

Boys tennis rolls past Estacada

By Rongi Yost
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The boys tennis squad posted an easy 7-1 win at home over Estacada on Thursday, April 25. The victory pushed the Outlaws to a 6-1 league record, and 10-2 overall. If the Outlaws tally a win on Monday against Madras, they will end in a three-way tie for first place with Cascade and Philomath.

Seniors Jed Kizziar and Isaiah Chapen had the best match of the day in the No. 1 doubles match. The combo defeated Gabriel Martinez and Carson Eaton 6-4, 6-4. Since combining as a team, Kizziar and Chapen are 4-0.

Jed and Isaiah were down 1-4 in the second set, but came back strong and won five consecutive games to take the match in straight sets. Both the seniors served the ball well. Coach Carl Click told *The Nugget* that Kizziar has developed a hard first serve that wins a lot of points when he gets it in. Chapen was consistent, and kept the ball in play from the baseline, and Jed put away any mistakes from their opponents.

Kizziar said, “We finally figured out how to play doubles together. We combined our different styles of play, and we both had a lot of power and consistency on our serves, which led to points.

Chapen added, “This was the first match where we both played to each other’s strengths. I did what I needed to do to set Jed up, and he did the same for me.”

Juniors Eli Gurney and Brogan Petterson have won three consecutive league matches since their move to the No. 2 doubles spot. The duo beat Jon Junker and Raymond Garcia 6-1, 6-1. Both players have improved their serves, and they are controlling points instead of fighting to stay alive. Click is hoping these improvements will pay off with wins in the district tournament.

George Bates and Drew



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Elijah Gurney goes after a shot in Outlaws tennis action.

Collins-Burke moved up to the No. 3 doubles spot, and posted their seventh win of the season with a 6-1, 6-0, victory over James Rich and Grant Wagner.

Nate Weber dominated play at No.1 singles with a 6-0, 6-0, win over Cody Syring. Weber has won nine singles matches, and this was his first without giving up a game.

Of his win, Weber said, “I was focused and consistent with my strokes. Instead of trying to kill it and win the point with one stroke, I was patient.”

Keaton Green (No. 2 singles) defeated Carson

Beguelin 6-0, 6-1, in his eighth and most decisive win of the season.

“Keaton pounded the ball deep to the opponent’s backhand, and then came to the net for an easy put-away to the wide side,” said Click. “Tennis art; it happened over and over again.”

Colton Seymour (No. 3 singles) beat Gabriel Miller 6-1, 6-1, and Aspen Geisen (No. 4 singles) defeated Grant Richards 6-3, 6-4.

The Outlaws were to play in their final dual match of the season on Monday, April 29, They will play at Madras in the first round of Districts on Thursday, May 2.

Sisters Country birds

By Douglas Beall
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After wintering in South and Central America, our feathered friends are returning to breed and raise a new generation. High amongst the pines, firs, and hemlocks, a small warbler displaying vivid colors will be singing, eating, and maintaining its breeding territory: The hermit warbler (*Setophaga occidentalis*) is a unique bird occurring only in the Pacific Northwest, Northern California and Nevada.

The hermit warbler forages mainly in the canopy of tall trees, sometimes 200 feet above ground. Males often forage higher than females.

Nests are 20 to 40 feet up in an evergreen tree and constructed with pine needles, twigs, lichens and lined with soft bark and animal hair. The female builds the nest and lays 4 to 5 creamy brown flecked eggs which

are incubated for 12 days and leave the nest in 8 to 10 days. The nestlings are fed caterpillars, spiders, and insects.

They hybridize with the Townsend’s warbler where their ranges overlap in Oregon and Washington. An assembly of hermit warblers is known as a “seclusion.” To see more images of the hermit warbler, visit <http://abirdsingsbecauseithasasong.com/recent-journeys>.



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