

Myres, Staff Advance To Regional Tourney

Shelly Myres and Trey Staff advanced to the Mixed Doubles Regional Tournament to be held in San Marcos on April 23rd and 24th with a District 28 – AA second place finish. "Shelly and Trey performed at a very high level to earn their trip to Regionals.

I sure appreciated their efforts during the district tourney and throughout the year, this is an unbelievable pair of tennis players," commented Coach Robert Klekar.

The District Tournament took place at Victoria College on Monday, April 7th and Wednesday, April 9th.

Myres & Staff started the district tournament with an opening round definitive win over Kubecka/Kotlar of Edna, 6-2, 6-2.

Myres & Staff semi-final round was a convincing win over Industrial's Wood and Heller, 6-0, 6-1.

Now came the Finals with #1 Seed Industrial vs. #2 Seed Rice. The match was exhilarating to say the least. The Industrial Team of Griffith and Kuhlmann outlasted Myres and Staff by the score of 7-5, 4-6, and 6-3 to garner the championship.

Just about every game went to deuce before the final outcome, it was a magnificent match. Myres and Staff were then forced to play a playback so that they could earn their trip to Regionals.

They defeated Hillary Johnson and Alan Arellano of Rice by a 6-0, 6-0 score to earn their berth to Regionals.

Hillary Johnson and Alan Arellano started their impressive tournament play by downing Janica and Strelec of Edna by a 6-1, 6-1 score.

Next up was Griffith and Kuhlmann, the #1 Seed who defeated Johnson/Arellano in the first set 6-0 and the Rice duo came back with a gutsy performance to almost take set number 2 but ended up losing in a tiebreaker in the 2nd set by a 6-7 score (3-7 tiebreaker).

"The second set was a wonderful display of the underdog rising up to the occasion and outplaying a stronger opponent," said Coach Robert Klekar.

Johnson/Arellano lost the match (6-0, 6-7) but won a lot of respect for their outstanding play against an outstanding opponent.

They then played for 3rd place and defeated Wood/Heller of Industrial by a 6-3, 6-4 score. A playback was necessary between Johnson/Arellano and Myres/Staff for second place.

As a result of the playback, Myres/Staff finished second and Johnson/Arellano finished third.

Kaitlyn Thomas and Violette Villafuerte won their first round match by a 7-5, 6-4 score against McCord/Davalos of Weimar.

Haffernick/Quinn of Edna defeated Thomas/Villafuerte in the 2nd round, 6-0, 6-3. Thomas/Villafuerte resumed play for 3rd place and were defeated by Rother/Hardt of Hallettsville by

a 6-2, 6-3 margin. The Rice duo settled on 4th place in the girls doubles division.

Shelly Myres and Trey Staff will be heading to San Marcos to participate in the AA Regional Tennis Tournament in San Marcos on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24 at the Texas State Bobcat Tennis Courts.

Their first match will begin at approximately 2:30 p.m. and their second match will begin around 7 p.m. with all times being approximate.

These first two matches will be on Wednesday, April 23rd. For more information please go to: www.regionivaa.org.

J.V. District Results

Rice CISD was represented by Michael Waligura and Brian Kallina in Boys JV Singles. Waligura defeated Sanchez of Tidehaven, 8-0 in the second round after getting a bye in the first round. Waligura was then defeated by Nowlin of Industrial by a 9-7 score to place him in the 3rd place game against Cole of Industrial. Waligura took 3rd place honors by defeating Cole of Industrial by an 8-5 margin.

Brian Kallina played Cole of Industrial and lost by a 5-8 score to end his bid for a medal.



Carlos Sosa gets a piece of a ball during a recent Raider game.



Lauren Shimek keeps her eye on the ball during a recent Lady Raiders game.

Lady Raider Softball News

The Lady Raiders played Schulenburg on Tuesday, April 8 and lost 2-12.

Losing pitcher was Kourtney Korenek.

Leading hitters were Brooke Popp, one for three and Delilah Gentry, two for two.

The Lady Raiders played Hallettsville on Friday, April 11 and lost 0-7.

Losing pitcher was Korenek. Hitters were Popp, Violette Villafuerte, Gentry and JaQuita Woods all were one for three.

The girls are 12-13 over all and 5-7 in District.

Rice Raider Regional Warmup Track Results

The Rice Raiders participated in the Regional Qualifier Relays recently.

Events are as follows: Shot Put: Marcus Hernandez, 3rd, 47'7 1/2"; Discus: Chris Dorsey, 2nd, 149'8"; Pole Vault: Josh Williams, 1st, 14'; 100 M Dash: Weeks, 5th, 11.06; 400 M Dash: Valdez, 5th, 52.35; 1600 M Relay: Valdez, Hull, Farrow, Middleton, 3rd, 3:35.22.

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Put: Lauren Shimek, 4th, 31'11 3/4"; Triple Jump: Britt'nee Stevenson, 3rd, 33'11"; 400 M Relay: Morris, Williams, Woods, Thomas, 3rd, 50.88; 100 M Hurdles: Cooper, 2nd, 16.14; 100 M Dash: Porsha Morris, 1st, 12.58; Weeks, 2nd, 12.80; 800 M Relay: Weeks, Morris, Stevenson, Thomas, 4th, 1:54.49; 400 M Dash: Johnson, 4th, 1:03.25; 200 M Dash: Thomas, 4th, 26.86; Weeks, 5th, 26.87; Morris, 6th, 27.06; 1600 M Relay: Johnson, Dota, Woods, Williams, 2nd, 4:16.15; 300 M Hurdles: Jaquita Woods, 1st, 46.82.



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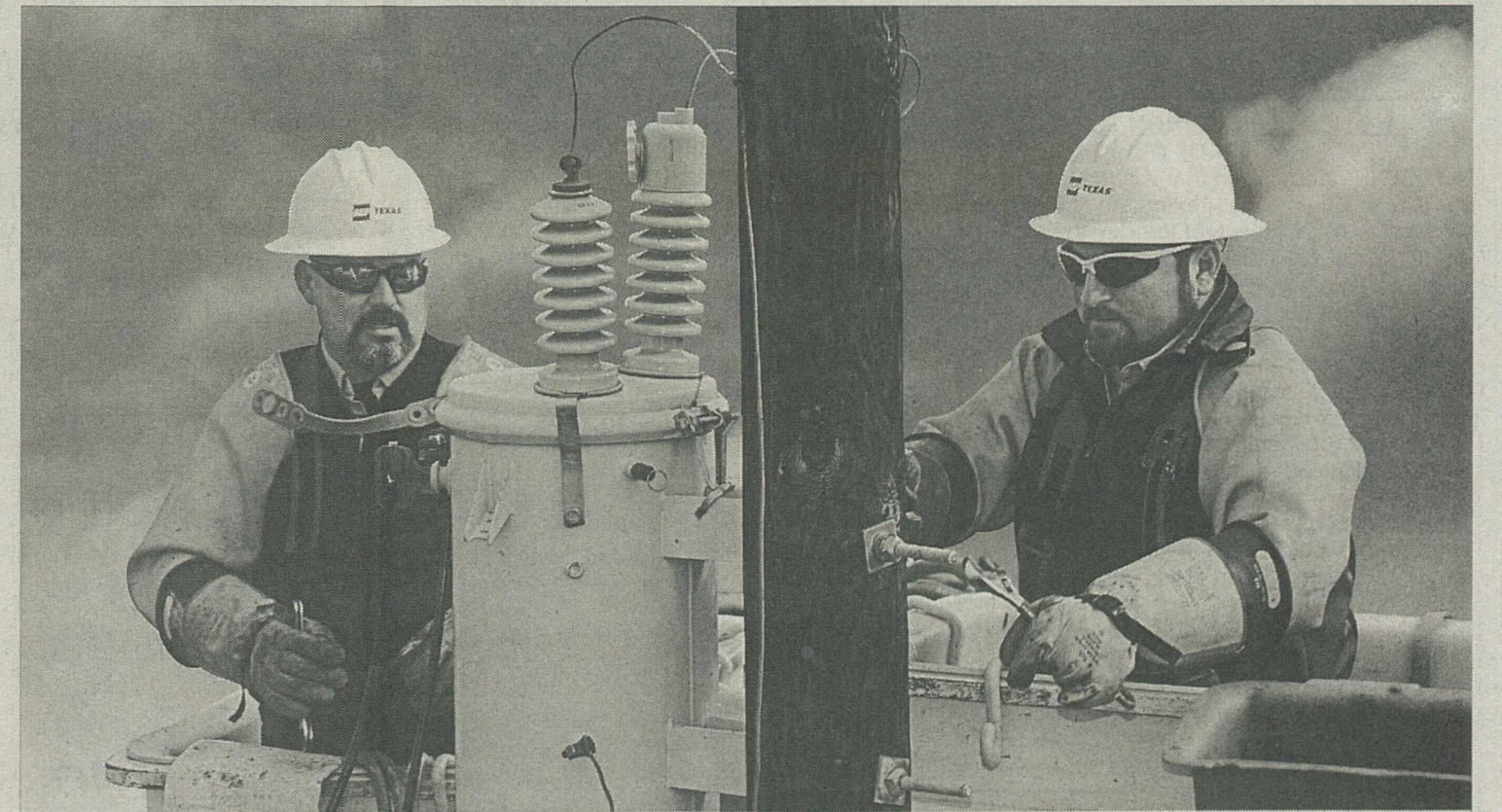
In last week's Headlight, the picture of academic contest participants incorrectly stated that Shelly Myres was a regional qualifier.

It should have read the Hillary Johnson was a regional qualifier in science.



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