

Outlaws tennis has tough week

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The boys tennis team came off spring break a little flat and it showed, as Sisters lost to the White Buffalos twice this past week.

Sisters hosted Madras on Wednesday, April 5, and the doubles duo of Jed Kizziar and Jacob Gurney were the only players that even had a chance to post a win.

Coach Bim Gander said, "The boys scored an early service break against the experienced Dominguez/Salgado duo. They gave the break back, but then they were able to prevail in a close tiebreaker to win the first set. The Madras team stepped up their game considerably as the match played on, and our guys just weren't able to keep pace."

The young Outlaws' experience deficit showed during every match at the three and four positions. All of Sisters' opponents have been able to bring both JV and varsity teams, and when the younger Outlaws compete the second time against players at the JV level, they do much better.

On Saturday, Sisters competed at the Madras Invite in the traditional round-robin format for the top two singles players and doubles teams.

Sisters, Madras, Cascade and Estacada were District No. 2 representatives this year, along with Klamath Union and Henley from District No. 3, and Vale.

Although the Outlaws didn't post a win, Jacob Gurney played well for Sisters. Gurney finished in second place overall among the No. 1 singles players, and finished only three games behind Hayden Lam of Klamath Union.

"Jonny's serve was the best it's been so far this year; more consistent and more punishing," said Gander. "He's also constructing his points with more authority, probing with deeper ground strokes and finding more opportunities at the net."

At No. 1 doubles, Kizziar and Jacob Gurney's results were better than they appeared. They were just unlucky on several critical deuce points during the three

matches they played. Gander told *The Nugget* that Kizziar played better late in the day, and showed more patience and consistency than Gander has seen all year.

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"The tournament gave us a good opportunity to scout two district opponents that we will see in the coming weeks," said Gander.

Sisters was to travel to Molalla on Tuesday, April 11. On Thursday, April 13, the Outlaws will play at home against North Marion.

SHS winds performs at district festival

The SHS Wind Ensemble performed at the District Band Festival for the first time since 2014 and came in second in its category. The event was held last month at Ridgeview High School in Redmond.

Director of Bands Tyler Cranor said, "It's pretty exciting considering it's our first year back. Our band is also very young and still small, being comprised of only three seniors out of 12 students, and nine incoming freshman."



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Pictured left to right: Tyler Cranor, Nathaniel Hicks, Ethan Ferwalt, Dalton Gonzales, Jordan Cole, Kaylee Huber, Lydia Bartlett, Brandon Ermatinger, Lachlan Wood, Johanna Geisen, Taylor Scholl, McKenzie Costello, Ben Hills.

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