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With high hopes of an ITA Regional Championship and a trip to the ITA National Tournament on their minds, the Seward County Saints traveled to Oklahoma City over the weekend.



The Saints struggled in singles action sending just one player past the round of 16, and came up just short of a doubles title when Ronzai Saurombe and Alejandro Gonzalez were edged in the doubles final to end their tournament one win short of a championship.

Six Seward players hit the court in the singles draw of the tournament. The Saints managed just one win in five first round matchups.

The lone first-round singles victory came from Gonzalez, who knocked off Mitch Vechione of Seminole State 6-4, 6-0 to advance to the second round.

Gonzalez would not make it out of the second round, losing to Josh Coleman of Cowley 6-4, 2-6, 2-6.

Saurombe had a first-round bye as the five seed, and won his second-round match against Kavin Kochersperger of Johnson County, 7-6, 6-3 to reach the quarterfinals.

Saints come up short in OKC

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Saurombe fell in the quarters to third seeded Harry Busby of Cowley 2-6, 2-6.

The Saints finished the tournament with a 5-9 match record and are now 52-40 overall in matches this fall.

Saurombe and Gonzalez are still hoping to receive one of two wild-card entries to next week's ITA National Tournament in Florida.

Next up for Seward is a a trip to Winfield to take on Southwestern College at 1 p.m. Saturday.