

GAME 1 –Ohlone College (Northern California No. 2 seed) vs. El Camino College (Southern California No. 1 Seed)

FRESNO – Six no-hit innings from Roberto Padilla and a strong offensive barrage early on were enough for the Ohlone College Renegades to cruise to a 13-0 win over the El Camino College Warriors in the opening game of the 2010 California Community College Athletic Association Baseball State Championships, held at Fresno City College's John Euleless Ballpark.

With the win, Ohlone (35-10) will advance to the winner's bracket to face the winner of tonight's game between Rio Hondo and the College of San Mateo on Saturday at 2 p.m. El Camino (32-10) will face the loser between the same two teams on Saturday at 10 a.m. in an elimination game.

While Padilla (15-2), the Northern California Pitcher of the Year, controlled things on the mound, the top of the order for the Renegades took care of business at the plate. The 1-2-3 hitters for Ohlone -- Steven Ramos, Cody Foster and Zach Johnson -- combined to go 8-for-9 through the first three innings with eight runs scored and six RBI over that span. For the game, the trio combined for 11 hits, eight RBI and eight runs scored.

Ohlone started the offense in the top of the first when Ramos doubled down the left-field line, advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on an RBI-double to left by Johnson, giving the Renegades a 1-0 lead.

It was more of the same for Ohlone in the second as the aggressive bats of the Renegades put relentless pressure on El Camino starter Andrew Pulido. Four straight hits, including a two-run single by Ramos and an RBI-single by Johnson, pushed the lead up to 4-0. The ninth batter of the inning, Tannar Laran, made it 5-0 with a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch.

Ohlone delivered the knockout blow to Pulido in the third with another four-run frame, the final two runs coming courtesy of a two-run home run by Johnson. Pulido (8-5) allowed nine runs (eight earned) on nine hits over three innings and took the loss.

That early offense was more than enough support for Padilla, who struck out five and allowed no hits through six innings before being taken out with the game well in hand. He walked three and struck out seven.

With one out in the bottom of the eighth, El Camino's John Hein hit a clean single up the middle to end the no-hit bid by the Renegades.

GAME NOTES – El Camino head coach Nate Fernley was an assistant coach on the 2006 state champion Long Beach City College state championship team. For Ohlone College, it's the first-ever trip to the state championship semifinals, while the Warriors are seeking their first state finals appearance since 1951.