

## Ohlone Volleyball trumped in season opener

■ Chabot wins in 3 games via sweep

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With a new coach, a young team and a long season ahead of them, the Ohlone Women Volleyball team tried their very best to live up to the expectations, but fell short to the Chabot Gladiators in 3 games, losing 24-12 each time.

"This was our first real competitive match, so the girls were very nervous, but they got a taste of it," said Coach Jeremy Peñaflo, who was also quite nervous himself about the game. He is, though, hoping the girls are fired up to run through the rest of the season.

The Gladiators dominated all three games, even though the Renegades tried their best to keep the score as close as they could. They kept close early on in the first game, until they lost focus and communication, which led them to losing all three games.

"There is a lot of room for improvement," said Captain and returning center Vanessa Ridao, who is hoping to improve from this game and go far this season. Even though the team is still getting use to its fresh new faces, the girls need to improve on their communication skills which cost them a lot of their points.

The girls tried to work together despite their size restrictions and line-up mismatches against Chabot's top players. Most of the points the Renegades did earn were due to bad serves committed by Chabot. The Gladiators stayed consistent, spiking the ball all over Ohlone's side of the court and the well-placed balls they threw between Ohlone players.

Chabot also kept scoring consistently through all three games, testing the anxiety of the Ohlone girls, which showed as they slowly started to lose concentration and started spotting bad shots and missing the ball.

However, they still have some good spotters that might be players to look out for. Including team captains Vanessa Ridao and Stephanie Phan.

If the girls tidy up and become more consistent with their plays, they could have great potential this season and reach their peak. "I'd like us to pass better," said Coach Peñaflo.

The season might have opened with a loss, but that is not shutting down the ladies hope to come back in their next games. The Lady Renegades season will run through the end of November.

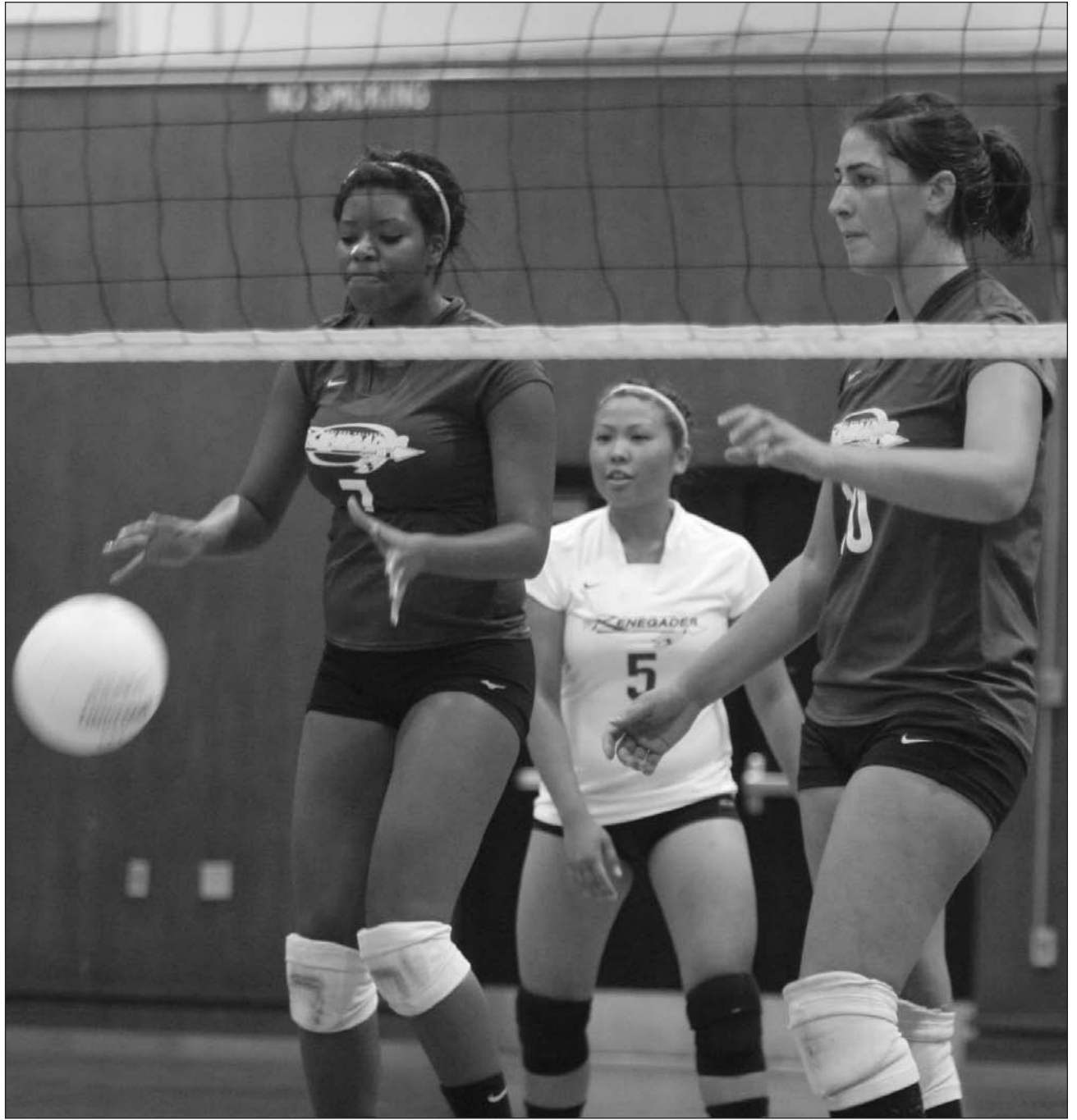


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**Frustration came over Renegades Angelica Benjamin and Maria Susana Bumb after getting swept in three matches Wednesday night.**

## Womens Soccer storm past Foothill Owls

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Our parents usually tell us to use our heads more often and that is exactly what the Ohlone Women Soccer Renegades did this Tuesday as they won their first league game, 3-0, against the Foothill Owls.

The game started off with a strong effort from the Owls as they kept the ball to themselves, giving the defensive line a good test. Goalie Danielle Anderson, too, did her best as she kept the ball out of the net, leaving the Owls hungry for a goal.

The 0-0 tie was broken in the first half by Casey Tuoto, which flew into the goal perfectly leaving the Owls questioning if what they just saw had happened.

After the game, Casey explained how the team worked. "We do well when we are relaxed and focused, but when we stop doing the two we start doing bad."

She is also looking forward to future wins and hoping that this team will get first in conference finals.

Forwards Fanny Koloko-Green and Alissa Henderson tried their very best at taking the ball to the goal, but were held back by the Owl's defensive line.

Even though Foothill played harshly through the first half, they fell short in the second half when they lost one of their players to an ankle injury. She was rushed to a hospital by the paramedics, but after her departure the injuries seem to have continued on the Owls as more players showed weaknesses.

"Their players were depleted, and we fought hard and had come to win," said Coach Larry Heslin, who after the game was proud of the girls' performance on the field. He wants to keep the season going with more wins like the this one by making the girls believe in the theory of winning.

The Renegades scored their second goal from defender Stacey Saepanh, who put it in by a header off the foul kick. She felt great about her goal and was proud she got it in because it was something she has been working on to improve.

"We have a lot of control and if we keep working hard we will get the wins," said Saepanh.

The game was closed off by Alissa Henderson as she made the final goal by bringing the keeper down and making her way to the net. The girls are looking good, and so does their score book. The girls will be facing Cabrillo College this Friday at 4 p.m. in Aptos.



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**Stacey Saepanh uses her head, giving the Renegades their second score.**