

DALLAS GIRLS TENNIS

New doubles pair excelling

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DALLAS — Prior to high school, Addie Gillette and Lynn Gumpinger's experience in doubles tennis consisted mainly of what they saw on TV.

This spring, the duo came together to form Dallas' top doubles pair.

Gillette's switch to doubles began last season when she played with former player Dana Taylor.

"I thought I was going to play singles," Gillette said.

"(Coach Jordan) Sollman put me in doubles with Dana. She was a senior. I was fortunate to play with her. I learned a ton."

This spring, all she needed was a new partner.

Gumpinger played singles in 2015, but Sollman saw chemistry between the two players.

"Compatibility is huge for doubles," Sollman said. "... They can be skilled, but if they can't mesh with their partner, they aren't going to win too many matches. It's as simple as that."

Sollman saw his match.



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Lynn Gumpinger hits during practice on April 13.

Dallas girls tennis

• Dallas lost to Crescent Valley 7-1 on April 12. The doubles pair of Amanda Shafer and Silaja Bjorneby earned the team's lone victory. The Dragons played Silverton on Monday. Results were not available before press time.

• The Dragons' match against Lebanon, originally scheduled for Thursday, was postponed because of weather to Tuesday after press time. Dallas plays at Woodburn Wednesday (today) and hosts Central Friday. Both matches begin at 4 p.m. The Dragons also play at North Marion Saturday at noon before hosting South Albany Monday at 4 p.m.

Gumpinger was excited to try the change — even if it meant learning to be more aggressive.

"It's hard for me to put away the point," Gumpinger said. "In singles, I was a little more defensive and tried to get the ball back over. In doubles, you have to find the gaps and angles and hit good shots."

The pair may not be the

most experienced, but they've learned quickly, rising to the Dragons' top doubles spot.

And as the pair works to round into top form for districts in May, they're excited to see what they can accomplish.

"We have a better sense of playing together," Gillette said. "I think we can do well at districts if we keep progressing."

Returning a hit



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Central's Patience Teague returns a hit against Silverton on April 12. Despite their best efforts, both of the Panthers' scheduled matches last week were postponed because of rain. Central defeated Woodburn 7-1 on Monday. Kylie Smith, Ana Martinez and Tomoka Naru earned singles points. Central swept the doubles matches with Renne Bruning and Danielle Chance, Olivia Teague and Diana Huerte, Julia Hamar and Andrea Garibay and Annika Riddel and Katelyn Trevino also earning wins. Central hosts South Albany Wednesday (today) before playing at Corvallis on Thursday and at Dallas on Friday. The Panthers return home to play Crescent Valley on Monday. All matches are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

DALLAS ROUNDUP

Boys track and field places second

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DALLAS — Dallas' boys track and field team finished second at its home meet on April 13. The girls placed third.

Senior Justin Huxel won the boys 200-meter run in 24.33 seconds, and senior Cody Tilgner placed first in the 1,500 (4:26.01) to lead the boys in the track events.

Junior Harrison Broadus won the javelin with a throw of 148 feet, 7 inches and Aaron White took first in the triple jump (42-1) in the field events. The Dragons' 4 x 100 relay team of Malakai Connolla, Cody Webb, White and Huxel also took first (45.02).

Junior Stefani Tallon won the girls 100 hurdles in 16.83 seconds, and senior Naomi Howe took first in the 300 hurdles (49.10) to lead the girls in the track events.

Senior Kyleen Benz won the shot put (34-4) and discus (108-4), and Kayley Sayer won the long jump to lead Dallas' girls team in the field events.

Dallas will compete at the Central Coast Invite on Friday before hosting South Albany Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

BASEBALL FALLS TO CRESCENT VALLEY: Dallas' baseball team dropped three games to Crescent Valley last week. Dallas fell 6-1 on April 12 and 5-1 and 6-1 on Friday. The losses

dropped the Dragons to 7-7 overall and 5-4 in Mid-Willamette Conference play. Dallas entered the week in a tie for third place with Central. The Dragons began a three-game series against Silverton Tuesday after press time.

Dallas plays at Silverton Wednesday (today) before hosting the Silver Foxes Friday. The Dragons open a three-game set at home against Corvallis on Tuesday.

All games begin at 4:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS DEFEATS CV: Dallas' boys tennis team defeated Crescent Valley 6-2 on Friday. The Dragons swept the singles matches with Thomas Gniadecki, Caedmon Blair, Cole Oace and Luis Zavala earning victories. The doubles pairs of Randy Mullins and Ryan Bibler,

and Travis Wilson and Michael Friesen also earned wins.

The Dragons' match against Lebanon was postponed until Tuesday after press time. Dallas hosts Woodburn Wednesday (today) and plays at Central Friday and at South Albany on Monday. All matches begin at 4 p.m.

BOYS GOLF PLACES

FOURTH: Dallas' boys golf team finished fourth at Mallard Creek on Monday. Mason Maddox shot a 90 over 18 holes to lead the Dragons. Adam Nicholson recorded a 92. Fabian Schmidt (100), Tristan White (104) and Zac Price (111) also competed for Dallas. The Dragons will compete at Corvallis Country Club in the team's final tournament Monday at 10 a.m.



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Dallas' Aaron White won the triple jump on April 13.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Baseball loses two to Silverton

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SILVERTON — Central's baseball team lost two of three games to Silverton last week. The Panthers won the opening game of the series 2-1 on April 11 before falling 10-4 on April 13 and 5-4 on Friday.

Central had 10 hits in the second game, including doubles from Peter Mendazona, Jackson Holstad and Andrew Barry, but four errors proved costly.

The Panthers (7-5 overall, 5-4 Mid-Willamette Conference) entered the week in a tie for second place with Dallas. Central hosted Crescent Valley Tuesday after press time. The Panthers play at CV Wednesday (today) and Friday. Central opens a three-game series at South Albany on Tuesday. All

games are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS FALLS TO LEBANON: Central's boys tennis squad lost to Silverton 5-2 on April 12. Senior Kevin Cable earned the Panthers' lone singles point. The doubles pair of Cade Magill and Grayson Mann also earned a victory.

The Panthers lost to Woodburn 5-3 on Monday. Cable and Anthony Martinez earned singles victories. Luis Vera and Joel Robinson secured the Panthers' lone doubles point. The Panthers play at South Albany Wednesday (today) and Corvallis on Thursday. The Panthers also host Dallas on Friday before playing at Crescent Valley on Monday. All matches are scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK WINS HOME MEET: Central's boys track and field squad won a home meet on April 13. Samuel Cole won the boys shot put with a throw of 47 feet, 10 1/2 inches; Jaxon Hutchinson won the pole vault (10-0); Isaiah Abraham won the long jump (19-5) and Ian Oberst won the triple jump (39-8) to lead the boys. The 4 x 100-meter relay team of Nick Burgett, Isaiah

Abraham, Casey Brown and Hutchinson also placed first with a time of 45.10 seconds.

The girls placed third at home. Bethanie Altamirano won the girls 200 in 27.33 seconds. The 4 x 100 relay team of Elizabeth Chavez, Sophia Henke, Altamirano and Reba Hoffman also took first (52.24).

Central also competed at the Viking Relays on Friday. Isaac Burgett took second in the boys 400 (52.72); Josh Dickson placed second in the 300 hurdles (42.18); and Kyle Miller took second in the discus (142-2).

The girls 4 x 100 relay team of Chavez, Alex Alvarez, Altamirano and Hoffman took fourth (52.06 seconds) to lead the girls. No team scores were kept.

Central will host the John Oliver Invitational Friday at 4 p.m.

BOYS GOLF TAKES SEVENTH: Central's boys golf squad placed seventh at Mallard Creek on Monday. Andrew Love shot a 103 to lead the Panthers. Joey Wittbrodt (107), Trevor Whittemore (111) and Jonah Lutz (164) also competed. Central will play at Corvallis Country Club Monday at 10 a.m.

Calling: Priebe started teaching in his garage

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"It was rough," Priebe said. "Part of why I got out of shape and was partying a lot was depression of not being able to do what I love."

Years later, in 2008, a friend ran into Priebe and was shocked with Priebe's physical shape.

"He told me, 'hey man, you used to be a college wrestler. What happened?'" Priebe said.

That friend had recently begun training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, a martial art that focuses on grappling, and extended an invitation to Priebe.

"I'll be honest, when he approached me, it probably took three or four months to convince me to do it," Priebe said. "I was so set in my ways of being comfortable and being lazy."

Eventually, he gave in — partly out of curiosity and partly to appease his friend.

Turns out Brazilian Jiu Jitsu was one of the best choices he ever made.

At first, Priebe was drawn to the similarities to wrestling, but success on the wrestling mat doesn't mean an easy time in Jiu Jitsu.

"In wrestling, you always want to be on top," Priebe said. "In Jiu Jitsu, that's not always the case. You have to be very dangerous off of your back. I put myself on



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Daniel Priebe watches two of his students during a kids class on April 13.

my back for a year and half straight just to start feeling how to push past it and overcome," Priebe said. "It teaches you how to deal with things, which translates into the rest of your life. You can see if I'm able to do this, I can do anything else I want

to do."

He earned his black belt and has competed and won multiple international competitions.

But what Priebe truly wanted was to teach.

"I have the passion to share this with others," Priebe said. "I want to give people another route to have something to do, to give them focus and to work toward something and to stay out of trouble."

Priebe, along with his wife, moved to Dallas in October of 2014.

He started holding classes with a few students.

"I was actually teaching out of my garage," Priebe said. "I wasn't sure of the market and wanted to see if there was an interest."

It was then that Priebe thought his plans to open a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu school would be dashed before it had a chance to begin.

"Mike (Fleming) showed up in his swat car in his police uniform during one of my classes," Priebe said. "He walked up to me and gave me this real mean stare down and said, 'I have a complaint about you running a business without a business permit.'"

Priebe was speechless. "He had me shaking a little until he told me, 'I'm just kidding,'" Priebe said.

Fleming, a purple belt, wanted to train with Priebe.

It didn't take long for Priebe's classes to grow to the point where his garage was no longer big enough.

When the location on

Mill Street was available, he pounced and officially opened Daniel Priebe Brazilian Jiu Jitsu earlier this month.

Kids and adult classes are offered Mondays through Fridays. A free one week trial is available.

Just be prepared for an experience unlike any other.

"One of those things people say is it's for everyone," Priebe said. "I don't feel that way. It takes a special person. You are going to find frustrations. You are going to try to do something that's not going to work, something that you can't figure out. Jiu Jitsu mentally and physically builds you up and breaks you down. It's really for people who have the ability to overcome their fear, overcome frustration and are willing to push through and work it out."

For those who do enjoy it, Jiu Jitsu can do far more than teach combat skills. And that's what Priebe hopes others see.

"If I wasn't doing this, I'd probably be like a lot of my friends who go to work every day, come home, sit down and watch sports with a beer," Priebe said. "Jiu Jitsu constantly makes me have to improve and gives me other goals to do other things in life. It's changed my life."