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Two CVTA team clinch flights

Other teams looking to playoffs for redemption

By Jeff Thomas

The Centennial Valley Tennis Association's 3.5 Men's Blue Team, captained by Chris Haines, and the 3.0 Women's Blue Team, captained by Jocelyn Olson, have clinched first place in their flights with a week remaining in the schedule.

Several other teams will probably remain in the hunt, including the 4.0 Men's Blue team, captained by Christopher Kranz, which finished only one individual match out of first place in its flight. The team's 8-1 record equaled the Thornton Tennis Association's Green Team, which won the flight.

Olson's team compiled a 9-0 record going into July, losing only 11 individual matches and 30 sets. Unde-

feated players during league matches included Sara Remington, Lisa Varga, April Ann Cox and Fawnda Hathaway.

Haines' team was 8-0 going into July with one remaining match and had easily clinched, having lost only 7 individual matches and 11 sets. Gabe Spradin was undefeated, largely at singles play, while Mathew Simms and Yannick VanDoosselaere continued to dominate in doubles play.

League Coordinator Paige Hayes said teams finishing in first, second or third in their flights must email the CTA (kailey@coloradotennis.com) by the end of business on July 7 to confirm their availability for playoffs.

The playoffs are scheduled for July 18-21.

Also in the running for the playoffs is Mary O'Brien's Women's 2.5 team, which sported a 6-2 record going into the last week of June and Ian Kogan's 4.0 Gold team, which had a 6.3 record going into July.

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Board continues to look at CU South

The CVTA Board of Directors continues to look at CU South for overflow league play for 2012, after efforts to use the courts this year fell through.

"We had been led to believe that we had first priority on the use of the CU South Courts, but there was nothing in writing, and when we were ready to pull the trigger, we learned that the South Courts' schedule was full," said Board President Steve Caulk. "We remain in constant contact with the people who manage those courts, in hopes of posi-

tioning ourselves to take advantage of any opening in the future that might be appropriate for the CVTA."

Caulk also said that CVTA teams will continue to utilize Pirates Park, following an incident when a 3.5 opponent refused to play on the courts.

"It is easy to see that the courts at Pirates Park fall a bit shy of the quality that we enjoy at Centennial Park. But " I have personally played on courts around the Denver metro area, during league competition, that were far worse than the ones at Pirates."

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Please help keep the CVTA civil



Steve Caulk
July 1, 2011

Never thought I would hear myself say it, but tennis players

are human.

For years, yes decades, I have believed that anybody who took a serious interest in tennis naturally enjoyed a higher place on the character scale. On that 1-10 scale, if drug dealers were a "1" and journalists were a "5," tennis players had to rate a 9.5 – about a notch above golfers and two notches above bowlers. Right? (And don't ask me how to reconcile the tennis-playing journalist.)

With my tongue only partially planted in my cheek, I present to you as evidence of the tennis world's superior character this stipulated fact: The game relies upon competitors to referee AGAINST THEMSELVES. With apologies to the ladies, it is known as a "gentleman's game." When a competitor is 99% sure that he has won the point, he calls the point in favor of his opponent! Ladies, too, of course acknowledge and defer

to that one percentage point of doubt. Imagine a pick-up basketball game in which competitors are required to call fouls on themselves. No way, D-Wade! Yes, golf is played under an "honor system," but come on – that ball is sitting still.

How tough is it?

I understand that we have bickering, and we even have participants among us with really bad eyesight. We have the chronically-late-for-matches, the loud-and-opinionated, and the ones-who-forget-the-new-balls. But this is pretty minor stuff and, you will probably agree, extremely rare. Given a choice to hang out at a bar with a tennis player, a rock star and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, who do you choose? Right. The tennis player. Even if she is from the Thornton Tennis Association.

However, in this job as president of your Centennial Valley Tennis Association, I have to admit, I have encountered a few eye-opening scenarios in which I began to lose my idealistic perspective. And here is the point in my Message from the President that I need to get serious, because sometimes I

worry about the future of this 16-year-old organization. All the problems seem to channel through the president, and I have been amazed – truly amazed – at how petty some of those problems have been, how vigorously some of our members have insisted upon a self-serving outcome, and – worst of all – how poorly some of our members have treated others in their willingness to bully their way to a satisfactory outcome to their issues. The targets of their oafish behavior have been volunteers or others who receive only a minimal compensation to help keep the organization running. I am not going to get specific or name names. I only bring it to your attention in an earnest plea for everybody to think twice about the possible consequences that their bluster might have upon an entire organization.

Fortunately, the vast majority of CVTA members are a pleasure to have on board. Occasionally, we just need to be reminded that we're not perfect.

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Please try to keep us in touch with your news

Don't forget this newsletter is a vehicle for members to get to know each other and share the news they think is important.

So if you've won a tournament, or watched your buddy win one, please give us a relatively high-resolution picture (maybe even one taken by

a phone camera) and a few words, and I'll do my best to get it into the newsletter.

Pictures in good taste are most welcome. You can email me this information at newsletter@cvtatennis.org.

— Jeff Thomas, newsletter editor

Tennis shorts

Boulder County Cup scheduled for Sept. 17

The Boulder County Cup has been moved back to summer, said CVTA Board Member Dan Johnson, who represents the league on the tournament committee.

The \$15 tournament fee will include a yet-to-be-determined commemorative gift for participants. The competition is scheduled to be played on the CU South Tennis Courts on Sept. 17 and will feature a World Team Tennis format matching our CVTA members against the Longmont Tennis Association and the Boulder Tennis Association.

Registration for the event will begin Aug. 18.

Players will compete in the following three brackets: 2.5 and 3.0 players; 3.5 players; and 4.0 and 4.5 players, although Johnson said that some adjustments may be made based on individual player ratings. Start times are as follows

for the player brackets: 4.0/4.5 teams (9 a.m. to 11 a.m.); 3.5 teams (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.); 2.5/3.0 teams (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.).

“Teams will play two matches — back-to-back,” Johnson said. “That way they won’t have to wait around to play a second match.”

Last year, the CVTA had 22 participants, which the committee hopes to increase to at least 36 participants this year.

The next planning meeting for the BCC is scheduled for Aug. 18.

Board looks at online registration process

The CVTA Board of directors has begun looking at its online registration process following some confusion by members using the service.

“We are trying to streamline the data collection process and also make sure that the online registration is as simple as possible for members,” said Board President

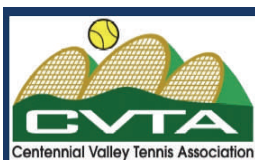
Steve Caulk. “In the past, people would register for the CVTA, think they were done, and not go through the payment process. So we had the player’s data, but no payment.”

Deadlines are upcoming for fall/summer leagues

Upcoming registration deadlines include the Intermountain Tennis Association Fall Mixed Doubles and the Colorado Tennis Association’s Women’s Summer Daytime Doubles, both of which have July 15 deadlines for registration.

The mixed doubles leagues is for combined levels of 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5 and 9.5. Champions at the district level advance to the USTA Intermountain Section Championship. There is not a national championship for this league.

The format for the Women’s Daytime league is for levels 2.5 - 5.0. There is one singles match and two doubles matches per weekly team match.



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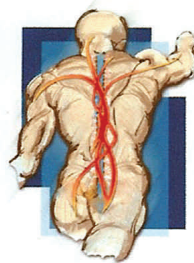
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