

Girls tennis posts two wins

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The Lady Outlaws' tennis squad traveled to Estacada on Tuesday, April 19, and posted a 6-2 win over the Rangers. Two days later bested Philomath 5-3 at home at Black Butte Ranch.

Sunny 85-degree weather provided the perfect conditions for Tuesday's match against the Rangers.

Lacey Gilmore and Mykaila Hartman both posted dominant wins at the No. 1 singles and No. 2 singles positions, respectively. Gilmore defeated Katie Day 6-1, 6-0, and Hartman defeated Loubna Jerrari 6-0, 6-1.

Mary Florian (No. 3 singles) defeated Hope Steffanson in a very long, physical match with scores of 6-4, 3-6, (10-5). Mary got off to a great start and went up 4-1 in the first set, but Steffanson changed the dynamic when she started to come into the net on virtually every point. After a consecutive three-game loss, Mary started to throw up some amazing lobs and was able to take the first set. Florian lost the second set, but charged back to take the tiebreaker.

"Mary was really hot and tired in the second set, and wasn't able to finish that one," said Coach Susan Fullhart. "Mary is extremely determined, and after resting for a few minutes, she came out and crushed it in the match-breaker."

Sisters won at the No. 4 singles position due to a forfeit.

In doubles play, Taylor Eagan and Hogan Hernandez (No. 2 doubles) were in total control and defeated Cindy Ucan and Shayla Ucan 6-1, 6-1.

Ashley Adams and Maggie Bidasolo (No. 4 doubles) teamed up for the first



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Lacey Gilmore smacks a backhand in girls singles tennis.

time and defeated Cambria Georgeson and Ursula Mckean 7-5, 6-0. Fullhart told *The Nugget* that both girls are very competitive and want to win.

"They competed really hard and took that close first set," said Fullhart. "Both girls placed the ball really well today. They did a good job of working together, and just ran down so many balls."

Two days later, the Lady Outlaws won three of their four singles matches, and also earned a victory at No. 2 and No. 4 doubles in their match against Philomath.

Lacey Gilmore (No. 1 singles) defeated Kindra Coleman 6-2, 6-0, in one of her best matches of the year. Coleman was a solid player, but Gilmore's patience paid off. Lacey played consistent throughout the match, and waited for Coleman to make a mistake.

Nika Chick posted a 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 victory over Rio Jensen in a long, physical match. Nika got behind in the first set 4-0 before she came back to win in a tiebreaker. Chick won the second set serving at 6-5, 40-40.

"Since we play no add-in in high school, if Nika wins

this point the match is over, but if she loses it's another tiebreaker," said Fullhart. "Nika is one of those athletes who raises her level when the chips are down, and that's what she did today."

At the No. 4 singles position, Moriah Jones beat Madison Francis 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Jones played a solid and consistent against an opponent who wouldn't quit. Jones' steady and strong play earned her the win.

Hogan Hernandez and Taylor Eagan defeated Alisha Vanvlak and Ruby Noriyoki 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Fullhart told *The Nugget* that Hernandez and Eagan played their best match of the season. The duo were consistent in their serves, and some of their volleys were absolutely unbelievable. Fullhart added that what she liked most about their match was how well the duo communicated and worked together.

Sisters earned a win at No. 4 doubles due to a forfeit.

The Lady Outlaws were to play at Madras on Tuesday, April 26. On Thursday, April 28, Sisters will travel to Crook County.

Hope Africa photographs displayed

A special art installation is on display at Sisters Coffee Co. in Sisters.

Hope Africa, a local child sponsorship organization, traveled to Kapchorwa, Uganda. They brought renowned local photographer Victoria Carlson along to document the village where Hope Africa sponsors hundreds of impoverished children. They returned with a stunning visual display telling the story of the Hope Africa organization and the hope it offers to some of the poorest children in the world. Visit website at www.hopeafricakids.org.

The goal of the art display is to get children waiting to be sponsored signed up for the Hope Africa program. For \$37/month anyone can sponsor one of the children pictured in the photos.

The website notes that: "Once a child is sponsored, his or her life changes drastically. Instead of struggling to participate regularly in school, they receive practical help and an excellent education. Attention is paid to four aspects of child development for a holistic approach: academic, physical, social and spiritual.

"Spiritual development is a core component, through regular times of prayer, Bible study, and worship. Sponsorship offers a child immediate hope, by covering the practical costs of a healthy start in life: school tuition and supplies, uniforms, a hot meal every day, and medical care as needed. Most importantly, sponsorship assures that the child has access to the eternal hope found in relationship with Jesus."

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