

Postponed for precipitation

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Bad weather has forced spring sports to push scheduled games until later in their season, effecting conference game schedules and practices

The months of April and May have been known to produce more than enough precipitation within the few weeks before the hot and dry weather of summer. Northern Virginia suffered from severe flooding that resulted in countless closed roads and cancelled county-wide activities, including school sports. At Oakton, each spring sport has had to reschedule at least one game in their schedule to avoid the rain. For example, varsity baseball played a game a few days ahead of schedule to avoid the predicted bad weather scheduled for their game day. But most sports have had to cancel or post-pone their own games until a later date instead.

Varsity softball captain Marleigh Hall was not happy with how the rain effected practice schedules and the necessity to practice indoors for weeks. "Not only would games be cancelled, but we would have to practice indoors, which is different from outside. It's a difficult adjustment," said Hall. "Now we have to play up to four games a week to make up all the postponed games we've had."

Lou Nugent, Activities Director, has had to deal with all the changes in schedules, and communicate between schools regarding playable fields.

"It is stressful, you have to do twice the amount of work for re-scheduling. And since in May we only have one gym, it's really tough to schedule indoor practice. Luckily, we have turf this year, so unless it is thundering and lightening, our soccer and lacrosse teams can still have practice outside. Baseball and softball still have to be scheduled for indoor practice, however."

The bad weather has made spring sports need to be patient and flexible regarding practice and game schedules. Teams must pay the price of excessive rain by dealing with multiple games each week in order to finish their seasons on time.



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Junior varsity seasons come to an end

As the seasons wrap up, JV teams finish with exceptional results

Courtesy of Oakton Athletics



Boys JV Soccer

JV soccer boys ended a solid season with six wins, four losses, and two ties.

"We ended our season with a 3-0 win against Westfield, which is exactly how we wanted it to end," said sophomore Tim Yin. "Coming into the season I thought we were a pretty good team and we proved that with our record."

Girls JV Soccer

As the season comes to a close, JV players are already preparing and working towards their future goals, "My goal for next year is to practice with my trainer and get in really good shape to tryout for varsity," said Alex Rishty, 10. The ladies ended the season with a final record of 6-5-1.



Courtesy of Alex Rishty

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JV Baseball

JV baseball ended the season with disappointment. Brendan Power, 10, especially didn't like the way things ended. "I ended the season with a broken leg." Overall, the team had an unsatisfying season with only 3 wins and 11 losses.

JV Softball

"We did pretty well and we all improved and learned how to play together. Now my goal is to just keep improving," said Katie Edwards, 10. The junior varsity girls ended the season with seven losses and four wins.

Courtesy of Katie Edwards

