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Recruiting begins

Mark Sanford falters in region tournament

By Rick Obritschkewitsch
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At the onset of the Cougar tennis season, Coach David Buckley and his men netters had set the goal of getting to the regionals. One person, Mark Sanford, made it to the regionals held at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario last Friday and Saturday. But that's where the season ended.

In the first round of the Region 18 Tennis Championships, Sanford was defeated by Gary Wheeler of Chemeketa Community College, 6-1, 2-6, and 3-6, moving him to consolation competition where he

took another loss. Sanford lost to a Blue Mountain Community College opponent to end his and the Cougar men's tennis season.

Sanford gained the opportunity to participate in the regionals by defeating a competitor from Southwestern Oregon Community College in two straight games, 6-2 and 6-3, in the Oregon Community College Athletic Association Champions held the previous week.

Buckley was happy with the season overall, looking at the team's handicaps at the beginning of the season. "I took the job of coach late and didn't

have time to do any more recruiting," stated Buckley. It was a group of guys fairly inexperienced in college tennis competition, and a new coach who hadn't gained the position until about six months before the season's onset.

"We improved throughout the season and were competitive, defeating three of the teams in our league," stated Buckley.

With a new coach and inexperienced players, the season was a learning experience for the team all around.

Buckley has an optimistic view for the Cougars next year. He'll have a whole year this time to do recruiting with two of this year's netters, Allen Cloud and Oddys Trillo, returning. Buckley has already started on two players he hopes to recruit for next season.

One problem Buckley has run up against in recruitment of new talent is that many of the better netters, now seniors in high school, are planning on going to four-year colleges and universities.



Staff photo by Duffy Coffman

A REGIONAL FINALE—Mark Sanford was the lone men's Cougar netter to make it to the Region 18 Tennis Championships only to come back in defeat.

Cougar Baseball

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Women netters conclude with national frustration

By Wanda Percival
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The Cougar women's tennis team returned last Thursday from national competition in Ocala, Fla., where they were defeated in first-round singles play, and went on to second-round competition in doubles.

"I felt they played better at the regional tournament," said

Coach Gladys Michael. "I chalk it up to national jitters."

In first-round singles competition, Pat Philpot was defeated in first singles by L. Lewis of Peace College in Raleigh, N.C., 6-2, 6-0. At second singles, Diane Kraxberger bowed to T.A. Richter of Sinclair CC in Dayton, Ohio, 6-4, 6-0. Bonnie Dillman fell to B. Brevard of Lansing CC in

Lansing, Mich., at third singles 7-6, 5-7, 7-5. In fourth singles Lisa Liechty was downed by R.M. Walden of Enterprise State, Enterprise, Ala. 6-0, 6-1.

In first-round doubles action Kraxberger/Philpot defeated Landry/Burgers of Midland Texas, 6-6, 6-0, in first doubles to take the number-one seed. At second doubles Dillman/Wendy Young topped Bonini/Bonini of Western Wyoming, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, going on to the second-round competition where they lost to fifth-seeded Brackin/Jack of Roanoke State CC in Harrison, Tenn. Those scores were unavailable.

The final results shined light on Texas as four of the schools took the top four positions. Midland and Shriners tied at first place while Cook County and Indian River tied at third.

Cougar netters were playing in temperatures from 83 to 88 degrees with high humidity but "they adjusted well to the heat," said Michael.

Michael was pleased with the overall Cougar performance. "It's been a very gratifying season," she said.

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