Renegade Revealed: Jackson Zarubin

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Faith.
It’s something that a lot of people have, but most don’t have the commitment to their faith or spirituality the way Jackson Zarubin does.
The Ohlone College sophomore is returning to the Ohlone baseball team that was the 2011 CCCAA state champion runner-up to Delta College.
The sophomore Zarubin lists Tim Tebow as one of his favorite athletes who himself has become a polarizing figure because of his faith and beliefs.

Sports and religion often go hand in hand, but are not usually discussed because of the politically correct era we live in where nobody wants to offend anybody else. Zarubin doesn’t like to preach but makes it clear that his faith is primary in his life.

“The most important thing to besides sports is definitely my faith,” Zarubin said. “I was brought up in a Christian household where religion and faith were very important.”
His parents met at church a few years after they both graduated from college. They both ran track in college; his dad at Fresno State University and his mom at Wheaton College, which explains their son’s athletic abilities.

After marrying, his parents wanted a change of scenery and moved to Hawaii where Zarubin was born.
“We lived in Hawaii until I was about 6 years old, when my parents decided they wanted to move back to California,” Zarubin said.
“My mom is from Redwood City and my dad is from San Francisco, I think they just missed it.”

This created another connection for Zarubin, who plays for Coach Julian Russell the 2011 Northern California Co-Coach of the Year. Russell played for the University of Hawaii, Manoa and also was an assistant coach at the university for two years.
Zarubin has played base-
ball almost all of his life since starting tee-ball at the age 4. He has primarily been an outfielder before making the switch to pitcher his senior year at Foothill High School in Pleasanton.

“We had a really good team while I was at Foothill with a lot of outfielders,” Zarubin said. “I decided to make the switch to pitcher because I have a strong arm and for more playing time.”
Zarubin was a reliever on last year’s Ohlone team and hopes to compete for a starting job this season. The 6-foot 1 inch Renegade still is not sure where he wants his education to take him, but law enforcement is something that intrigues him.
Russell had nothing but great things to say about the sophomore Zarubin.

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Achanzar out indefinitely with a torn ACL

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“Do or do not; there is no try.”
—Yoda, “The Empire Strikes Back.”

First-year soccer player Tamara Achanzar did not just try; she did everything she could for the Lady Renegades.

Achanzar tore the ACL (anterior crucial ligament) of her right knee during the Lady Renegades’ soccer game against Cabrillo College Oct. 12. It was the worst injury of her soccer-playing career.

“I went into the tackle too late,” said Achanzar. “I knew it was too late.”

But the center middle field player stuck with it for her team. The Lady Renegades won the game 3-1.

Now, she walks around the school in sweats with a full leg knee brace and is able to bend her leg only to her knee.

Coach Larry Heslin said Achanzar couldn’t play anymore.

“She helps us out on the bench, helps us get pumped up,” said Heslin.

Although Achanzar stays with the team, she will not be able to play during pre-hab.

“During pre-hab, she does a number of exercises to strengthen and get my range in motion back so the surgery and recovery will be smooth,” she said.

“I’m scared. I’ll be in crutches for three weeks,” said Achanzar. “I’m upset that I’m not able to play.”

Team captain Celina Ochoa called her team member’s style as unselfish.

“She’d rather pass the ball,” said Ochoa.

With support from family and friends, there is no doubt that Achanzar will be ready for next season.

“She seems like the person to recover quickly,” said Ochoa.

Coach Heslin agreed that Achanzar would be “ready to go next semester, fully recovered.”

“I will not let this hold me back,” said Achanzar.

The Lady Renegades will be back in action on Friday when they take on the City College of San Francisco in Fremont.

Giant parade for champs

National League Championship Series Most Valuable Player Marco Scutaro rides along the parade route with his family on Market Street in San Francisco Wednesday. The San Francisco Giants swept the Detroit Tigers en route to their second World Series title in three years.