

Outlaws tennis beats North Marion

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The boys tennis team posted their first win of the season with a 4-0 victory over North Marion (NM) on Friday, April 13. Three days earlier, the Outlaws wrapped up their match at home against Molalla in a tie.

Sisters was scheduled to play at North Marion on Friday, but due to rain on the west side, the NM boys came over the hill with the girls team, and the boys match was also played in Sisters.

Sisters came out on top in both the No. 1 and No. 2 singles and doubles spots. As NM could not field a full team, No. 3 singles and doubles and No. 4 singles and doubles matches were not played.

Jed Kizziar (No. 1 singles) bumped his league record to 3-0 with a 6-0, 6-4 win over Gabe Frita.

Weber (No. 2 singles) defeated Freddy Rios 6-2, 6-2, to move him to 3-0 in league.

Eli Gurney and Brogan Petterson (No. 1 doubles) posted a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Jai Levine and Kyle McConkey. The duo have come close in several earlier matches, but this win marked their first victory of the season.

Aaron Johnson and Sam Mayes, at No. 2 doubles, trounced Tate Durst and Sean Harris with scores of 6-0, 6-0.

Three days earlier, the Outlaws match against Molalla finished in a tie, even

after two tie-breakers. Both teams won four matches, 10 sets, and 92 games.

At the No. 1 singles spot, Kizziar lost his first set in a tie-breaker against Logan Child 6-7, and needed a big comeback in the second set to stay alive. Jed trailed 1-5 in the second set, and the outcome looked bleak, but Kizziar came back and won six consecutive games to take the second set 7-6. He took that momentum and sailed to a 6-0 final-set win.

Weber (No. 2 singles)



Jed Kizziar returns the ball vs. Molalla.

won his second match of the season with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Eric Jones.

“Nate continues to improve,” said Coach Carl Click. “He moved his opponent around the court well to set up his winners from both the net and the baseline.”

Johnson and Mayes (No. 2 doubles) earned a three-set win (6-2, 4-6, 6-2) over Viol and Teo.

Tucker Higgins and Jack Bullis got their first win of the season at the No. 4 doubles spot. With the team outcome on the line, Higgins and Bullis won their first set in a tiebreaker, and then cruised to a 6-1 second-set win.

“Bullis discovered the joy of putting away points at the net, sometimes with a little extra energy, and it paid off,” said Click.

Click told *The Nugget* that it was a good week for the Outlaws.

“We won four matches in the tie against Molalla, and then got our first team victory over North Marion,” said Click. “After taking our lumps from bigger schools, with more experienced tennis players, we are now learning how to win our individual matches, and that makes for team success. We want that success to continue in the remaining matches against our other league opponents.”

The Outlaws will play at home against Stayton on Thursday, April 19.

Sisters Country birds

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While enjoying seeds in conifers and now in the emerging aspens, Cassin’s finch (*Haemorhous cassinii*) can be seen flocking together as they return to Central Oregon.

Monogamous pairs form in spring and will breed and nest semi-colonially, nesting closely in the tops of large conifers. The female constructs the nest with grasses, hair, lichen, twigs and natural fibers. Incubation by the female of 4-5 light greenish-blue speckled eggs for 12-14 days and after constant feeding by both parents, leave the nest in two weeks.

Cassin’s finches can be identified by their sharp red crest and are common visitors to black-sunflower-seed feeders and will empty them quickly. Also they are fond of mineral salts, which can be found on the ground throughout their territory. The Cassin’s finch has been listed on the IUCN as Near Threatened since 2004 although the cause of declining populations is not fully understood.

A group of finches are referred to as a “trembling,” a “charm,” or a “company.”

To view more images of the Cassin’s finch, visit <http://abirdsingsbecauseithasasong.com/recent-journeys/>.



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Cassin’s finch.

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