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Men's Tennis Begins Region XIX Competition

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The men's tennis team opened play this week in what looks to be a very tough NJCAA Region XIX. The men picked up a tough 6-3 home win on Wednesday over Ocean CC and then dropped a 3-6 decision on Thursday at Mercer CC. The Roadrunners will face two more region foes on Friday and Saturday as they will play road contests against



GCC sophomore Steve Suboleski in action

Williamson Trade School and Bergen CC, respectively.

On Wednesday the Roadrunners started strong by sweeping the three doubles matches against Ocean CC. All of the matches were more competitive than the scores indicated and Ocean returns several players from last seasons team with national experience. The singles matches were very competitive as well. Ryan Airo moved up to the #1 singles spot and pulled out a tough three set win over Jeff Page to lead the way. Airo was filling the role usually held by 2009 All-American Steve Suboleski who got a rest after the doubles matches to rest his sprained left ankle.

On Thursday the Roadrunners were back in action at Mercer County Park in West Windsor against Mercer CC. The Roadrunners dropped behind 2-1 after the doubles competition to Mercer. The second doubles and third doubles matches each finished 9-7 and could have gone either way on the day. In the singles, Aaron Hartman (#4) and Jared Randazzo (#5) picked up solid wins. As the day wore on it looked like the Roadrunners would pull out a 5-4 win but Mercer was strong enough to pull out the last couple of matches on their home courts. The Roadrunners will look to even the score when Mercer visits GCC on April 8th.

College Tennis Boxscore

March 24, 2010

Gloucester CC 6 Ocean CC 3

Singles

1. Ryan Airo GCC d. Jeff Page OCC 7-6 (3), 0-6, 6-2
2. Josh Stepkin GCC d. RJ Norcia OCC 6-3, 7-5
3. Anthony Fucinelli OCC d. Aaron Hartman GCC 2-6, 6-4, 6-1
4. Jared Randazzo GCC d. Trevor Wooley OCC 6-4, 6-0
5. Zeke Smith OCC d. Ed Thompson GCC 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
6. Ray Fayad OCC d. Ed Fedor GCC 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

1. Steve Suboleski/Stepkin GCC d. Fucinelli/Wooley OCC 8-3
2. Randazzo/Thompson GCC d. Page/Smith OCC 8-4
3. Airo/Hartman GCC d. Fayad/Rene Diaz OCC 8-2

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Gloucester CC 3 Mercer CC 6

Singles

1. Matt Pierson MCC d. Steve Suboleski GCC 6-2, 6-1
2. Jason Bielski MCC d. Ryan Airo GCC 6-3, 6-3
3. Travis McCaughten MCC d. Josh Stepkin GCC 3-6, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (11)
4. Aaron Hartman GCC d. Juan Ramirez OCC 6-4, 6-3
5. Jared Randazzo GCC d. Ben Pinter MCC 2-6, 6-4, 6-1
6. David Wilkes MCC d. Ed Thompson GCC 6-4, 6-4

Doubles

1. Pierson/Bielski MCC d. Suboleski/Stepkin GCC 8-5
2. Randazzo/Thompson GCC d. McCaughten/Jason Ciaccio MCC 9-7
3. Ramirez/Matt Romano MCC d. Airo/Hartman GCC 9-7

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The team visited historic Dealey Plaza in Downtown Dallas



Coach Rowan discussed conspiracy theories on the "grassy knoll"



Sharing a moment at the JFK Memorial in Dallas, TX

Day 2 Recap:

The GCC Roadrunners are in contention for a national title after two days of play at the NJCAA National Tennis Championships. The team is in a solid fourth place with semifinalists in five of the

nine flighted draws. While it would be an outside chance for the Roadrunners to win the title, any finish in the top five is good in this very tough tournament.

On the opening day of play the Roadrunners went 5 for 5 in so-called "pig tail" matches that brought the tournament to the quarterfinals at each flight. The second day of play is when the seeded players, including GCC's Steve Suboleski (#3 seed 1st singles) and Nick Sheppard (#3 seed 6th singles) begin play and you can get a real feel for who are the most dangerous teams. The Roadrunners won a solid five out of nine matches on day 2 which put them in a strong fourth place behind Suffolk CC, Oxford College, and defending champs Onondaga CC.

GCC's two seeded players both advanced to the semifinals of their flights as did #2 singles Dave Reich, #4 singles Thuan Lo, and the first doubles team of Suboleski and Taylor Devlin who knocked off the #3 seeded team from Onondaga on the way.

Big matches on Wednesday include: GCC frosh Suboleski against #2 seed Emilio Casillas from Oxford College at 8am in the first singles semifinals. Second singles Dave Reich in the semifinals against defending #2 singles national champion and #1 seed Maksim Vergazov from Kingsborough CC at 8am. And GCC first doubles Steve Suboleski and Taylor Devlin against the #1 seed's from Kingsborough in a semifinal doubles match starting at 1:00pm.



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