Lady Renegades playoffs to begin this weekend

Softball team to play first round against San Jose City

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The Ohlone women’s softball team has again qualified for post season playoffs. The Lady Renegades have qualified for post season for 24 years under coach Donna Runyon. The 2012 season has the Lady Renegades seeded in the Northern California as the 6th seed in regional playoffs. Their conference record was a 15-3 record and 27-11 overall.

On May 5, the Lady Renegades will play San Jose City College at 2 p.m. They must beat San Jose City College twice to advance to the next round of the playoffs. In 2012, Ohlone’s offensive is outstanding. All starting players are hitting over .340, as well as excellent role players off the bench, which creates a problem for their opponents.

Kaley Marden anchors third base this year for the Lady Renegades and is hitting .356, as well as the other offensive power provided by Nelly Traynor hitting .400 and Lauren Ermitano with a .393 average, and the Lady Renegades outstanding catcher Shelby Fowler hitting .391. Pitchers Katy Bihl and Brittany Wright had 27 starts between them and complemented each other all year with their individual styles and hard work.

Katy Bihl had a conference ERA of 0.75 That’s allowing less than one run a game and a conference record of 9-2, which awarded her All Conference 1st Team.

This combination of Bihl and Wright as well as Lauren Ermitano’s spot starts led to the Lady Renegades success in 2012. The women will look to their All Sophomore infield to solidify the defense, the double play combination of Mariah Nisbet and Sarah Ragusa. The Lady Renegades will also look to Ashley Vignola and Lauren Poffenbarger to lead and contribute at the plate as they are hitting .467 and .421 in league play.

Ohlone received first, second and honorable mention honors by placing five players on the First team. Four players are on the Second Team and a player is on honorable mention. Ohlone had a player selected on the All State Team and a selection to the All American Team as well this year.

Renegades conclude swim season last week

Ohlone sends two members of women’s team to championship meet

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The Ohlone Men and Women’s Swim and Dive team has concluded its season after sending two women to the California Community College Athletic Association State Championships last week.

Devan Seeley and Tori Gerome were the two qualifying women who made the trip to Los Angeles for the CCCAA State Championships after being among the top 16 competitors in the state for their events.

Seeley and Gerome each qualified for three events at the state championships with Gerome qualifying including the 50-meter backstroke, the 100-meter backstroke and the 50-meter butterfly.

Seeley qualified for the 100-meter butterfly, the 100-meter individual medley and the 200-meter individual medley in which she set the Ohlone school record with a time of 2:16.09.

Both women managed to have good performances at the state championship meet in which Seeley made finals in the 200-meter individual medley while Gerome made finals in the 50-meter butterfly.

The men’s side didn’t manage to send any swimmers to the state championships but Head Coach Gene Kendall highlighted swimmers Ian McNair and Will Hughes, who both had lifetime best swims in three events.

The men’s main falling point that led to their eighth-place finish at the Coast Conference Championships was a lack of swimmers that left them unable to rack up the points necessary for a top finish.

“We started out with a lot of depth but lost a lot of people for one reason or another. Sometimes it was injuries. Sometimes people dipped below 12 units. But for whatever reason during the course of the season, we lost swimmers,” said Kendall.

The women were also plagued by a lack of swimmers, with only nine competitors going for them at the Coast Conference Championship meet.

The fifth-place finish was underwhelming for a team that Kendall thought had a chance to win, but the women were only a few points away from finishing among the top three.

“The women’s side, we had a lot of really good girls and even though we were fifth, we were only about 10 points out of third,” said Coach Kendall.

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- COACH GENE KENDALL

Students using kick boards warm up in preparation for the final meet of Ohlone’s swim season

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