



Ohlone Announces Julian Russell as Interim Head Baseball Coach

****For Immediate Release****

Fremont, CA --- "Assistant Coach Julian Russell will be stepping in as the interim head coach of the State Championship-winning Renegades Baseball team," Athletics Director Chris Warden announced Tuesday after the resignation of former head coach Jordan Twohig. Twohig has accepted an offer to coach at University of Washington of the Pac-10. "We're proud to have Russell lead the Renegades until we can move forward with an official search."

This past season Russell took over as the infield and third base coach, instilling a "hard-nosed" defensive approach, one of many key components to Ohlone College Baseball's first State Championship Title. Russell coached a defensive group ranked 2nd in the state with a .970 fielding percentage, while assisting with an offensive group who hit .314 as a team in 2010.

"I am excited to step in as the Interim Head Baseball Coach," Russell said. "It has been a tremendous experience to work alongside my long time friend and former teammate, Jordan Twohig. Jordan and our Athletic Director Chris Warden gave me an opportunity to be part of something very special. I look forward to building upon the success of Ohlone Baseball and the elite status Jordan has worked so hard to create. I will continue to teach these student-athletes how to be successful on the field, in the community and ultimately, in life. I am extremely honored to be given this

opportunity by Chris Warden and will dedicate myself to providing a rewarding college experience to our players and surrounding community.”

Prior to Ohlone College, Russell was an assistant coach for two seasons at the University of Hawaii and is currently an instructor for the NorCal Baseball Club.

Russell’s coaching style has been greatly influenced by two long standing Head Coach’s, Jedd Soto, St. Mary’s College of California and Mike Trapasso, University of Hawaii, along with his most recent mentor, Jordon Twohig.

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