

Cougs face best in the nation

■ WSU has good showing at Clay Court Championships

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It couldn't have been a better situation for the four members of the WSU Tennis team participating in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association National Clay Court Championships in Orlando, Fla. last week.

The Cougars' Andrea Reisz, Tunde Nagy, Patricia Gajdzik and Erica Perkins were able to play against the best collegiate players in the country at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex.

WSU tennis coach Cari Groce was pleased with the way her group played.

"This tournament was the best of the best, so we wanted to win as many matches as we could so we see just how good we are," Groce said.

WSU got some wins during the singles competition. Reisz won her opening match against Hortensia Hernandez of Baylor University, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2. However, Karoline Borgerson of Pepperdine knocked Reisz out of the single-elimination tournament, winning 7-5, 6-1.

Gajdzik, a freshman, also found opening-round success with a 1-6, 6-2, 6-0 win over Northwestern's Katherine Nasser. Her success, though, was short-lived, as she fell to Lenka Jakubekova of South Alabama, 6-1, 0-6, 6-2.

Cougar captain Nagy was rated 12th in the tournament. Her opening-round match was not one to remember. She lost to Meredith Laughlin of Miami, 6-2, 6-4.

Although, she did come back in the consolation round, beating Katarina Kramaric of Old Dominion, 6-1, 6-2.

A bright spot from the tournament was the play of the doubles teams. Groce said the attention given to doubles in practice was a

4-6, 6-4, 6-2 score. They also lost in a consolation match to Karen Goldstein and Vanessa Webb of Duke, 6-0, 6-2.

The WSU doubles duo of Reisz and Gajdzik started off their tournament with a bang. They defeated Purdue's Jennifer Embry and Mary Beth Maggart, 6-2, 6-7, 7-5. Purdue was the No. 2 seed in the qualifying tournament.

Reisz and Gajdzik made it through the qualifying round with a 6-2, 6-3 win over a North Carolina State opponent.

In the main draw, Reisz and Gajdzik were ousted in their opener, losing 7-5, 6-3 to Mississippi's Irena Milhailova and Mariana Eberle.

Next up for the Cougars will be the BYU Invitational, scheduled for next Thursday and Friday. In addition to WSU, Boise State and Utah will compete.

Groce is expecting to see top-notch collegiate tennis at the tournament.

"BYU has some talented freshmen, and Boise State will have Gail McManus," Groce said. "Plus, we played Utah last year and they were very talented. So with these four talented teams, you will see some quality tennis."

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factor in the Cougars play.

"We spend a lot of time in practice on our double's play and we were able to beat some good teams," Groce said.

The Nagy/Perkins team outlasted Marquette's Sara Fernandez and Ester Ruiz De Ona, winning 6-1, 6-4 in their opening match. Pepperdine's Borgerson and Anh Nguyen defeated the WSU tandem in the qualifying match by a

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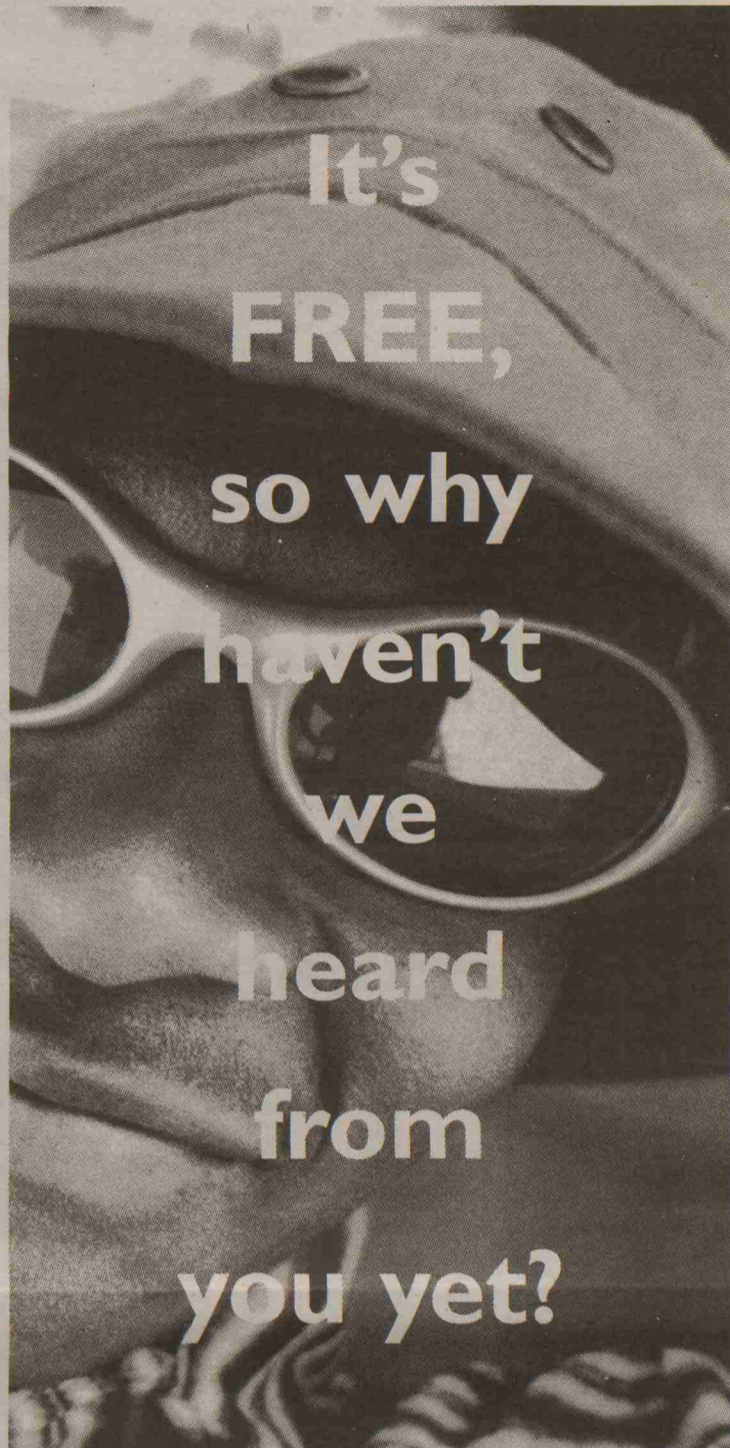
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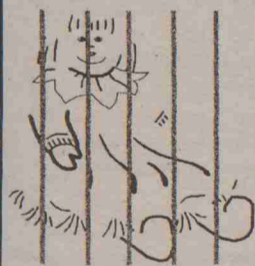


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