IRON RIVER—West Iron's girls tennis team really didn't need a one-week break just before the end-of-season tournaments.

But Mother Nature thought otherwise, and the Wykons' entire schedule—even practices—got wiped out for a full week, due to an early round of cold, damp, windy weather.

The Wykons finally got back on the court Sept. 24, losing to Kingsford 7-1 before taking part in the Great Northern Conference tournament Sept. 26.

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While West Iron finished last in the GNC team standings, senior Kylee Erickson couldn't have done better, winning the first singles title.

The season ends Oct. 3 at the Division 2 U.P. Finals at Westwood High School.

GNC Finals: Erickson won the first singles title with a 7-5, 6-0 win over Escanaba's Codi Jenshak in the finals.

Jenshak had defeated Kingsford's Sam Fleming in her semifinal match. Fleming wound up consolation winner in first singles.

Erickson had split a pair of earlier matches against Jenshak.

No other Wykon advanced to the final round. Kingsford won the team title with 42 points, and Marquette (32) edged Escanaba (30) for second.

Kingsford: On Sept. 24, the Wykons lost 7-1 to Kingsford. WIC's only win came from Erickson at first singles—she stopped Fleming 6-1, 6-1.

"We played better than expected," Coach Denise Spelgatti said. "The scores don't show how close some of the matches were." Wind was a factor all day.

Even though it was decided in straight sets, the closest match of the day was in second doubles, where Brittanie Barry and Sydnie Mazurek lost 6-3 in the first set but battled into a second set tiebreak.

The tiebreak went to the max and beyond, but finally Kingsford's Janay Walters and Ali Van Remortel took it 9-7 to win in straight sets. "They [Brittanie and Sydnie] continue to improve and never give up," said their coach.

At second doubles, Maddie Waara lost 6-2, 7-5 to Hannah Tresedder.

• Coming up: The girls tennis season ends with the Division 2 U.P. Finals, scheduled at Westwood High School on Oct. 3.