

A Lucky 13 for Seward Women

Following a successful fall in which they combined to go 70-64 in six different tournaments, the Seward County Lady Saints Tennis Team will open the 2013-2014 season with a #13 ranking next to their name. Seward draws the lucky #13 ranking as a team while their top two players, Paula Lopez and Paula Coyos were ranked inside the top 30 individually and the Lady Saints top two doubles teams of Coyos/Lopez and Ngamsiri/Roohan both drew top 35 spots.

As a team, the Lady Saints check in at #13, trailing just #9 Cowley as far as Jayhawk Conference squads. Tyler, as expected takes the top spot, followed by ASA, Collin, and St. Petersburg. The Lady Saints fell in their only dual of the fall, but posted winning records in four of their six tournaments to finish with a 70-64 overall match record.

Individually Paula Lopez leads the way for Seward, ranking 14th while fellow Argentinean Paula Coyos comes in at #27. Lopez and Coyos both wowed in their first two months as Lady Saints, both in their singles and doubles play. Lopez won the Bethany Invitational and the Metro State Invitational while going undefeated in the Tabor Tournament as well. She finished the fall with a 14-2 mark for the Lady Saints. Coyos had her fair share of success as well, sharing the Metro State Invitational title with Lopez and breezing through the Tabor Tournament while finishing 3rd at the Bethany Tournament and 5th at the Wichita ITA Tournament. She ended her first fall for the Lady Saints with an 11-3 record. Cowley's Ana Ruzir was the top ranked player from Region VI at #8 while Georgia Perimeter's Niriantisa Rosolomalala was tabbed the top player in the country.

Seward saw two of their doubles teams placed favorably in the rankings as well. Lopez/Coyos will open the 2014 season ranked #5 in the country, the highest ranking for a Lady Saint since the program transitioned to Division I in 2005. Also ranked, was the doubles squad of Vippavee Ngamsiri and Kathryn Roohan who were ranked 34th in the opening rankings. Coyos/Lopez had a spectacular fall together on the court, going 14-3 while capturing the Metro State Invitational Championship and finishing in the top three at four other tournaments including the ITA National Tournament where they were 3rd. Ngamsiri/Roohan played together just eight times in the fall of 2013, posting a 3-5 record which included wins at the Metro State Invitational and the Bethany Tournament. Coyos/Lopez were the top ranked team in the Jayhawk Conference with the next Kansas squad coming in at #11 in Brown/Ruzir from Cowley. The top ranked duo came from Tyler in Pietersz/Savva with Rosolomalala/Berjean of Georgia Perimeter checking in at #2.

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