

# City's Baseball Home Opener Rained Out

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After a rough beginning to the first month of the season, some better weather and the start of conference play should cheer up the youthful hopes of the City College men's baseball team.

Poor field conditions at Balboa Park forced the Rams March 1, home game against Skyline College to be rescheduled for March 3, at Skyline, but their field was washed out as well. The two teams will have to reschedule a make-up the game at a later date.

It's been hard for the baseball team to find clear skies to play their home games, let alone trying to find them for practice. First-year Head Coach John Vanoncini attributes

some of his team's early struggles to "having to learn a lot of things on the field during games rather than in practice."

A majority of the Rams' players are local products, who as the coach says, "Only get to play about 30 to 40 games per year in high school, where in places like Fresno the kids play in around 130 games a year."

The Rams roster is full of kids right out of high school, with freshman accounting for 70% of the entire team. Returning from last year's squad are relief pitchers Dal Wilson, Darwin Tellez, Dale Sherrow; catcher Adam Little, and left fielder Dennis Shanahan.

"Sure we're young, but this year we have all of the ingredients to be a really good team," Shanahan commented. "Guys are out there work-

ing hard every day, no matter what."

As one of the team's leaders, Shanahan is batting .289 and has three stolen bases so far this year.

The Rams starting pitchers, Maton Goldberg, Ken Scannell and Mike Ramirez are all freshman who will improve throughout the season with more experience, meaning the more innings they pitch the better they'll be. As far as control goes, an immediate goal for the three starters is to allow only one walk per every three innings pitched or a total of three walks per game.

Coach Vanoncini said his pitching staff, "Isn't giving up too many hits, but they (the Rams' opponents) are scoring far too easily."

He added: "Down the road, however, our starting pitching will be one of our main strengths."

For now, that title would belong to the Rams top of the batting order, which are their one through five hitters. Sophomore utility infielder Lee Flores is leading the team with a .379 batting average, while freshman outfielder Brian Rooney is hitting .324, which includes an impressive six doubles.

The Rams program is confident that things will turn around for them, especially once the conference part of the schedule begins.

Roland Bermudez, an enthusiastic freshman utility player said, "Everybody is coming together as a team right now, we're all just getting to know each other and our abilities. I'm looking forward to our conference games because I think that's when you'll see that we have a lot of balance on our team."

## Sports Calendar

All games are at home.

### Track and Field

Rams Stadium

Coast Conference

April 26, 2 p.m.

April 28, 12 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

Played at the tennis courts

**Cabrillo College**

March 13, 2 p.m.

**De Anza College**

March 16, 2 p.m.

**Mission College**

March 20, 2 p.m.

**Cañada College**

April 3, 2 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

Played at the tennis courts

**Foothill College**

March 20, 2 p.m.

**Chabot College**

March 23, 2 p.m.

**Dominican College**

March 30, 2 p.m.

### Men's Baseball

Played at Balboa Park or

Crocker Amazon Park

**Cabrillo College**

March 13, 2 p.m.

**De Anza College**

March 17, 2 p.m.

Crocker noon

**Ohlone College**

March 20, 2 p.m.

**Mission College**

March 22, Crocker noon

**Skyline College**

March 27, 2 p.m.

**Cañada**

March 29, 2 p.m.

### Note:

Some games may be postponed or moved due to rain.

### Correction:

In issue #3 we incorrectly reported the name of the person passing the baton (photo page 12). It was Alenga Jones passing the baton not Tania Wood. In the other photo on page 12 we misspelled the last name of the person in the photo. It should have been Kincaid not Kimcaid.

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