

Move to Division II Will Take Time, Money Solid Pitching, Defensive Play Bring Pioneers Victory

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only way to make this move."

Would there be any way to recoup the \$35 dollar fee with income from televised games or other benefits from the move? Basically would the school see any money from televised games or streaming video from the web?

"I wouldn't project any income from TV or video streaming. We would be required to buy the equipment to videostream volleyball and

basketball by the conference. That is a part of our projected operational cost for the first year of the new fee. Most likely the only TV coverage we would get would be if we were in a national championship game, and it is part of the NCAA package, not income to us," said De Angelis.

Finally, will we need to hire more teachers within the kinesiology and physical education department (KPE) if we did indeed move to Division II?

"...(A)thletics is, and would remain, an academic program. The decision on whether athletics remains in the KPE department is a faculty and administration decision and a separate one from the decision about Division II. If the decision is made that head coaches not continue to teach classes other than IC, current department chair Dr. Rita Liberti has estimated the cost at \$130,000. I would not expect that cost to come from the student fee," she said.

Women's Water Polo Team Splashes Banana Slugs

By Eric Kole
Staff Writer

The Cal State East Bay women's water polo team played the Santa Cruz Banana Slugs on Friday, their tenth game of the season.

The Pioneers came into the game with a 5-4 record but hoped to notch another number in the left column.

With very good defense and ball movement, the Pioneers were able to defeat their opponent 9-8. But the game did not always look so hopeful for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers had the lead at half-time 5-4. Then, less than a minute into the third quarter, the Banana Slugs tied the score at 5 each. The third quarter was one of great excitement and lead changes.

The Banana Slugs took the lead with 3 minutes left in the third, which was their first lead of the game. The Pioneers planned to make this lead their last as well.

Briefly after the Slugs took the lead over the Pioneers, they started to play very sluggish. The Pioneers scored again, to tie up the game at 6. The third quarter came to an end with the Pioneers having the advantage with a score of 8-7.

The third period was one of dominant offense: each team scored 3 goals, and there were two lead changes in just a few minutes of play. Although the Banana Slugs were able to come-back from an early deficit to take the lead, the Pioneers answered their run with a score of their own and took the lead back. All they needed now was to make sure that the fourth and final period did not slip away like the third one almost did.

The Pioneers had a small lead going into the fourth quarter, so their defense had to step up and stop their opponent.

In the fourth quarter, the Pioneer defense was able to let the Banana Slugs score only once. The Pioneers

held on to a small but comfortable 9-8 lead to end the game and improve their record to 6-4.

The Pioneers showed that they are able to execute under pressure and score when it matters most. The Santa Cruz Banana Slugs had the lead only once and were not able to maintain the lead for more than

two minutes.

The game was very close as neither team ever led by more than 3. The Pioneers proved that they can beat their opponent with tough defense and a strong offense.

The next home game will be against Sonoma State and is scheduled for Mar. 13 at 2:00 pm.

By Adrian Ramirez
Sports Editor

Pioneer starting pitcher Todd Whiteaker did his part in a 7-1 victory over Patten University last Saturday by allowing only one run on three hits over six strong innings.

Whiteaker was confident on the mound from the start of the game because he was backed by a strong defense that helped limit Patten University to a single run. He pointed to his defense as a big reason for his effectiveness in the game.

"It was a great team effort. (The defense) played great. They were flying all over the place out there," said Whiteaker.

Coach Dirk Morrison was really impressed with Whiteaker's changeup and thought it was the most effective pitch in getting batters out.

"Todd pitched very well. His changeup was working and he forced a lot of swings and misses," said coach Morrison. What did Whiteaker think?

"Yeah, definitely the changeup. I was a little inconsistent with the fastball. The changeup helped to get the batters on their front foot and it was good to have that pitch to rely on," said Whiteaker.

While Whiteaker provided the stellar pitching, Marco Cartagena and Michael Thomasson provided the bulk of the offense with two RBIs apiece.

Cartagena, the senior leftfielder, went 3-for-4 and was hitting the ball hard all day even when he made an out.

"I'm seeing the ball a lot better now that the weather is clearing up. I'm working on keeping my hands back and the main thing is I'm just looking for my pitch to make con-

tact," he said.

Centerfielder Michael Thomasson went 1-for-2 and his patience was evident at the plate. He drew two walks and his good eye allowed him to tighten his pitch selection at bat. He brought up his last game against Patten where he went 1-for-4 when explaining why he took a different approach at the plate.

"(Friday) I was too anxious. So, I've been trying to focus more on the pitches because I know I can put the bat on the ball," said Thomasson.

Put the bat on the ball indeed.

Thomasson's only hit in the game was a huge one. Thomasson sent a towering, no doubt, 2-run shot over the right field fence that was roughly driven 360 feet. Although it felt good to get a big hit, he was just happy with the result. "We came out with the 'W,'" and that's all that matters," he said.

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"Honor Our Women"
7:00-9:00pm at International House

Wednesday, March 5
"Women & the History We Share with Each Other"
Rev. Francione, Pastoral Care Minister and Spiritual Leader of the Prayer Chaplain Program at Christ Unity Church
12:00-1:00pm at Biella Room

Thursday, March 6
"Is She Pretty?"
Joyce Carol Thomas, Author of "Marked by Fire!"
6:00-8:00pm at Biella Room

Women's Herstory Month

Monday, March 10
"Notable Women Speaker Series"
12:00-1:30pm at Biella Room

"Saving for Change"
6:00-8:00pm at Pioneer Heights

Tuesday, March 11
"Women in Your Field"
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12:00-1:00pm at Biella Room

Wednesday, March 12
"Notable Women Speaker Series"
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