

# Draw hurts Cougs at regionals Netmen fail at repeat attempt

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We have all heard the old adage, "Luck of the draw." Well, for the men's tennis team it may well have been the luck—or unluck—of the draw that virtually eclipsed the teams' chances of repeating as the Region 18 champs.

According to CCC tennis Coach Rich Taylor, "After the draw, Treasure Valley had the tournament won." And as Taylor predicted, Treasure Valley indeed did win the tourney, totaling 23 points to 12 for the Cougs who finished second, two points ahead of third place Mt. Hood. Lane finished fourth followed by Chemeketa, Blue Mountain, and Southwestern Oregon Community College.

The way the draw went, the team from Ontario drew schools seeded in the fifth, sixth, and seventh positions while the Cougs, Mt. Hood and Lane virtually beat each other up on the other side of the ladder. Instead of the Cougs getting help from Hood and Lane, they hurt each other, and Treasure Valley glided to the title.

A perfect case in point was at the number-one singles slot where Dave Thomas was playing for the CCC netmen. Thomas entered the semi-finals against Mt. Hood's Steve Pouppirt and blitzed Pouppirt

in the first set, 6-0. Thomas led in the second set, 4-2, and even had his opponent at match point.

Then things began to fall apart. Thomas apparently hit a ball that was out that would have been match point. The point was played and Pouppirt came back to win the game and eventually the set, in a 7-6 tie-breaker. Pouppirt then won the decisive set, 6-4, and Dave Thomas was eliminated. Pouppirt then lost in the finals to Treasure Valley's Mike Machado, who Thomas had defeated earlier in the season.

In the finals of the number-two singles, it was a match between CCC's rocket-handed redhead, Dave Long, and T.V.'s Parry O'Keefe. The match went three sets but the result was a duplicate of their prior confrontation as O'Keefe took the match, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Dave Savage of the Cougs was eliminated in the quarter finals at the number-three singles slot by Scott Elliot, again of Mt. Hood. The scoring went 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Jeff Alexander lasted until the finals at number four but lost in straight sets to Treasure Valley's Greg Freitas. At number-five singles, Dan Alexander lost in three sets to Joe Scrimmer from Hood, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0, while John Hazlett lost in the semi-finals to John Geise of

T.V. at number six, 6-2, 6-3.

The only regional title for the Cougs came at the number-one doubles slot where Long and Thomas gained a three-set win over Treasure Valley's Mike Machado and Parry O'Keefe, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, to gain a bit of revenge for earlier losses.

Dan Alexander and Dave Savage lost in the semi-finals of the number-two doubles competition while John Hazlett and Jeff Alexander lost in the finals of the number-three doubles.

Coach Taylor probably summed up the tournament the best saying, "The draw did not go our way. We were hoping to get some help from

Hood and Lane." Taylor added, "By the end of the tournament, we were mentally worn out and T.V. waltzed right through."

All is not lost for the CCC netmen, however, as it appears the team will end the season with a trip to Florida and the national tournament in Ocala.

Taylor said Long and Thomas are going for sure but that the whole team has a good chance of going. Athletic Director Chuck Hudson allowed Taylor to make reservations for the whole team, so if all goes according to schedule, the team will leave Saturday for Ocala. Maybe they can find room aboard for one humble sports reporter.

## Sports briefs

### Tennis Tourney Slated

Community recreation will be sponsoring a tennis tournament, scheduled for May 30, 31 and June 1.

Community recreation coordinator, Paul Fiskum, has set up five divisions for both men and women. The division will be divided into a 35-and-over group, an open division, intermediate, high school and novice.

The tournament will get underway at 6 p.m. Friday with matches until about 10. Play will resume the next day at 9 a.m. and will continue until 10 p.m. that night. Finals will be on Sunday beginning at 1 p.m. and will last until approximately 10 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the champions in each division with ribbons going to second, third, fourth and fifth place finishers.

Single elimination will be in effect but there will be a consolation bracket.

There is a \$2 registration fee and the deadline for sign-ups is Thursday at 5 p.m. If you are interested in competing in the tournament, contact Community Services at ext. 211.

### Intramurals

The CCC intramural softball league is now underway and the Banchiez have broken on top with two wins in as many outings.

The Banchiez gained a forfeit win over Cindy's last Thursday and defeated the Ball Team the following Tuesday, 6-4.

Also last Thursday, the Green M and M's slipped past the Draft T's, 6-5. In the other game on Tuesday, Cindy's blanked the Draft T's, 6-0.

## Tracksters return from nationals

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For a select few CCC track athletes, Waco, Texas, will probably be etched in their memories for some time as that was the sight of the National Junior College Athletic Association track and field championships last week.

Men's track Coach Buck Monroe took four of his athletes to Waco and all were confronted with the intense competition that goes along with national competition.

Sprinters Bret Brouse and John Martin competed in the 100 meters. Brouse managed to place fourth in his heat to qualify for another race, where he was eliminated. Martin failed to qualify as he did not place in his heat.

Bob Ryan went to test his decathlon skills against some of the best on the community college level. Ryan finished up with 5935 points which placed

him 14th overall. Jim Colgan did not place in the steeple chase.

Monroe and his assistant, Kelly Sullivan, have already begun the tedious and tough task of recruiting and will probably be looking to add some field event people to give the team some much needed depth next year.

Monroe said he expects all of his freshmen to return next year which should give him a strong nucleus. With the addition of some shot putters and discus throwers, as well as other field specialists, the Cougs may be contenders next season.

Nancy Reynolds was the top woman finisher, placing second in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17 minutes, 52 seconds. Sue Hanneman also placed in Waco as she clocked a 56.52 in the 400 meters which was good enough for third place.

The mile relay team of Hanneman, Dani Varner, Lisa Pierce and Jodi Moore managed an 11th place finish out of 17 schools.

Several of the women's field athletes responded well in Texas with Joy Czmowski pitching the discus just over 120 feet to take fifth in that event. Cathy Gross gained a seventh in the javelin with a toss of 123' 1" and Dani Varner placed eighth in the javelin, throwing the spear 120' 10."



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