

## Getting ready to build



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The understructure for the new stadium at Dennen Field leans against the fence, ready for construction to begin. The parts were delivered Tuesday. The new stadium will go up in June.

## Raiders land first pick in NFL draft

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Getting the No. 1 selection in the NFL draft usually means a team hasn't picked well in previous years. That's half true with the Oakland Raiders.

While owner Al Davis' team has done fairly well selecting defensive players in recent years, it's been nearly two decades since the Raiders have drafted a player who turned into an offensive star.

"I don't think Al Davis has forgotten what a good football player is," draft analyst Mike Mayock said. "They have drafted very well on the defensive side of the ball. The

bottom line is that some of their offensive picks have not panned out. They need to get better in a hurry on the offensive side."

With two talented quarterbacks in LSU's JaMarcus Russell and Notre Dame's Brady Quinn and one of the top-rated receivers ever to come out of college in Georgia Tech's Calvin Johnson available, the Raiders hope to remedy that situation later this month.

Assuming Oakland keeps the top pick and uses it on one of those players, it would mark the first time since taking tight end Ricky Dudley in 1996 that the Raiders used a first-

round pick on a skill position player.

Of Oakland's 13 first-round picks since then, there have been six defensive backs, three offensive linemen, two defensive linemen, a linebacker and even a kicker.

"It's no secret what Al Davis likes. He likes big guys who can run fast on either side of the football," Mayock said. "Last year, they had the opportunity to draft a quarterback with Matt Leinart and Jay Cutler and went with Michael Huff instead."

Davis said the decision to take Huff instead of a quarterback was made by former coach Art Shell.

## Lady Trojans lose to Seward

By Trent Rose  
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The Colby Community College Lady Trojan softball team (14-22) didn't begin its Tuesday doubleheader at Seward County playing their best.

When that happens, especially against a top 10-ranked team, chances are you are not going to win. The Lady Trojans lost 16-2 and

14-1. "We struggled in all areas today," said head coach Ryan Sturdy. "We came out flat in both games and made errors in the first inning to set the tone for the day."

Sturdy said the lone bright spot was freshman third baseman Mary McLaughlin, who reached base safely in all of her plate appearances. In game one, McLaughlin was 2-for-2 with a run scored and in

game two was 2-for-2 with two doubles and one RBI. Amanda Slate provided the only offense besides McLaughlin, hitting a two-run homer in game one.

The Lady Trojans host Cloud County on Friday at Carl Adams Field and then host the Allen Wolf Memorial tournament on Saturday and Sunday. All CCC games in the tournament will take place at Carl Adams Field on campus.

## Baseball team splits doubleheader

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The Colby Community College baseball team won the first game of a doubleheader Wednesday afternoon with Hutchinson Community College. The Trojans won 4-1 at the CCC baseball diamond as starting pitcher Mike Schmitt pitched all 7 innings. Schmitt allowed just one

run on five hits.

The Trojans trailed 1-0 after 4 innings, but erupted for four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. Marshall MacDonald keyed the rally with a two-run double down the leftfield line, scoring Royle Beach and Jason Chatwood. Aaron Dunsmore later added a two-run single to give the Trojans the 4-1 advantage.

Hutchinson had the makings of a rally in the top of the seventh inning, getting runners on first and second with just one out. However, Schmitt struck out the next batter and got a harmless ground ball to second baseman Chatwood for the final out. The Trojans pick up a much needed victory and look to take the second game which begins around 3:45.

## Bonds closer to home run record

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds watched Albert Pujols hit a spectacular home run, then one-upped him with No. 738.

And Bonds watched from the on-deck circle as Rich Aurilia lined a game-winning single to left-center in the bottom of the 12th inning to send the San Francisco Giants to a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night.

Bonds splashed a tying solo shot into McCovey Cove beyond the right-field fence in the eighth and the slugger's fourth homer of the year moved him within 18 of breaking Hank Aaron's career record of 755. He connected after going 0-for-1 with a walk, popup and sacrifice fly in his three previous plate appearances, tying the game at 5.

Randy Winn hit an infield single off Josh Hancock (0-1) to start the 12th, then advanced on pinch-hitter Mark Sweeney's sacrifice bunt. After Omar Vizquel walked and Todd Linden struck out, Aurilia came up big.

Rookie Jonathan Sanchez (1-0) pitched three innings for the win. The lefty struck out Chris Duncan

with the go-ahead run at second in the 11th, then struck out Adam Kennedy in the 12th for the second out with runners on the corners. The Cardinals then tried to double steal, but Pujols was tagged out by Bengie Molina after he briefly stopped his sprint home.

Right-hander Ryan Franklin became the 437th different pitcher to surrender a home run to Bonds, who hit his 33rd homer in the bay.

The fans at AT&T Park jumped to their feet and chanted "Barry! Barry!" as the seven-time NL MVP began another trot around the bases with "738" flashing on the main center-field scoreboard. Some

bowed to him over the left-field fence as he walked out to play defense in the top of the ninth.

Earlier, he watched Pujols hit a towering two-run homer way over his head and deep into the left-field tunnel, Pujols' fourth of the year and the first given up this season by former Cardinal Matt Morris.

Jim Edmonds drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk to force in the go-ahead run in the seventh before Bonds tied it. The 42-year-old Bonds homered at home for the second time this season and connected for the first time since hitting two out against his former club in Pittsburgh on Friday night.

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