

Dry spell overcomes boys tennis

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After arbitrary weeks of rain and bad weather, the sun has finally come up and the boys are out. However, the team has hit several obstacles, losing to James Logan (3-4), Irvington (1-6), Kennedy (3-4) and Mission San Jose (0-7). But with perseverance, the boys scraped a close win against Newark Memorial (4-3). They now hold a 1-4 season record.

"We made several errors in volleying and serving, but we're going to beat [James Logan] next time," sophomore Allan Chan said.

Chan played JV two singles last season as a freshman and after intensive off season training, now plays varsity two doubles with junior Andrew Ko.

"Many of our players are still getting used to the season itself and the mindset of the competition," coach Matthew Brahnam said. "Hopefully we'll find our competitive spirit and match toughness in the second half of our season."

With 10 varsity players, 10 junior varsity, six reserves and only six courts, the team struggles to fully train each member of the team within their two hour practices per day.

"We're not doing as good as we should be doing due to weather," senior Kishan Patel said. "Our wind barriers are crap."

Any student walking towards the senior parking lot can tell you how terrible the tennis barriers look piled and spread across the ground. Despite the multiple attempts of the players to reestablish the wind barriers, they never seem to last longer than a month. Without secure wind barriers around the courts, the game of tennis merely becomes a game of the weather, unpredictable and frustrating. It even threatens home court advantage.

"We've had really close scores against Logan and Kennedy with 3-4 for both matches so that shows we're getting there. Right now, we just need to make a come back during the next matches to off set those losses. We're going to need to work on our technique and our overall game in order to prove ourselves so we've got a long road ahead of us and some of the guys just need to know that they have their school behind them," senior Cewai Ho said.

The boys face Irvington again April 1 away at Irvington and start the final half of their season.



Senior Naser Mohabbat crushes his first serve against Mission San Jose High School. Mohabbat and the Huskies get swept by the Warriors, 0-7.



Photo by KAYLEE MIU
Senior Lanae Andrade poses with her son Peyton after a softball game.

Teen mom steps up to the plate

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Senior Lanae Andrade, the varsity softball team's second baseman and right fielder, is more than just an ordinary Husky. She is a student, athlete and mother to an eight and half month old baby boy, Peyton.

Many teen mothers seek other options rather than going back to high school after having a child, but Andrade is not only dedicated to graduating with her high school diploma but also working hard to get in the starting line up for her softball games.

Andrade has played softball for about four years. A friend first introduced her to the sport and since then she has taken it to the next level. It is hard for a high school student to balance both school work and sports, but raising a child, especially at a young age, can be incredibly stressful.

"Softball helps me stay sane with all the stress and responsibility that comes with being a young mom" Andrade said.

Andrade receives a lot of support from both sides of the family. Her father and uncle, both Washington softball team coaches, help Andrade grow both off and on the field.

"It's difficult [balancing school and raising a child], but in every situation I do

my best to put my son and his needs first because he pushes me to stay dedicated and become successful for him," Andrade said.

Lanae plays for her love for the game and her team.

"Every time Lenae brings him, all the girls on the team get so excited and all crowd around him," teammate senior Briana Terry said.

"He pushes me to stay dedicated and become successful for him."

Andrade has an 89% fielding average with 14 assists in the season so far.

"College softball is way too much of a commitment," Andrade said.

Andrade does not plan on playing college softball, choosing to pay full attention to raising her child instead.

"Peyton is awesome," senior Kaley Marden said, "he's sweet and funny. I've known Lanae for a long time and she truly loves Peyton., putting him first in all her decisions."

Rain disrupts golfers

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The varsity boys' golf team started the season off with rain delays to their scrimmage against Moreau and Milpitas. The rain affects players during games, throwing off their concentration.

"It's kind of hard to play when you have hail hitting your ears," senior Gerin Albelda said.

Albelda, the varsity captain leads the team with his experience.

The Huskies were able to make it through their tri-match against Newark Memorial and Irvington without trouble, March 15. They defeated Newark, but lost to Irvington. Their record for the season after the tri-match is one win with two losses.

"We have a completely new team with only two returning players," Albelda said.

The two returning players are Albelda and junior Nathan Aguilar. Despite the big losses, the team looks to make this season a positive one.

March Madness drives bracketologists towards madness

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The infamous March madness college basketball tournament is wincing with upsets.

Underdog teams, called "Cinderellas," like Cornell, northern Iowa, Ohio, Murray State and the Bay Area's own Saint Mary's, are squeezing tears from higher-ranked teams. Northern Iowa's victory against Kansas University was the biggest upset, considering that Kansas was the number one ranked team in the whole tournament. According to ESPN, 90.5 percent of the brackets were busted when Kansas lost.

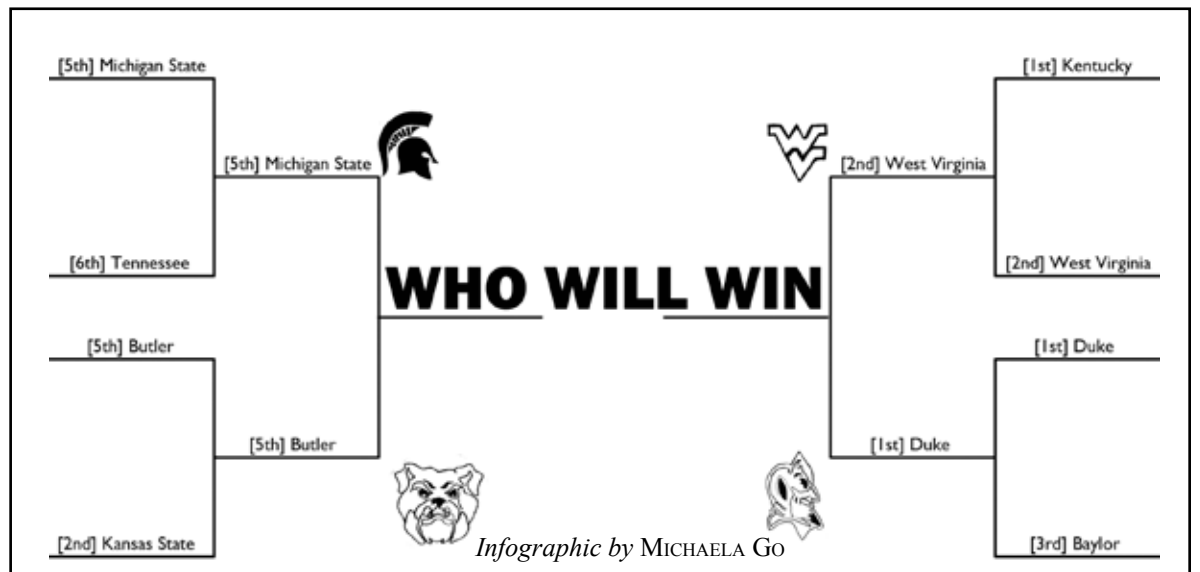
The most underestimated Cinderella of the tournament was

Cornell Big Red who beat fifth-seeded Temple and then beat fourth-seeded Wisconsin with their uncanny ability to make three-pointers. Cornell's Cinderella story ended before midnight in a loss to Kentucky, ranked number two in the nation, Thursday night.

The fifth-seeded Butler Bulldogs defeated Syracuse, number one ranked team in the West division, March 27.

Duke is the only number one seed left in the whole tournament after March 28. Coach Mike Krzyzewski has guided the Duke Blue Devils in their three winning championships since the '80s. The team was also placed as runner-up three times.

Other teams that made the final



four were West Virginia, beating Kentucky, and Michigan State, beating Tennessee in the elite eight.

The four teams most likely to make the traditional end of the year "One Shining Moment" slideshow are

Duke Blue Devils, Butler Bulldogs, Michigan State Spartans and the West Virginia Mountaineers.