Ohlone on the winning path early in the season

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The Lady Renegades volleyball team's winning streak continued Tuesday, defeating San Jose City College 3-0 at Ohlone to improve their record to 6-1 overall and 1-0 in conference.

Coast Conference play kicked off with a dominating performance from Ohlone, setting the tone from the opening serve en route to a 25-13 first-set victory.

Brittany Creel was too much to handle for San Jose in the first set with several powerful kills and at one point had the Lady Renegades in front 18-7. "We started off with a lot of energy and got off to a good start so we were feeling good," said Creel.

"You just have to stay focused and you have to tell yourself what you should be doing and stay in the game. The second and third sets were back and forth as well as a lot closer and more competitive. The Lady Renegades won them both 25-21 and 25-22 respectively, but SJCC made it a lot tougher for Ohlone with them both 25-21 and 25-22 in the first and second sets, firing on all cylinders Sept. 10 against City College East Bay. The Lady Renegades made the playoffs finishing the season in a 14-4-2 record.

She picked up her duties right where she left off, starting all three of the games in goal for Ohlone this season. She has logged 220 minutes in three games only allowing two goals while making nine saves helping lead the Ohlone to a 2-0-1 record early in the season.

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However, many factors led to her decision to stay home and attend Ohlone College, she said. "We also opened the door to soccer again for her and she decided to try out for the Lady Renegades, which was a blessing in disguise especially for coach Larry Heslin."

The goalkeeper position in soccer is one of the toughest spots in all of sports. The position requires a tremendous amount of focus as well as a myriad of other things. Being a kinesiology major can be a huge advantage when it comes to knowing your body's capability and how to be prepared. This is something that Melissa Grey has done a great job of since she was 5 years old. "My dad played for a year but nothing real serious," she said.

"When I was 5 years old, my parents decided to put me in soccer and I really liked it and stuck with it," Grey said.

Last year Grey was the starting goalie for the Lady Renegades who made the playoffs finishing the season in a 14-4-2 record.

Volleyball

The fans could almost feel the momentum shifting toward the visitors but Creel, Jennifer Casey and Selena Samudio came through several times on the front line for the Lady Renegades with kills to secure the win. Lindsey Calabrese had several impressive diggs and Emily Marden was responsible for setting up a lot of kills in the winning effort.

Coach Jeremy Fenallos was pleased with his team's effort and victory but he knows there is room for improvement and hopes to see that from his team.

The trend with teams is that everybody comes out fired and ready to play early in the match," the team's first-set victory.

"The problem is if you have a really good start and dominate then you tend to relax. Teams adjust and will want to play better which is what happened today so you can't relax, but as long as we keep with our system I feel confident," Fenallos said.

It is important for Ohlone to start off strong in a tough Coast Conference, where the Lady Renegades are 0-0-0 so far.

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2012 soccer season under way for Ohlone College men, women

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The soccer season has begun for the Ohlone College men and women a lot of promise on the horizon for both.

With several players having transfer opportunities following this season, the talent on the pitch should make for a successful season for both.

Men's Soccer

The Renegades came out firing on all cylinders Sept. 11 against Shasta College at Central Park in Fremont, dominating the match with a convincing 2-0-1 shutout.

Greivin Parcheco Quesada had a magnificent performance for the Renegades scoring four times, including one early in the 10th minute and assisting on another goal by Elson Ceja in the 42nd minute.

Ohlone was stingy on defense, only allowing five shots on goalie Michael Beigarten who saved them all for the Renegades first shutout victory of the early season.

"Brannon Romac for the Shasta Knights found himself in scoring possession in minute 12, but Chase Brown put a full body block on the shot helping keeper, Michael Beigarten keep a clean sheet," said Coach Jan Eric Nordmo.

The team's record is now 1-1-1, with the next match on Friday against Napa College in Napa. The next home game will be at Central Park in Fremont on Sept. 18 as the Renegades take on Butte College in a double-header beginning at 4 p.m.

Women's Soccer

The Lady Renegades battled to a 1-1 tie on a goal by Jessica Hernandez from an assist by Celia Ochoa to give Ohlone a 2-0-2 record for the season.

Presley Strother got off to a great start, already scoring two goals and an assist in previous matches. Goalkeeper Melissa Grey has been solid in net, allowing an average of less than one goal per game.

Hernandez now has two goals this season and Han Moreno also has two goals for the Lady Renegades. Olivia Lucayo has Ohlone's other goal while Elizabeth Moozemy and Samantha O'Brien have both assisted on goals.

Ohlone has victories over Feather River College and Cuesta College this season only allowing one goal in a 4-1 triumph.

The Lady Renegades next game is at home at Central Park in Fremont against Chabot College on Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Schedule

Friday, Sept. 14
4 p.m. Women's Soccer Mission College (home)
4:30 p.m. Men's Soccer Napa College (away)

Tuesday Sept. 18
1:30 p.m. Women's Soccer Chabot College (home)
4 p.m. Men's Soccer Butte College (home)

Friday Sept. 21
3 p.m. Women's Soccer Skyline College (away)
4 p.m. Men's Soccer Monterey Peninsula College (home)