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Two doubles teams took second place honors at the Emporia Invitational Tennis Tournament as Redskin Tennis competed against some of the best teams from eastern Kansas Saturday.

Liberal competed with teams from Emporia, Valley Center, Salina South, Ark City, and Shawnee Heights. The Redskins did not place as a team, but individually, teams improved their seeding chances at Regionals with impressive wins over quality opponents.

Individual Results:

No. 1 Singles: Josh Hamilton went 0-5 on the day but played well and gained valuable experience. He lost to Valley Center's Tyler Dolt 0-8, lost to Emporia's Chris Reimer 0-8, lost to Ark City's Jordan Butler 4-8, lost to Salina South's Zach Lantz 0-8, then lost to Shawnee Heights' Chance Joost 0-8.

No. 2 Singles: Hai Vo competed hard and also gained valuable experience finishing 0-5. He lost to Emporia's Zach Windsor 2-8, lost to Valley Center's Jeremy Goering 1-8, lost to Ark City's Alex Behrens 2-8, lost to Salina South's Trent Zamecnik 2-8, then lost to Shawnee Heights' Tanner Kaniper 3-8.

No. 1 Doubles: Duc Nguyen and Vince Nguyen went 4-1 finishing 2nd Place. They manhandled most of their opponents in impressive form before losing a match closer than the score indicates in the final. They defeated Valley Center's Andrew Mayfield/Max Berning 8-1, defeated Emporia's Brandon Loewen/Austin Heavener 8-0, defeated Ark City's John Rohr/Macen Vargas 8-2, defeated Salina South's Jordan Robl/Chris Arpin 8-2, then lost a tough match 1-8 to Shawnee Heights' Philip Lucero & Bennet Bleil to win the Silver Medal for 2nd Place.

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No. 2 Doubles: Antonio Rodriguez and Drew Wills went 3-2 on the day finishing 2nd Place.

They defeated Valley Center's Ethan Parsons/Matt Dolezal 8-6, lost to Emporia's Mark Kitchens/Hayden Hanson 5-8, defeated Ark City's Sean Stewart/Ryan Standerfer 8-6, lost to Salina South's Adam Robl/Chris Garcia 3-8, then defeated Shawnee Heights' Aaron Wheatley/Jordan Sester 8-7 to win the Silver Medal for 2nd Place.