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Table tennis championship bound

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Ohlone College is National Championship bound. No, not a basketball national championship. No, not football either - Ohlone hasn't had a football team since 1982. But table tennis. The Ohlone College table tennis team qualified

for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association national championships this past weekend after competing in and winning the NCTTA West Regional. Ohlone players competed with teams from schools such as UCLA, UC Berkeley and Stanford.

Ying Wang placed first in the women's singles while

Donglong Hao placed second in the men's singles.

The team was founded as a club just last semester and is already making an appearance at a national championship.

Wang, who founded the club and is the president, said that she launched the team to "promote table tennis in community colleges"

as well as "give [the] opportunity to players to compete."

She also said she could have never imagined that the team would be competing for the national championship just two semesters in.

The championships will begin on March 25 in Round Rock, Texas.

Baseball proving themselves early on

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The Ohlone baseball team is enjoying a very successful season through their first 13 games.

The Renegades are 10-3 so far with three games left in pre-conference play.

After winning their first nine games, Ohlone suffered blowout losses in back-to-back games.

Their most recent loss came to Modesto Junior College on Tuesday. After taking an early four-run lead in the top of the second inning, the Renegades gave up eight runs in the bottom half of the frame.

Ohlone scored two in the fifth to come within two runs, but the second-inning blunder was all Modesto needed as they ended up winning 11-6.

Despite this being the third loss in the last five games for Ohlone, the team has shown that it will be a force to be reckoned with come time for conference play.

The team is led by the fourth-ranked offense, which is hitting .273 and has scored 82 runs so far. At the head of the onslaught are sophomore infielder Isaiah Maddela and freshman outfielder Naeem Knox.

Maddela has compiled a .357 batting average with 15 hits in the leadoff spot.

Knox has been a standout star, hitting .368 and leading the team in RBIs with 12. His slugging percentage of .500 is second only to teammate Maddela's at .548.

As good as the offense is, everyone knows that

pitching wins championships. Ohlone's pitching has also been stellar through the first 13 games.

The Renegades also rank fourth in the state in pitching, with the team's staff posting an impressive 2.33 ERA as a whole.

At the top of the rotation is sophomore Ronnie Reed, whose 2.63 ERA and

20 strikeouts has contributed to Ohlone's impressive start.

With power and consistency in their offense and depth in their pitching, the Renegades are looking to make a run at the playoffs this season once conference play begins on March 15 against Skyline.

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The Ohlone Soccer Club put in an appearance at Club Days on Wednesday at the Newark campus. From left: Thinh Lu, Huan Nguyen, Rushee Posadas and Huy Nguyen.



Grab some pine, Chapman

The New York Yankees will be without their new flame-throwing pitcher for the first 30 games of the 2016 season.

Aroldis Chapman has been suspended after being involved in an alleged domestic violence case back in October 2015.

Chapman's girlfriend claimed she was choked and that he then fired eight shots from a gun in the garage of the home.

Prosecutors decided not to press charges against Chapman due to inconsistencies in the story and a lack of evidence.

Despite this, Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred handed out the suspension in accordance with the new league domestic violence policy.

This move by Major League Baseball only heightens the conversation of how professional sports should handle these types of cases. While players shouldn't be allowed to play while being under investigation due to possibility of them being guilty and still receiving pay, it also doesn't make sense to suspend someone when not enough evidence is found by the courts themselves.

Chapman will not be appealing the suspension, stating, "I accepted the decision. ... I have to take responsibility for it and basically move on."

The suspension will cost the closer about \$1.8 million.

Last season, Chapman compiled an all-star season for the Cincinnati Reds, having a 1.63 ERA with 33 saves and 116 strikeouts.

This past December, the Yankees traded for Chapman knowing that his case was still under investigation. They'll now be without a new major key in their bullpen until May.

Andrew Miller, who finished 2015 with 36 saves, is expected to serve as the team's closer until Chapman's return.

Once he is back, the Yankees will be expected to be big contenders for a chance at their 28th ring.