Men’s soccer
Renegades facing uphill climb to top

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The Ohlone College men’s soccer team suffered a few tough losses over the past weeks. First, it lost 6-0 to the undefeated DeAnza College in Cupertino on Friday. Then the Renegades went on the road again, this time to take on Cabrillo College on Tuesday. This game was closer but Ohlone still fell 4-1. Ohlone is now 0-4-2 overall and 0-3-1 in conference play. Next up for Ohlone is a double-header against Mission College beginning at 1:30 p.m. at Central Park in Fremont.

Men’s water polo
Renegades fall in home opener

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It’s been some pretty choppy waters for the Ohlone College men’s water polo team early in the 2013 season. The Renegades came in to Wednesday’s double-header against Modesto and American River colleges with a not-so-stellar 1-4 overall record and 0-1 in conference. The losing streak continued as the Renegades fell to Modesto 10-5 and then to American River 16-8. The losses put the Renegades in a hole for post-season consideration with just six events remaining before the conference championships. The Coast Conference is known for its tough aquatic competition, not just in swimming and diving but also men’s and women’s water polo, especially in the South. Next up for Ohlone is a trip to Cupertino on Friday, the last time to participate in the De Anza College Tournament, which is scheduled for all day.

Soccer earns success

Women victorious in conference game

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There is nothing better than a win following a tough loss. The Lady Renegades soccer team learned this lesson in full Tuesday when they defeated conference foe Cañada College 4-0, garnering their second shutout of the early season.

“We play well together and things really seem to be clicking out there,” Coach Larry Heslin said. “It’s always great to bounce back after losing a tough battle to perennial powerhouse San Francisco City College 3-1.”

The Lady Renegades are now 5-1-2 overall, but more importantly their conference record is still nearly perfect at a sparkling 4-1-0.

“Conference records go a long way when it comes time for playoff seeding and selection,” Heslin said. Ohlone’s next game will begin at 4 p.m. Friday when they play a double-header against Las Positas College at Central Park in Fremont.

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Balling on a budget

I hate to sound un-grateful, but it is really hard not to when it comes to the Oakland Athletics. Since Billy Beane took over as general manager in 1997, the A’s have seen much success. In large part due to Sabermetrics, Beane manages to put a competitive team on the field every year despite having one of the lowest payrolls in professional sports.

The A’s have made the playoffs numerous times since 1997, but haven’t reached a World Series since 1990. For all the success that “counting cards” compiles it is still missing one key ingredient. Championship games.

The process made famous by Hollywood in the film “Moneyball” has given the A’s the most possible bang for their buck in the regular season, but it hasn’t translated to the ultimate success in the playoffs numerously since 1997, the A’s have managed to compile it is still missing that “counting cards.”

The next decision facing Beane and the A’s is more than five other playoff teams whose payroll dwarfs that of the A’s. Hopefully, this time Beane and the A’s can find a way to continue their success past the first round of the playoffs.