fight to defend his teammates and intimidate opponents.

There’s a little more to it, but that’s the basics and all I can fit in this column.

If you want to learn more, I recommend reading Brandon Prust’s piece on the player’s bear about his experience as an enforcer.

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