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The Ohlone March Madness tournament was canceled due to rain at the Fremont Softball Complex in Central Park last weekend.

Weather delays sports fields

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Some of Ohlone's athletic fields and facilities are expected to face further construction delays. The baseball, softball and soccer fields started construction last year. The expected completion of all three fields has been pushed back due to the heavy rainfall we've experienced in the past few months.

Joel Heyne of Gilbrane, the construction company responsible for the athletics facilities, told the Board of Trustees on March 9 that the fields openings "depend on how wet March is."

The clay-like soil that is native to the area makes it difficult to proceed

with construction unless the soil is dry, which is why the timeline is so sensitive to the weather.

The Athletics Department and sports teams are prepared for this setback. All of the teams, except baseball, have scheduled away games this season. For scheduled home games, baseball will be using James Logan High School's field.

Chris Warden, the Dean of the athletics department, said both athletes and coaching staff are taking the construction delays in stride.

"Ultimately, they all see the bigger picture that once this project is complete, they will have an amazing field to practice and play on," he said.



Baseball team loses three in a row

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The Ohlone baseball team has lost its last three games in a row in what has been a rough end to their preseason and a less than ideal start to conference play.

After a strong preseason, the Renegades lost their last two games before starting the regu-

lar season. Ohlone fell to College of San Mateo and De Anza before opening against Skyline on Tuesday.

The Renegades jumped out to an early one-run lead in the first inning, but soon gave up two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning off an RBI double and a Skyline home run.

Ohlone responded two innings later, posting a

three spot and taking a 4-2 lead. But everything unraveled from then as they went on to give up nine runs over the next three innings.

Even though the Renegades came within one run of tying the game at one point, a three-run bottom of the eighth by Skyline proved to be the fatal blow in the 11-7 loss by Ohlone.

Ohlone's bullpen proved to be the deciding factor in the loss, as the offense was able to put up big numbers.

Grant Goff started and went five-and-two-thirds innings, giving up two earned runs and striking out five.

The Renegades will try to even the series when they take on Skyline again today in a rematch.



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"This is madness!"

March is upon us and that can only mean one thing; the most wonderful time of the year. A time where we all gather together to celebrate, cry, and tear our hair out. I know what you're thinking, "What sick twisted holiday is he describing?"

No, it's not St. Patrick's Day. In fact, it's not even one day. For the rest of the month and into April, we will all be witnesses to one of, if not, the greatest tournament in all of sports; The NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, better known as "March Madness."

Ah yes, March Madness. The time where people varying from basketball analysts to the casual fan can fill out the infamous bracket in hopes of correctly picking the national champion from a pool of 68 teams.

I usually fill out more than one bracket in hopes that maybe, just maybe, I'll strike gold one year and do what no one has done before; fill out a perfect bracket. I have a main bracket that I'm putting all my eggs in one basket for, so I'll share a few predictions from that one.

Oregon, surprisingly, was awarded a No. 1 seed in the West bracket ahead of some other possibly more deserving teams. I have the Ducks going to the Sweet 16, but falling to a physical Baylor team there.

For my Final Four, I have Kansas taking on Oklahoma and North Carolina facing Michigan State. This will eventually set up a Kansas versus Michigan State contest where the Spartans will edge out the JayHawks. It's definitely their year.

As far as upsets, most of mine occur pretty early on in the tournament, which could potentially set up my bracket for disaster. The most exciting part of March Madness is the "cinderella teams" and the underdog 12-seeds that fight their way deep into the tournament.

Only time will tell which is the team of destiny that will come out on top when all is said and done. So make your picks and cross your fingers. Because the only thing predictable about March Madness is its unpredictability.