

GIRLS TENNIS: Players are improving their play weekly

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Zamora 6-3, 6-4. The duo continued to improve and hit consistent shots throughout the match. VonStein noted they still need to work on their footwork and net play.

Silva and Fitzke (No. 2 doubles) beat Verbin and Sanchez 6-1, 6-1. Sophie and Lauren are just sophomores, and according to VonStein should develop into a very nice pair. They dominated play and hit strategically placed shots in their second match together.

Fitzke said, "We're a good match and work together well. Sophie's serves are really good and strong and fast, and I'm stronger at returning the ball. Today, we worked hard to keep the balls low because they had trouble returning them."

Winter and Rush (No. 3 doubles) defeated Garcia and MacDowell 6-1, 6-1, and Ezell and Jade Anaya (No. 4 doubles) beat Abildurger and Gridinar 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, in the most challenging match of the night. It was Anaya's first match of the season, and she did a great job. VonStein noted that Jade is an ambidextrous player, which was very helpful. She played at a steady pace, and her quickness across the court was very good.

"Overall, the girls have made great improvement and are doing very well," said VonStein.

The Lady Outlaws were to make up a game with Cascade on Monday, April 22, and then play at home against Corbett on Tuesday, April 23. They will travel to Estacada on Thursday.

Boys LAX splits games

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The Outlaws started their week with a tough 15-2 loss at home to Summit on Tuesday, April 16, but two days later posted a 10-3 JV1 win at McNary.

In the win over McNary on Friday, a mix of varsity and JV players from both teams played in steady rain. The rain didn't affect the Outlaws' performance as they outplayed McNary from start to finish.

Sisters held a 5-2 advantage after two quarters of play. In the second half, the Outlaws held McNary to just one goal, and tacked on five more of their own for the win.

Gator Haken scored four goals for the Outlaws and Trey Stadeli contributed two. Riley Sellers, Wyatt Maffey, Max Palanuk, and Matt Harris each scored one goal. Connor Martin, Ricky Huffman, Wyatt Maffey, and Max Palanuk all had one assist.

Harris scooped up nine ground balls to lead the Outlaws, but freshmen Connor Martin, Gaven Henry, Riley Sellers, Wyatt Maffey, and Tanner Pease really helped out as each of them recorded five ground balls. Sisters finished with 48 ground balls compared to McNary's 23.

The defensive unit of Harris, Oscar Rhett, Austin Ekern, and Mathew Retherford had an excellent game and made Anthony Randolph's job in the goal much easier. They did a great job, and limited McNary to just 15 shots. Sisters also won the faceoff battle 10-5, and controlled the ball on the offensive end.

Sisters had seven players

unable to attend the game, so the 16 players that did travel were able to get in a lot of playing time and varsity experience.

"This was a good game for us to go on the road and get a convincing win after our loss to Summit at home earlier in the week," said Patton.

In Tuesday's loss to Summit, the Outlaws had trouble stopping the Storm's fast break off the faceoff in the first two quarters, and were down 11-2 at the half. Sisters did improve defensively as the game progressed, and only allowed the Storm three goals in the final half.

Haken scored both the Outlaws' goals in their loss to Summit on Wednesday. Matt Harris led the team with seven ground balls, and goalie Anthony Randolph had 19 saves on 51 shots by the Storm, which Patton stated



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Trey Stadeli attacks the goal vs. Summit.

is excellent against such a strong team.

Sisters committed 21 turnovers in the contest, compared to Summit's eight.

The Outlaws did have several good shots on goal, but unfortunately they were saved by their very good goalie.

Patton said, "Our young guys continue to improve from week to week, and the

older boys are doing a good job of leading by example. Despite the lopsided score, we competed hard the whole game, and had some positive possessions to build on."

The Outlaws will play at home against Summit JV on Wednesday, April 24, at home against Marist on Friday, and wrap up their week on the road against West Albany on Saturday.

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