

Boys tennis plays short-handed

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The boys tennis team lost 7-1 to Stayton at home at Black Butte Ranch on Thursday, March 31. Sisters was forced to concede the No. 4 singles and doubles matches because the Outlaws were short-handed.

Isaiah Chapen and Jed Kizziar were Sisters' lone winners in the match. The duo defeated Tim Coblenz and Hayden Stuckart 6-1, 6-4.

Coach Bim Gander said, "Isaiah's consistency and Jed's court coverage and several winners down the middle were decisive. It was a great effort by our young rookies."

Jonny Gurney played a good match at No. 1 singles, but came up on the short end 3-6, 6-2, 3-6.

"Jonny was ultimately frustrated by a human backboard at No. 1 singles," said Gander. "Jonny's good shot-making was often bettered by some incredible retrieving by his very fit opponent."

Michael Commins played the longest match of the day, which went two-and-a-half hours, and was serving for the match at 5-4 in the third set. Commins lost to Ronaldo Salcedo with scores of 4-6, 6-4, 5-7.

"Michael was frustrated when a painful blister broke on his right (playing) hand at that crucial moment in the third set," said Gander. "But, these types of experiences will stiffen the resolves of our players going forward."



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Michael Commins returns the ball in singles tennis against Stayton.

Gander commented on third-set losses.

Gander said, "A decisive third-set loss in a long match is often the result of either physical or mental fatigue, but in this case, I think that Stayton's greater playing experience (six matches so far this season vs. only one for Sisters) in this young campaign was a factor."

On Saturday, the Outlaws' No. 1 and No. 2 singles and doubles players participated in the White Buffalo

Invitational.

Jonny Gurney placed seventh at No. 1 singles and Josh Kizziar placed ninth at No. 2 singles.

In doubles action, Jacob Gurney and Pierce Wehrle placed ninth at No. 1 doubles, and Isaiah Chapen and Sean Willitts placed tenth in No. 2 doubles.

The Outlaws were to play at home against Cascade on Tuesday, April 5. Sisters' next match will be Tuesday, April 12 at Corbett.

Students invited to apply for scholarships

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Lauren Wattenburg said, "The (Texas Ballet Theatre Summer) intensive was my first major program far away from home for an extended amount of time, so I had to learn how to cope through the ups and downs, while in a new place. I learned how to be more independent and responsible..."

Ashley Adams attended the Willowpark Art Camp Apprentice Assistant Internship. "I have learned that I am really good at connecting with kids, and they learn from me well."

"I now have decided where I want to go to college, and I have a much more clear idea

of what my future entails," she said.

"I took away so many things that I will use forever in my journey of life. Musical theater has taught me more about myself and what I can do. After walking away from this camp I was inspired to continue with this side of the arts because I finally found a place where I feel I belong," said Alana Lukens, who attended the UCLA Music Theatre Camp.

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Scholarships are managed and distributed through Sisters GRO. There are some restrictions to enrichment activities. Scholarship details and the application are available at www.sistersgro.com. Roundhouse Foundation Enrichment Experience Scholarship questions can be directed to Karen Hensley at information@sistersgro.com.

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