

Saints Split but Women's Tennis Comes Up Empty

The 12th ranked Seward County Men's Tennis team saw their season long three match win streak extended to four Thursday afternoon in Arkansas City as they defeated Southwest Christian 7-2 before seeing the streak come to an abrupt end with an 8-1 loss to rival Cowley on Friday. The Saints won the top two doubles and the top five singles spots to defeat the Eagles while Seward's #1 doubles squad grabbed the only point of the day in their loss against #7 Cowley.

The Saints took a quick 2-0 lead over Southwest Christian on Thursday with an 8-1 win at #1 doubles from Justin Pena and Luke Robertson and another 8-1 victory from Donnersson Penna and Daniel Alonte at #2 doubles to put Seward in front. Southwestern fought back and grabbed a point in #3 doubles, as Dennis Sutterthwaite and Jessie Riggs took an 8-3 decision over the Saints Josh Hamilton and Adrian Amado to make the score 2-1.

Singles play was a breeze for the Saints at the top five spots. Alonte and Robertson took care of business 6-1, 6-1 at both the #3 and #4 spots to put Seward up 4-1 and Hamilton did the same at #5 singles to clinch the match for the Saints with their fifth win. Pena defeated Josh Sapp 6-3, 6-1 at #1 singles to earn the Saints another point and Penna dropped Nick Morris 6-0, 6-3 at #2 to finish off a 7-2 win for Seward.

#12 SEWARD COUNTY/SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN MATCH RESULTS

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Next up things would get a little tougher for the Saints as they prepared for a Region VI battle against 7th ranked Cowley. Cowley notched the first point of the match with an 8-0 win in #3 doubles, but the Saints came back with an upset win in #1 doubles as Robertson and Pena downed 7th ranked Jack Busby and Josh Coleman 8-5 to even the match at 1-1. Seward looked well on their way to another surprising win in #2 doubles as Penna and Alonte held a 6-2 lead on Edgardo Tapia and Ryan Hoverson, but the Saints duo couldn't hold on as the Tigers roared back to win the match in a tiebreak 9-8 (7-1) to take a 2-1 lead in the dual.

It didn't take long for the Tigers to secure the win as Busby got his revenge on Pena with a quick 6-1, 6-0 win in #1 singles while Tapia won 6-0, 6-0 over Penna in #2 singles and Carlos Rodriguez downed Amado 6-0, 6-1 to give Cowley a 5-1 lead. Hamilton battled Evan Keller in #5 singles but fell 6-4, 6-0 while the two matches of the day came in #3 and #4 singles with Alonte and Robertson. Alonte went up against Coleman at the #3 spot and won a great first set 7-6 (7-5), but

Coleman came back to tie things up at 1 with a 6-4 win in the second set to force a tiebreak. In the tiebreak it was another epic battle between the evenly matched players with Coleman eventually coming out on top 10-7 to take the match. The match at #4 singles was an interesting one as Robertson took on Hoverson. Robertson took the first set rather easily 6-2, but Hoverson returned the favor in the second with a 6-1 victory to send that one to a tiebreaker as well. In the tiebreak it was a back and forth battle with Hoverson finally breaking free at the end of the set to win 10-8. Cowley came away with the win that on paper looked like a route 8-1, but with three tiebreaks going the way of the Tigers, it easily could have been a 5-4 match instead.

#12 SEWARD COUNTY/#7 COWLEY MATCH RESULTS

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The Saints remain one win above .500 with the 1-1 weekend which brought their overall record to 5-4 on the year. The Saints will be back at it on Saturday when they travel to Salina to take on a pair of four year schools in Bethany and Ottawa before returning to Region VI action next Wednesday against Johnson County in Wichita.

WOMEN

Following a subpar performance in a win over Barton on Tuesday, the 10th ranked Seward County Lady Saints tennis team knew that they would have to step up their game this weekend as they traveled to Arkansas City to take on a pair of fellow top 20 teams in #18 Cowley and #8 Seminole. Unfortunately for the gals in green, that didn't exactly happen as Seward was blanked by the Lady Tigers 9-0 before falling 5-1 to the Lady Trojans in their next match to come home without a win on the trip.

In a tough Region VI matchup with Cowley the Lady Saints got off to a decent start, battling the Lady Tigers in all three doubles matches, but were unable to come up with a single point. In #1 doubles Anna Braun and Katuska Adarmes made the 4th ranked duo in the country, Ana Ruzir and Lexie Maytubby, work to knock them off before falling 8-4. In #2 doubles it was Leticia Monteiro and Kathryn Roohan for Seward County battling Erianne Adams and Melissa Bassoo for Cowley, a match that the Lady Tigers pair came away with 8-3. The third doubles spot was another encouraging performance for Seward County despite an 8-4 loss as Kurstie Zepeda and Alma Varela went toe to toe with Sarah Giraldo and Bailey Cornejo before going down to give the Lady Tigers a 3-0 lead.

Singles action was dominated by the Tigers for the most part as Cowley won at #1, #3, #4, and #6 rather easily to secure the match win, but Adarmes and Roohan put up a fight for the Lady Saints at the #2 and #5 singles spots. After falling 6-0 in the first set to

Giraldo, Adarmes fought all the way back to tie the match at 1 and force a third set tiebreak after a 7-6 (9-7) dramatic victory in the second set. The third set was another good one between the two as they went back and forth until finally Giraldo broke through in the end to come away with a 10-7 win to take the match 2-1. In #5 singles Roohan was the aggressor, taking the first set 6-4 over Adams, but the Lady Tigers star clawed back to draw even with a 6-3 second set victory and won easily in the tiebreak 10-2 to secure the sweep for Cowley 9-0.

#10 SEWARD COUNTY/#18 COWLEY MATCH RESULTS

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On the heels of their battle with Cowley, the Lady Saints didn't have much time to recover as they then had to turn around and take on an even tougher task as they went head to head with #8 Seminole State, a team that had already defeated them twice in the 2012-2013 season. Seminole took an early 2-0 lead with 8-2 and 8-3 wins in #1 and #3 doubles, but Zepeda and Roohan gritted out an 8-6 win in #2 doubles over Ashley Bryen and Kirby Shannon to give the Lady Saints their first point of the day to make it 2-1.

Seward was blown away at the first two singles spots, winning just four total games in the two matches to fall behind 4-1 and despite leading 5-3, Montiero was unable to finish her match with Shannon due to an injury and retired to give Seminole their fifth point of the day to seal the match for the Lady Trojans. With five points and another match with Cowley still on the schedule for Seminole, the two coaches decided that that would do it for the dual and the Lady Trojans came away with a 5-1 win. The stoppage probably cost the Lady Saints a couple of points on the scoreboard as Roohan was leading 6-0, 2-1 in #5 singles and Zepeda was tied 2-2 in #3 singles at the time the match was called.

#10 SEWARD COUNTY/#8 SEMINOLE STATE MATCH RESULTS

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The losses drop Seward to 2-5 overall on the season. The Lady Saints will be back at it on Saturday when they travel to Salina to take on a pair of four year schools in Bethany and Ottawa before returning to Region VI action next Wednesday against Johnson County.

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