Fall season begins for baseball and softball

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Baseball

The fall scrimmage schedule is well under way for the Ohlone College baseball and softball teams. Fall scrimmages are a way for the teams to get some game experience against other teams some of them conference foes and some not.

“We are not allowed to keep statistics and scores of fall scrimmages,” said Baseball coach Julian Russell. The baseball team has already played six games and will play again 1 p.m. Friday at Ohlone College against Chabot College. The Renegades will have three fall scrimmages remaining following the game against the Gladiators. Sophomore pitcher Jackson Zarubin will be a key component in the Renegades push for a playoff berth.

“Jackson Zarubin is a good all-around person,” Russell said. “He is a great example of a well-balanced student athlete.” Zarubin is prepared for his new more prominent role.

“Last year I was a relief pitcher,” Zarubin said. “This year I will probably be a starting pitcher so I am really looking forward to it.” The Renegades have a reason to be optimistic after making the Super Regionals last year and returning several key players from that team. All signs point to go for yet another successful regular and post-season.

Softball

The Lady Renegades softball team has also been getting ready for the season competing in several scrimmages. Including the Battle of the Bay Tournament in Hayward on Oct. 13. Ohlone has two remaining home games on the fall scrimmage schedule. The first is a double-header at Ohlone College on Nov. 10. The Lady Renegades will take on Napa Valley College and Cabrillo College in a double header. The final fall scrimmage for the Ohlone softball team will be at 1 p.m. Nov. 17 at Ohlone when they take on former Lady Renegades in the annual alumni game.

Playoffs loom for men’s, women’s soccer

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A lone goal for Ohlone in the victory over Chabot, assisted by Pacheco Quesada who recorded his third assist of the year.

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“In years passed, we have resigned ourselves to giving games to opponents, but this is not the case anymore,” Nordano said. “We feel that we can continue to evolve and improve and still have a shot at a post-season berth.”

The Renegades next game is Friday against the West Valley College Vikings at Central Park in Fremont at 1:30 p.m. With the playoffs nearing both teams are looking to make a huge splash in the post season this year.

Volleyball wins yet again

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The Ohlone College women’s volleyball team improved to 14-2 overall and 3-1 after defeating the West Valley College Vikings on Oct. 19 at Edger gymnasium in Fremont. Brittany Card and Jennifer Coney were overpowering for the Vikings who were not able to handle the viscious kills.

Selina Samoranos and Elise Menicou were solid in the middle for Ohlone stuffing several attempts by West Valley. Ohlone dominated the first two sets and cruised to a 2-0 lead in the match when the Vikings woke up.

The third set was tough for Ohlone but managed to pull it out in the end by a score of 30-28.

“We got a little too comfortable,” Menicou said. “You can’t play down to your competition we have to stay focused and do our jobs.”

Led by scrappy play from Olivia Downing, Lindsey Calabrese, Ohlone has put itself in the drivers seat for a playoff berth.

With less than a month to go before the post-season begins, coach Jeremy Penafort is confident in his team.

“We just have to play our game and do things the right way,” Penafort said. The momentum is building for the Lady Renegades who hope to carry it in to the playoffs come November with only a few regular season games remaining.

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