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Jacob Gurney returns a shot in doubles with Jed Kizzar in a win vs. Philomath.

Boys tennis notches No. 1 doubles win

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Sisters' No. 1 doubles team was the lone victory in the Outlaws 6-1 loss to Philomath at home on Thursday, April 27.

Jed Kizzar and Jacob Gurney defeated Luke Haslam and Alec Stuki 6-2, 7-5. The duo have proved they're a force to be reckoned with, and have won all but two of their dual meet competitions.

The combo came about in an unexpected manner. When the season began, Coach Bim Gander had planned for Jed to play singles because of his foot speed and court coverage. Gander planned to play him at No. 3 singles, behind his older brother, Josh, with the thought that he would move up a slot next year, and

be one of the team leaders.

That all changed when senior Sean Willitts was unable to team up with Gurney, due to an early season injury. Gander had to quickly improvise, and teamed Jed with Jacob in the first doubles slot at the Outlaws match against Redmond.

Since then they've been a winning combination.

"Their doubles chemistry is nothing less than astounding!" said Gander. "To my pleasant surprise, they're almost certain to receive a seeded position in next week's district 2 tournament, which starts on Thursday, May 4, at Stayton."

The Outlaws were to play at Estacada on Tuesday, May 2. They will play at district two days later at Stayton.

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Twenty-five of the applicants were from outside Oregon. Telephone interviews were conducted with 18 of the 42 applicants and the field was narrowed to eight semi-finalists, five from Oregon and three from out of state. From the eight semi-finalists, the four finalists were selected.

Jensen Strategies, the Portland firm that has conducted the recruiting process, is doing background and reference checks on the four finalists.

The local interview process will take place over two days, May 22-23. On Monday afternoon, May 22, City staff will be meeting with all four candidates

at a meet-and-greet. From 5 to 6:30 p.m. on May 22, the public is invited to an open house to meet the candidates, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar.

Tuesday, May 23, each of the finalists will go through individual interviews with three different panels. Current and retired municipal and other government officials from Central Oregon comprise the first panel. The second group will be made up of a broad cross-section of community members, with the five City councilors conducting the third interview.

Feedback from all three panels on each of the candidates will be collected and organized by Jensen and provided to the Council members for their use during their final deliberations on Wednesday, May 24, when they will make their selection for city manager.

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