

## Women's volleyball loses in five dramatic sets

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If sports is what you love, what could be a better setting than this: cloudy Friday night, rivalry game and a bunch of people in the stands rooting for their team? Oh, and it's a home game for you.

Well last Friday, the Women's Volleyball team put on a great show for the folks in the stands and also for the ladies across the net.

Although Ohlone was not able to pull out a victory, they damn well came close. Ohlone lost the match three sets to two to rival school Chabot College from Hayward.

After pulling out their first win of the season Thursday night against Laney College, the Lady Renegades put up a great fight against Chabot.

The first set of the match was a blowout, and Ohlone looked like they really needed to get their juices flowing, losing it 30-17.

The second set showed much more offense from Ohlone's side of the net, seeing as they took it to the Gladiators 30-19.

Since the first two sets of the night were such blowouts, it was a bit hard to gauge how the night was going to turn out.

Especially when you realized that the Lady Renegades squad from last year failed to win a single game

and this Chabot team was the second best team in the conference.

Either way, all the fun began in the third set.

With the sets squared up 1-1, Ohlone did what they could to jump out to an early lead in the third set, but Chabot's experience in big games helped them keep the score close.

Big shot, after big shot, Chabot kept trying to pound the ball into Ohlone's side of the floor.

However, Ohlone's Jamie Munson played the defensive side of the net very well, not letting many of the shots get past her.

Whenever you'd see a Chabot player spike the ball Ohlone's way, you could both see and hear the thwack! sound that would blare off of her forearms and wrist.

During the set, neither team was able to string together a long chain of points. It was back-to-back the entire time. The Renegades were able to hold off, though, winning the third set 30-26.

Now, if the fans had a good time watching a close set like the third one, they would be in for even more of a thrill ride.

The fourth set of the match mirrored the third in many ways. Demi Wilson and Jaime Munson teamed up to get their bodies in front of the net to seal off any type of shot the Gladiators tried.

Seeing that Ohlone had a good duo protecting the net, the Gladiators did what they could to fake out the Renegades by setting the ball up and having two girls jump one after the other and allow only the trailing girl to spike it.

This gave them enough time to let Munson and Wilson get back on the floor and give them an open lane to shoot.

After both teams traded point after point, the score was knotted at 29 all. Ohlone was serving and needed just two points to close out the game, but ended up making two mistakes that cost them the set, and eventually the match.

They wound up losing the fifth and final set 15-9.

After the final shot, the people in the stands let out a big sigh after the great game that was played out on the court.

When asked about the game, Coach Jamie Cortez said, "This game was huge. This is the game they wanted. This is the game they knew I wanted."

The game, according to Cortez, was more than just that. It was more like a battle among two ex-teammates. "[Chabot's coach Amber Sammons] and I are friends. And we used to play together. So it was really a pride thing, a vengeance thing."

Coach Cortez didn't look like



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### Jaime Munson's leadership and hard work plays a key role in the team's improvement.

she had her pride hurt, though. Once it was all over, she was all smiles, either because of the way her team played or because the amount of support her team received in the stands.

She said, "that's the thing that we need. That's what we look forward to. We give so much back to the school, and it's good to see them come out and give some of that

energy back to us."

After taking this confidence-building loss, the Lady Renegades brought their season record to 1-4.

Their next home game will be Wednesday, Oct. 3. And in the words of Coach Cortez, "we need more school support. We need more people here because we feed off your energy."

## Men's soccer bags first win

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After waiting an hour for the officials to finally get to the game, the game between the Ohlone Men's Soccer team and Napa Valley College finally began at 5 p.m. Friday.

Even with the first rains of the season looking to shower the 60-plus people out on the soccer field, the Renegades were able to pull out a victory 2-0.

Prior to the game starting, coach felt that the key for the game was basically to "put the ball into the net. We've kind of been struggling with finishing and we're hoping we can get our forwards inside of the box."

He didn't need to wait long to see his team take a lead. At about the fourth minute of the game, Salvador Cerna took in a cross that bounced off a few of the defenders at the top of the box and was able to get a good shot past Napa Valley's keeper for the first goal of the game.

Ohlone's defense played great the rest of the first half, not allowing Napa to get very many shots on the goal. Even when they did, the Renegades goal keeper Marc Pecson kept all shots in front of him and out of the back of his net.

When the second half began, the clouds overhead started to let out some rain over the field. That didn't stop Ohlone's offense from getting their second goal of the afternoon.

In the 80th minute of the game, Abel Leon, after getting a Yellow



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### Ohlone's aggressiveness showed best up close.

card in the first half of the game, received a pass from down-field.

While taking it up to goal, he somehow managed to push down the defender without drawing a foul,

then take the ball and shoot it passed the goal keeper's left side for the second goal of the game.

When asked about the play after the game, Leon said, "I was

## Men's water polo 5th in tournament

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It was rainy and cold last Friday and Saturday, but that didn't stop Ohlone College from hosting its Men's Water polo Tournament.

The tournament had a total of six teams competing for the championship. Among the teams were Ohlone, Chabot, Sierra, Delta, Modesto and DeAnza College.

Ohlone finished in 5th place, with three losses to Delta (11-15), Sierra (6-15) and DeAnza (13-11), and a win against Chabot (9-8).

Head Coach Gene Kendall said, "[they] are improving every week, but [they] need to stop forcing passes to players that are not open and [they] need to get better at [their] front court offense."

The tournament's final game was between Modesto and Delta fighting for the championship. The game had a strong back and forth offense and defensive transition. There was a numerous amount of chances to score, as well as several hard earned blocks and saves.

Both teams were working very hard to score, but also defend at the same time. At the final buzzer, the game's victory sided with Modesto, just beating Delta 12-11.

Ohlone Men's Water polo record as of now is 1-11. "We have played some very good teams so far, which is why we are just 1-11 so far this season," said Coach Kendall. The team's leading scorer is Nate Gill, and Kevin Lundt is playing well as goalie. The team's next home game will be Wednesday, Oct. 3 vs. Solano College.

just trying to get that goal. Break through and try to get our first win. You know, trying to do what we got to do."

Ohlone improved their record to 1-3-1 on the young season.

Salvador Cerna's goal was a good contribution, but his greatest one was his aggressiveness.

For a large portion of the game,

Cerna and number 14 for Napa were shoving elbows and shoulders into each other trying to get the better positioning for the ball.

Cerna later commented on his style of play saying, "We were just having fun, playing soccer. That's all it is man, having fun."

The Renegades' next game is tomorrow at S.F. City College.