

Softball to finish strong despite 7-5 start

Through 12 games this season, the Softball team has yet to shock anybody like they did last year with their astonishing 24-0 conference record.

After five weeks, fans of the 2009 Lady Renegades look at the 7-5 record and wonder what happened to the team that lost just nine total games in all of last season.

After hearing what her team's record is in comparison to last season, Ohlone catcher Kat Sumner had a look of concern.

"You could look at it in a bad way, or you could see that our schedule is much tougher this season," Sumner



Triples Alley

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said. "We play much tougher opponents this season."

Their five losses, while not very appealing, have been to very good teams. College of the Siskiyous, Cypress College, Fresno City College, College of the Sequoias and San Joaquin Delta College are all in the top 20 in the RPI (Rating

Percentage Index) rankings in California. Ohlone stands 14th in the California RPI standings.

Ace pitcher Kelly Colker has seen a "slump" in the team's performance this season. However, she said her team is "waking up" as far as performance goes.

"We're picking things up much quicker," Colker said. "After the losses to College of the Sequoias and Cypress College, we ran all day at our next practice. But I think it was good for us. We learned from it."

With the conference opener later today against Mission College,

the Lady Renegades look to be in much better shape than they were last week. Mission tends to have a rough time against most of the conference, and Ohlone as an opponent is no different.

"I'm excited to do just as well as we did last season in conference. I'm not saying we're going to blow through like last year. But I'm sure we can do well," Sumner said.

Sumner isn't hitting as well as she did last season, when she batted .411.

Still, after one year as the starting catcher, she has built a solid relationship with battery mate Kelly

Colker.

"It helps that this is our second year playing together," Colker said. "I like to pitch at a faster pace and she knows that."

That link between the two of them should definitely give Ohlone a shot at the top of the Coast North's standings.

"I just want to do well the rest of the way and pull out more wins in the close games," Sumner said.

There is a great possibility that the upcoming games against Solano College at 10 a.m. and Siskiyous College at 2 p.m. on Saturday will maybe turn this team around.

Wolff ditches Fremont plan

Oakland A's owner Lew Wolff was able to do something Tuesday that former President George W. Bush was unable to do in his last four years in office... realize when it's time to pull out.

Wolff's decision on Tuesday to cease his plans to relocate his franchise from Oakland to Fremont and build a \$1.8 billion "ballpark village" and scrap the idea of the "Oakland A's of Fremont" comes as a shock to nearly nobody.

"Cisco Field" was to be located near Auto Mall Parkway, west of Interstate 880, but numerous delays and resistance from the citizens and employers of the city of Fremont, not to mention the struggling economy, led Wolff to drop any plans to relocate the team to Fremont.

"Perhaps my view ... failed to properly anticipate the resistance we have encountered," Wolff said in a three-page letter to Fremont



Inside the lines

By JEFF WEISINGER
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Mayor Bob Wasserman Tuesday. "The business I am in should be fun first and foremost."

"Fremont is not really a destination. We're not Oakland or San Francisco," said Fremont City Councilman Bob Wieckowski. "This would have given us a chance to show off our city. So it's a little disappointing they'd just walk."

The project cost Wolff \$80 million, which includes attorney and consultant fees and real estate costs. Just more than a quarter of that is non-refundable.

Wolff also included a two-page section describing Cisco Field in

Fremont as the "Future Home of the Athletics" in the team's 2009 media guide.

The city of Fremont, on the other hand, hasn't spent a dime on the project, despite the A's giving the city about \$750,000 to pay for staff time and consultant fees with the planning process.

Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig has long suggested that the A's leave the outdated, 42-year-old Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum that they share with the NFL's Oakland Raiders.

Wolff still plans to relocate the team and keep them in Northern California, but has no plans to do so in the near future.

"My focus now is on baseball, with Spring Training and the opening of the 2009 season," Wolff said.

"I am extremely excited about the team's prospects this year."

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February

26 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Gavilan College at 2 p.m.

26 Women's Softball - Home vs. Mission College at 3 p.m.

27 Art - New art gallery exhibit Design Show in the Louie-Meager Art Gallery. The exhibit runs from Feb. 27 until April 4.

27-28 Women's Basketball - Regional Semifinal Playoffs. Location TBA

28 Women's Softball - Home vs. Solano College at 10 a.m.

28 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Hartnell College at noon.

28 Women's Softball - Home vs. College of the Siskiyous 2 p.m.

March

3 Men's Basketball - Nor Cal Play-In Game. Location TBA.

3 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Cañada College at 2 p.m.

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3 Women's Softball - Home vs. DeAnza College at 3 p.m.

4 Foundation - Full board meeting in Room NC-1100 at the Newark Center at 7:30 a.m.

4 Foundation - Full board meeting: annual board retreat at 9 a.m.

4 Meeting - Faculty Senate meeting in Room 1307 at 3:30 p.m.

5 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Mission College at 2 p.m.

5 Women's Softball - Away vs. Chabot College at 3 p.m.

6-7 Men's Basketball - Regional Semifinal Playoffs

6 Academics - Last day to apply for Spring 2009 graduation or certificate of achievement.

6 Entertainment - The Ohlone College Psychology Club presents Michael Shermer: *Why People Believe Weird Things* in the Jackson Theater at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10.

7 Women's Basketball - Regional final playoffs
7 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Cabrillo College, noon.

8 Entertainment - Ohlone Chamber Orchestra in the Jackson Theater at 2 p.m.

9 College Council - Fremont Campus in Room 1407 and Newark Campus in Room NC-1219 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

10 Men's Baseball - Home vs. Skyline College at 2 p.m.

10 Men's Tennis - Home vs. Chabot College at 3 p.m.

11 Meeting - Board of Trustees business meeting at the Newark Campus at 6:30 p.m.

13-15 Women's Basketball - State Finals in Fresno




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