Baseball bounces back; softball improves

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The Ohlone Baseball team bounced back from a tough loss at the hands of Modesto Junior College by beating Mission College on Wednesday afternoon. The Renegades jumped to an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning and added an insurance run in the eighth to beat Mission 4-2.

The early offense paired with a good pitching performance by Josh Calmerin, who came on in relief for starter Ronnie Reed in the third inning. Calmerin pitched the rest of the game, one run on three hits and striking out four.

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Construction continues on the new baseball field on the Fremont campus, seen here late last month. Heavy rains in March have delayed the opening of the baseball and softball fields, which now are expected to be ready for use later in the spring or perhaps in the summer, depending on the weather this month.

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