Reinert advances to state tennis championships

By Rongi Yost Correspondent

The boys tennis team competed under miserable weather conditions at the 4A/3A//2A/1A District 3 Tennis tournament Sunday through Tuesday, May 10-12. Teams only got in 45 minutes of play on Sunday before the skies opened the floodgates and brought play to an abrupt end. Some matches were played in Redmond, and then teams were forced to indoor courts in Bend.

As miserable as Sunday was, Monday was worse. Teams were able to play from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Athletic Club of Bend, and finally, competition was wrapped up on Tuesday by 3 p.m., just in time, as the rain started again during the award ceremony.

Colin Reinert (senior foreign exchange student from Germany) finished with terrific results. Reinert beat Tyler West of St. Mary's, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, in an upset with scores of 6-4, 6-1.

"Colin played great, and beat the top-ranked player," said Bim Gander. "If you beat the top-ranked player, then you're next two matches are with unseeded players, which are almost always easier matches."

Reinert easily won his next two matches. Colin earned a 6-2, 6-1 win in the second round, and then defeated Ryan Reed of Marshfield 6-1, 6-1 in the quarter-finals. The win in the quarter-finals secured him a berth to the state tournament.

In the semi-finals, Reinert lost to Agular Ignacion, a foreign exchange student from North Bend and the No. 2 seed, 6-7 (5-7), 3-6.

Reinert went on to face Pratheev Werakoon, the No. 4 seed from St. Mary's. Colin lost the match 5-7, 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), and finished the tournament in fourth place.

"Colin had a terrific showing," said Gander. "He played 11 sets in two days, and played as well as I've seen him play all year. He played much more consistent, and he picked his spots to be aggressive and come to the net and finish a point. This all-court style of play is a strategy we've been working on all year, to take advantage of Colin's speed and experience."

Reinert will play in the state tournament held at Oregon State University on Thursday and Friday, May 21, and 22.

Almost all the other members of the Outlaws squad won at least one match in the tourney.

Connor Schaab, at No.2



singles, beat Brett Wyatt of Marshfield 6-2, 6-1, and in the second round lost to Avery Kerevin of St. Mary's 2-6, 2-6.

Jonny Gurney (No. 4 singles) defeated Hose Arellano of Marshfield and then lost to senior Brandt Hammer of North Bend, 6-4, 5-7, in the first two sets, and then 7-10 in the super tie-breaker.

"Jonny almost won that match," said Gander. "He put up a terrific fight against North Bend's No. 2 player. He had an absolute fabulous showing and it shows the tremendous potential that Jonny has for the next two years."

Sisters' No. 1 doubles team, Shawn Horton and Ethan Stengel, blanked Jake Fish and Karl Giurlani of Hidden Valley 6-0, 6-0, in

the first round. The duo lost 1-6, 1-6, to Hayden Lam and Leo Dosek (No. 2 seed) of Klamath Union in the second round.

Gabe Willitts and Ben Johnson (No. 2 doubles) had a great first match and defeated Chad Morse and Michael Toombs of Cascade Christian 1-6, 6-4, 10-7.

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"These guys also had a terrific showing in a phenomenal match," stated Gander. "They got beat badly in the first set, but rallied and came back in the second set, and finished in a great tie-breaker.'

The duo lost in the second round to the No. 4 seed Spencer Todd and RamRey Duran of Henley.

Josh Kizziar (sophomore) and Pierce Wehrle (junior) are both first-year players, and beat Nic Maurer and Adam Rooney of Klamath Union at the No. 3 doubles spot. The combo earned the win with scores of 4-6, 6-3, and 10-7 in the super tie-breaker.

"It was a very tight match," said Gander. "These two under-classmen are playing with the kind of poise you expect from seniors. I expect them to play much higher on our ladder next year."



Wed.~May 20

The Belfry Annual Luncheon **Benefit for Circle of Friends** 12 to 1 p.m. Donations welcome. Learn about Circle of Friends and being a mentor in Sisters. RSVP: 541-588-6445 or acircleoffriendsoregon.com.

Friday~May 22

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading & Slideshow with Bob Welch, "Cascade Summer" 6:30 p.m. On his journeys on the John Muir & Pacific Crest trails. \$5 entry refunded upon purchase of featured book. 541-549-0866

Clearwater Gallery Artists' Reception 4 to 6 p.m. Art by Chris Nelson and E. & A. Wentzel. Enjoy wine and appetizers! 541-549-4994 or go to theclearwatergallery.com.

Reception & Live Music with Dave Skelton & Friends 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and music for the gallery's 1st anniversary! 541-719-1800 or go to hoodavenueart.com

Gallery Kick-off Celebration for Sisters Arts Association 5 p.m. Join the party! For more information call 541-549-6472.

Exhibit & Refreshments

Stitchin' Post Ouilt Show **Poster Signing with Dennis** McGregor 1 to 4 p.m. Dennis will sign this year's poster, "A Timeless Tapestry." Info: 541-549-6061 or stitchinpost.com.

Blazin Saddles 5th Anniversary & Block Party 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Join the celebration! 541-719-1213 or blazinsaddleshub.com.

Sunday~May 24

Camp Sherman Community Hall Pancake Breakfast 8 to 11 a.m. for all-you-can-eat pancakes, ham, eggs, OJ & coffee. \$8 adults, \$5 kids 5 to 10 (free under 5). For Friends of the Metolius. 541-595-2719

Peterson Ridge Trail & FivePine campus Sisters

Stampede OBRA-sanctioned mountain bike race. Cash prizes and after-party at Three Creeks Brewing Co. Register at sistersstampede.com.

Monday~May 25

Village Green Park Memorial Day Ceremony 11 a.m. to noon. Come honor those who died while serving their country. Followed by a hamburger lunch, presented by Sisters VFW and American Legion. Info: Lance, 541-903-1123

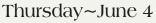
The Open Door Live Music with The Anvil Blasters 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For into go to opendoorwinebar.com or call 541-549-6076.

Outdoor Day 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 68395 Cloverdale Rd. Learn archery, shooting, outdoor survival, GPS & much more! Presented by the OR Hunters Assoc. Info: 541-388-7337 or 541-480-7323 or go to ohabend.webs.com.

Sisters High School Spring Dance Recital 6:30 p.m. Sisters Dance Academy presents "Journeys." Tickets at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 12 and younger per ticket at the door. For info: sistersdanceacademy.com or call 541-280-7159.

Monday~June 1

The Open Door Live Music with Heather & Tom 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information ao online to opendoorwinebar.com or call 541-549-6076.



The Belfry Music & Mentors with Steve Seskin & Friends 7 p.m. Presented by the Sisters Folk Festival as a fundraiser for Circle of Friends. For more info and tickets call CoF at 541-588-6445 or visit sistersfolkfestival.org.

Friday~June 5

Barclay Park Sisters Farmers

Friday~May 29

Three Creeks Brewery Production Facility Grand Opening! 5 to 8 p.m. at 265 E. Barclay Dr. For 21-and-over only. Tastings, tours & live music with Greg Botsford! RSVP if attending to celebrate@ threecreeksbrewing.com.

Saturday~May 30

McKenzie Pass Ride for Two Rivers The bike tour raises funds for the Metolius River & Whychus Creek. Register at nationalforests.org/connect/ events or 503-241-0467

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Market 2 to 5 p.m. It's the first market of the season, every Friday through Sept. 25! For information: 541-719-8030 or sistersfarmersmarket.com.

Saturday~June 6

The Belfry Live Music with Pigs on the Wing 8 p.m. Tribute to Pink Floyd's Dark-Side-of-the-Moon era, \$13 online at bendticket.com. 541-815-9122 or belfryevents.com.

Monday~June 8

The Open Door Live Music with Butterfly Breakdown 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information go online to opendoorwinebar.com or call 541-549-6076.

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