

Saints Finish Fall Tennis Season Strongly

After a season in which the Cougars whipped them 9-0, the Seward County Men's Tennis Team returned the favor to the Barton County winning 11-6 last Tuesday to finish their 2009 fall schedule in style. The Saints went 8-3 in singles action with key wins coming from Fernando Soni in the #2 singles slot and Eduardo Munoz, Stefan Igjetovic, and Levan Gabashvili in the #'s 4, 5, and 6 singles play. The Saints and Cougars split in doubles play with both sides taking 3 matches. For Seward, Christian Romanzini and Eduardo Munoz teamed up to win an exciting 9-8 decision while Levan Gabashvili and David Loaiza paired up to win 8-5. Hometown players Landon Harp and Aaron Schafffer came up big for Coach Darin Workman and the Saints going 3-0 on the day. Harp won his singles match easily 8-1 while Schafffer took care of James Winston to the tune of 8-3. The two then got together for doubles action and beat the duo that they saw in singles play earlier in the day 8-2. The weekend before their dual with Barton County, the Saints were in Seminole, Oklahoma taking on the region's best in the ITA Central Regional Championships. Fernando Soni impressed on the day advancing to the third round with a 7-6, 6-0 win over Chris Copenhaver of Johnson County while in doubles play Christian Romanzini and Eduardo Munoz made it to the round of 8 with a 4-6, 6-1, 10-8 win over a duo from Cowley. After losing in the first round of doubles play in the championship bracket, Soni and doubles partner Carlos Souza worked their way back through the consolation bracket to take home first place in that with a 6-4, 6-4 win over the same pair that their teammates Romanzini and Munoz had dropped earlier in the day. With their last opponent pulling out at the last minute, the Barton County dual was the last action for the Saints for the fall as they prepare for their 2010 season.

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