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Seward Tennis Teams See Tough Competition in OKC

The matches that are played on the court haven't been the problem for the 20th ranked Seward County Saints this season; it has been the ones that haven't that have hurt the guys in green. In the Seminole State Classic this weekend in Oklahoma City, Seward was 12-6 in matches played, but it was the 9 points that went unplayed that cost them, as the Saints lost a pair of close matches to Collin County and Jacksonville wrapped around a win over Jayhawk rival Barton to finish the weekend 1-2.

In their first match of the tournament the Saints faced a tall task as they battled the 5th ranked Collin County Cougars. It was a classic matchup at #1 doubles where Seward's #1 ranked duo of Ronzai Saurombe and Alejandro Gonzalez took down Collin's 7th ranked pair of Christian Cozete and Graham Shaw 8-6 to pick up the Saints first point of the day. The #2 doubles match went 8-6 in the Cougars favor and Collin took a 2-1 lead on a Seward forfeit at #3 doubles.

As they started singles play with two wins at #5 and #6 because of Seward forfeits, Collin rested Cozete and Shaw, both ranked in the top 20, for singles action. The Saints took advantage at the top of the lineup as 41st ranked Gonzalez took down 50th ranked Brandon Yang 6-3, 6-3 in #1 action and 10th ranked Saurombe beat Matt Bolster 6-0, 6-2 in #2 play to get the Saints a pair of points. In #3 action the Saints Trevor Kipping mounted a big comeback to take down Gino Rameri 5-7, 6-1, 10-8 to earn his fifth win of the year, but Collin got the point at #4 in a 6-0, 6-0 decision to take the match 5-4.

#20 SEWARD COUNTY/#5 COLLIN COUNTY MATCH

RESULTS<<http://www.sewardsaints.com/sports/mten/2013-14/files/SewardCollinM.pdf>>

The Saints were looking for revenge in their next match of the weekend as they took on Region VI rival Barton who surprised the Saints with a 6-3 win over them earlier in the year. The Saints caught a break before the match as Barton's top player Vinicius Ono was forced out of action due to an injury sustained earlier in the week. Saurombe and Gonzalez took advantage of his absence in #1 doubles action as they earned an 8-0 win and Kipping and Colin Glassman won an 8-6 decision at #2 doubles to give Seward a 2-1 lead at the end of doubles play.

The match of the day came at #1 singles where Gonzalez played a marathon with Alvaro Martinez, coming out on top 6-7 (3), 6-4, 10-7 to take the point at the top of the lineup. In #2 singles Saurombe had no trouble with Christian Johnson, winning 6-0, 6-1 and Kipping moved to 6-0 on the year with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Nicholas Moyers in #3 play. Barton grabbed the point in the #4 match and took the two points due to Saints forfeits at the bottom of the lineup, but it wasn't enough as Seward had already clinched the match with a 5-4 victory.

#20 SEWARD COUNTY/#19 BARTON MATCH

RESULTS<<http://www.sewardsaints.com/sports/mten/2013-14/files/SewardBartonM.pdf>>

In the consolation bracket final the Saints took on #13 Jacksonville College out of Texas. In the upset of the weekend, Jacksonville's unranked #1 doubles team of Richard Berlinga and Edgar Polanco took down the #1 ranked pair in the country of Saurombe and Gonzalez 9-8 (8-6) to give the Jaguars a big point at the top of doubles action. In #2 doubles the Saints almost got an upset win of their own as Kipping and Glassman battled 34th ranked Gil Lim and Daniel Aupaucible to a 9-8

(8-6) decision that again the Jags got the best of to put the Saints down 3-0 after doubles.

In singles the Saints turned the tables as Gonzalez had Polanco skunked in #1 play as he led 6-0, 1-0 before Polano left with an injury to give Gonzalez the win. Saurombe had little trouble with Berlinga in #2 action, winning 6-2, 6-2 while Kipping kept on winning at #3 with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Lim to give the Saints a third point. Jacksonville picked up the point at #4 singles and then accepted the two forfeits at #5 and #6 to take the match 6-3 over Seward.

#20 SEWARD COUNTY/#13 JACKSONVILLE MATCH

RESULTS<<http://www.sewardsaints.com/sports/mten/2013-14/files/SewardJacksonvilleM.pdf>>

Seward ends the weekend at 2-5 on the year while their individual match record is now 28-35 and matches played record sits at 28-14.

The Saints will be on the road once again Tuesday when they travel to Wichita to take on Johnson County in a key Region VI matchup in Wichita.

Following an emotional win Thursday against Seminole State, the Seward County Lady Saints were unable to keep their momentum going on Friday and Saturday as they were able to win just one of three matches in the Trojan Dual Classic hosted by Seminole State.

In their first match of the classic the Lady Saints took on 7th ranked North Central Texas. While the Lady Saints were strong at the top, they struggled at the bottom of their lineup. The Lady Saints #1 duo of Paula Lopez and Paula Coyos, ranked #5 in the country, had no trouble with Georgina Gosen and Katy Foster in #1 doubles action, downing the pair 8-2 to give Seward a 1-0 lead in the match. Seward didn't have as much luck at their other two doubles spots as North Central was able to pick up the points with 8-2 wins at both #2 and #3 doubles to take the 2-1 lead into singles action.

In #1 singles action 14th ranked Lopez picked up an easy win over 23rd ranked Gosen 6-2, 6-1 to give Seward their second point of the day. 27th ranked Coyos gave Seward a 3-2 lead with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Alex Rodriguez in #2 singles action, but from there on it was all Lady Lions. Seward was able to win just 2 total games from #3 to #6 singles as North Central dominated to finish off the match with four straight wins to take the dual 6-3.

#16 SEWARD COUNTY/#7 NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS MATCH

RESULTS<<http://www.sewardsaints.com/sports/wten/2013-14/files/SewardNorthCentralW.pdf>>

Later on Friday the Lady Saints looked to get their momentum back as they took on #25 Jacksonville in their second match of the day. Seward took a 3-0 lead after doubles action as Jacksonville failed to fill a team at #3 doubles and Lopez/Coyos as well as Kathryn Roohan and Jackie Arnold had no trouble at #1 and #2 doubles, winning 8-0 and 8-2 respectively for the Lady Saints to give them the early advantage.

It was more dominance for the Lady Saints as singles action got underway. Lopez and Coyos breezed to wins at #1 and #2 singles, losing just 1 game combined to put Seward up 5-0 and 6-1, 6-1 wins from Roohan and Naomie Bukassa at #3 and #5 play gave the Lady Saints a 7-0 advantage. Grace Golden got a default win at #6 singles to make it 8-0 and Seward was on the way to the sweep before Arnold was forced to retire because of an injury to give Jacksonville their only point of the match as Seward went on to win 8-1.

#16 SEWARD COUNTY/#25 JACKSONVILLE MATCH

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Seward was scheduled to play #5 Collin County early on Sunday, but the Lady Saints cancelled the match to try to rest and focus for their next scheduled match against #1 Tyler. The strategy didn't seem to work against the powerful Apaches. In a classic matchup at #1 doubles, Tyler's top ranked duo of Fausthy Piertretz and Jordyn Saava eeked out an 8-6 win over 5th ranked Lopez and Coyos to give the Apaches a lead and Tyler didn't lose a game in #2 or #3 doubles to take a 3-0 lead on Seward.

Tyler showed their dominance on the court, winning #3, #4, #5, and #6 singles matches all by the scores of 6-0, 6-0 against the Lady Saints to go up 7-0 while the two best matches of the day expectedly came at #1 and #2 singles. In #1 action 2nd ranked Piertretz won a drawn out match against 14th ranked Lopez, coming from behind to take the point with a 2-6, 6-4, 10-4 win to make it 8-0. In #2 play, Tyler rested one of their stars and inserted 29th ranked Nikki Johnson instead and Seward took advantage as 27th ranked Coyos won a thriller 7-6, 5-7, 10-4 to earn Seward's only point of the match as they fell 8-1.

#16 SEWARD COUNTY/#1 TYLER MATCH

RESULTS<<http://www.sewardsaints.com/sports/wten/2013-14/files/SewardTylerW.pdf>>

The Lady Saints fall to 6-4 on the season after the weekend while their individual match record goes to 48-42.

Next up for the 16th ranked Lady Saints is a Region VI matchup with rival Johnson County in Wichita on Tuesday.

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