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Bismarck hosts 2014 West Region Girls Tennis Tournament

BISMARCK – The Capital City Racquet and Fitness Center will be the headquarters for the 2014 West Region Girls Tennis Tournament, Thursday, May 15 thru Saturday, May 17.

Eight Western Dakota Association teams will participate in the North Dakota High School Activities Association-sponsored regional which will determine the top four teams and top eight singles players and eight doubles teams to compete in the Class A state tournament, May 22-24, Bismarck.

The tournament gets underway at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 15 with first round matches. Top seed Bismarck St. Mary's will face No. 8 Mandan. No. 2 Bismarck Century will play No. 7 Jamestown. No. 3 Minot faces No. 6 Williston and No. 4 Dickinson meets No. 5 Bismarck High. First round winners will advance to the semifinals scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. while first round losers will drop into loser-out play, also to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Semifinal winners will meet for the region championship at 5 p.m. Losers of the semifinals will play the winners of the earlier loser-out rounds in state-qualifying matches also set for 5 p.m.

The individual portion of the tournament gets underway at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 16. Time permitting, the singles and doubles tournament will reach the semifinals on the championship bracket and quarterfinals of consolation bracket on Friday. The individual tournament resumes at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 17. The top eight singles finishers and eight doubles teams will qualify for the state tournament.

As custom with other NDHSAA-governed regionals, a daily admission fee will be taken. The cost will be \$7/day for adults and \$4/day for students. Bismarck St. Mary's Central High School is managing this event.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 15

9:00am – Coaches meeting

10:30am – Team Tournament begins

No. 1 St. Mary's vs. No. 8 Mandan; No. 4 Dickinson vs. No. 5 Bismarck High; No. 2 Century vs. No. 7 Jamestown; No. 3 Minot vs. No. 6 Williston

1:30pm – 2nd round Team matches, semifinals and loser-out play

5:00pm – Championship & State Qualifiers.

8:00pm – Coaches Meeting (COTY, Senior Athlete, Scheduling, Advisory)

FRIDAY MAY 16

8:00am – Coaches Meeting (Brief)

9:00am – Individual Tournament Begins

Time permitting, play will advance to the semifinals in the championship bracket and to the quarters in the consolation bracket in both doubles and singles bracket.

SATURDAY MAY 17

8:00am – Coaches Meeting

9:00am – Doubles & Singles Play continues

1:30pm – Doubles Final Begins

3:00pm – Singles Final Begins

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE:

A contingency plan will be in place in case we have unacceptable weather for outdoor play. We will notify you on this as play progresses and will try to make scheduling decisions that are in the best interest of the players.