



Triples Alley

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Only one October

Don't you guys want to watch the World Series? Everyone should be crazy at this time.

The sporting event that gets my blood pumping more than the Super Bowl and the NBA Finals (somewhat hard to believe but seriously), the Series pits two teams against each other that have labored and clawed through the 162-game grind.

Now let's see who's in the series. The Boston Red Sox—nope. The Los Angeles Dodgers—not them either (hahaha). The series the American sports media would have drooled over is not happening, thanks to the Philadelphia Phillies, who are not just representing the Philly fans but all of Philadelphia sports.

A Philadelphia team has not won a major sports championship since 1983, when the Philadelphia 76ers won the NBA Finals. The Phillies haven't been associated with a World Series win since 1980.

Then there's those Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Sorry for the typo.

The Tampa Bay Rays. Since changing their name to the Rays, they've gotten into two bench-clearing brawls with two A.L. East teams and won more than 70 games for the first time in the history of their franchise, dating back to 1998.

Two teams that shouldn't be battling for the title are doing just that.

The Phillies are not only a franchise that hasn't won anything since the tail end of the Reagan administration, but they also are loaded on young talent. Just look at their pitching staff (not you, Captain of the senior division Jamie Moyer). Headed by the good young lefty Cole Hamels at the top of the rotation and backed up by the big fella Joe Blanton, they also were second in the MLB with a 3.19 bullpen E.R.A. But it's their offensive potential that makes them so exciting to watch. Ryan Howard and Chase Utley alone combine for a great 1-2 punch in the middle of the order. Plus, Jimmy Rollins at the top of the order makes them a threat to score every time they lead off.

However, it's the Rays making the excitement in this series.

The fact that they went from worst to first alone is enough to force you to watch. If that doesn't inspire you to tune in, then Evan Longoria alone should. This 22-year old was signed to a long-term contract a week into his major league career!

The marketers are right, there's only one World Series. There's only one OCTOBER!

Women's water polo wins battle of unbeatens; Men's team blown out

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When you are put in a pool with a few of the best water polo players recruited from England and are told that they are the conference champs, some fear and anxiety seems to build up before the game.

And that's exactly what happened Wednesday afternoon as the Ohlone Men's water polo team was blown out by West Valley College, 21-3.

"They just played harder," said Ohlone Head Coach Gene Kendall, who was anticipating the game, knowing what he and his team were up against.

There was a small sign of good news though, despite the blowout.

Two of the three goals for Ohlone were made by Joey Declera and the last one was a shot by Scott Harvey, which prevented the probable shutout.

The Renegades put up a good fight against the Vikings and held up well, until one of the Vikings players would receive a long pass from their goalie to the other side and it would be a one-on-one shot.

Though their defensive strategies did not stick around long enough to help them win the game, they did manage to get a couple attempts here and there.

The crowd, though, still cheered on for the team as they struggled through the last period of the game.

Kendall, who was content with his team and their spirit, smiled proudly and said to watch out for them in their upcoming game.

The men's water polo team will be facing Modesto College, another tough competitor, on Wednesday in Modesto.

For the women, however, it was a completely different story as they pulled through West Valley College 9-7 and remain undefeated.

The game was tight throughout,



Photos by Jeff Weisinger

Ohlone goalie Dannie Zboyovsky, above, made every clutch save; Amy Lovilen, below, played well in Ohlone's 9-7 win over West Valley.

until the last period as Ohlone broke through and took control.

West Valley's goalie showed some amazing skills in the way she handled Ohlone's attempts.

"The sun does play a role, I mean it blocks your eyes so sometimes it gets hard," said the goalie for West Valley, who faced the sun during the time when Ohlone peaked at their score points.

The victory not only keeps the Lady Renegades undefeated, but also gets them a step closer toward the state championships.

"We played a good team today, because just like us they too are 4-0 in conference games," said Lady Renegades Head Coach, Don French, who said that his girls played hard and came through.

Lucy Bergey was the player who scored the game-ending goal.

Amy Lovilen helped her team with many key assists as well as goals for Ohlone.

The Lady Renegades look to put their undefeated conference record on the line as they will host Foothill College Friday at 3:30 p.m.



Victory continues to elude Men's soccer; Women's team riding high

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The California sun does not seem to be shining bright for the Ohlone Renegades Men's soccer team as they dropped another game on Friday, this time losing 4-1 to the DeAnza Dons.

The boys brought back some of their old players who were previously hurt on the field and changed up their line ups.

Goalkeeper Iman Aghel showed signs of improvement in this game, blocking 10 attempts by the Dons.

Ohlone defenders Sean Powers, Patrick Lee and Wayne Jin showed much improvement, taking off the pressure off Aghel throughout the game.

Mark Landefeld, head coach for the DeAnza Dons admitted to the rough year both teams were having

and that the Renegades put a good game against them.

The game began with neither side dominating the ball, until the Dons made their first goal.

However, the Renegades answered back with their first goal of the game, as Patrick Lee passed the ball to Daniel Zermeno, who scored to prevent the shutout.

The second half showed Ohlone's weakness as they let the Dons dominate the field and put in another three goals.

"It's a gradual improvement," said Renegades Head Coach Don Williams, who said he was proud of his team's play.

Against Cabrillo College on Tuesday, not too much changed for the Renegades, who lost 4-0 and dropped their record to 0-15 on the season.

Darwin Eng, who had just re-

turned from a knee injury, walked off the field yet again with another knee injury.

The season is not looking all too bright for the men as they travel to Santa Clara to take on Mission College on Friday, once again in search of their first win.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Ohlone Women's Soccer team bagged another victory, winning 2-1 against Skyline College.

Goalkeeper Danielle Anderson returned to the field and worked her magic hands to block the other team's attempts.

Lady Renegades Head Coach Larry Heslin said he is proud of the progress of this team and their rate of improvement.

Fanny Koloko-Green, continued her scoring streak, scoring both goals in the match.

Ohlone dominated most of the

game, until the Trojans managed to slip in a goal late, as Arleen Winkelbauer got a shot past Ohlone's Danielle Anderson to prevent the shutout.

The Lady Renegades struggled in the second half of the game defensively; however, they turned it around to pull out the win.

The team's goal to go to the state championships this year is still in reach, as long as they continue to play as consistent as they have been throughout the season.

"We work hard as a team and it shows when we play," said Captain Lorie Machuca.

With their record at 9-5-1, the Lady Renegades look poised to reach the state playoffs this year.

The ladies will travel to Los Altos Hills on Friday to play against Foothill College, a team they defeated earlier in the season 3-0.