Cubs win Seminole tourney

Cub tennis traveled to Seminole Friday and Saturday and returned with the tournament championship.

The Seminole Invitational Tennis Tournament was a flighted competition and included teams from Seminole, Monahans, Midland Greenwood, Lubbock Trinity and the South Plains Christian Home Educators Association.

"The Cubs had a very strong showing in their singles competition on Friday and kept up the momentum in the doubles round of the tournament held on Saturday," said Coach Rich Hammons.

Antonio Pauda stepped up and filled in at the top doubles line, and along with his partner Phil Burris, won his first varsity tennis match, defeating Seminole 8-6.

Andrea Espinoza fought through sickness on Saturday to take third place in mixed doubles with partner Matthew Garza, defeating Midland Greenwood 8-2.

"This was a total team effort," Hammons said. "Every player got a win for us at some point and contributed to our overall point total. The players never gave up. They gave it everything they had and worked at playing smarter tennis."

Individual results included:

Kaley Kevil – First place girls singles
Terra Benton – Second place girls singles
Symphony Munoz – Fourth place girls singles
Brooklyn Ryan – Second place girls singles
Alisha Zamora – Third place girls singles
Treg Lindsey – Consolation boys singles
Phil Burris – First place boys singles
Matthew Garza – First place boys singles
Daniel Rocha – Third place boys singles
Kaley Kevil/Terra Benton – First place girls doubles
Brooklyn Ryan/Alisha Zamora – Third place girls doubles
Brook Baldridge/Symphony Munoz – Second place girls doubles
Phil Burris/Antonio Pauda – Consolation boys doubles
Daniel Rocha/Jerry Alaniz – Second place boys doubles
Jeremy Castillo/Kris Salazar – Second place boys doubles
Matt Garza/Andrea Espinoza – Third place mixed doubles
Treg Lindsey/Marissa Mireles – Consolation mixed doubles

Cub tennis took home the championship from Saturday's Seminole tournament. The team includes (top row, left to right): Matt Garza, Daniel Rocha, Kris Salazar, Phil Burris, Jerry Alaniz, Jeremy Castillo, Antonio Pauda, Treg Lindsey, (front row) Brooklyn Ryan, Andrea Espinoza, Brook Baldridge, Terra Benton, Symphony Munoz, Kaley Kevil, Alisha Zamora and Marissa Mireles.

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Wildcats race through Plains

Wellman-Union's pack of Wildcat runners earned a first-place team finish Saturday in the junior varsity boys division of the Yoakum County Invitational Cross Country Meet.

The competition was hosted by Plains High School.

Three members of the high school team placed as individual medal winners. Martin Loewen led the 'Cat finishers by placing seventh, while Edward Chavez followed in eighth and Luis Gonzales finished in 20th place. Vincent Tedford finished in 29th and Steve Olivas was 43rd.

In the junior high boys division, Luis Escobedo finished in 76th and Gavyn Freeman was 124th in a field of over 130 runners.

"This was a good meet for our teams," said Coach Eric Erwin. "Nearly all of our runners improved on previous times and competed well. We are making steady progress."

The 'Cats will run again this Saturday in Lubbock's Mae Simmons Park, many of them as first-time varsity competitors.

"We have done a good job so far, especially considering that our high school boys are all ninth and 10th-graders," Erwin said.

Junior High Lady 'Cats earned the following finishes out of 120 runners - Tristan Baker third, Maria Gonzales 32nd, Lexi Olivas 100th, Sierra 112th, Breck Faught 116th and Abi Lindsey 118th.

In the junior high girls race of 193 runners, Risa McQueen placed 116th, Catherine Wilson 132nd, Kayleigh Forbes 156th, Kobiee Olivas 169th and Jordan Harvey 183d.

"The junior high and sigh school girls ran well and their times are improving," said Coach Todd Ellis. "I am really proud of Tristan. She works hard and it is showing in her improvement on her running time."

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