

NEWCOMB STILL TOP IN ONE

Newcomb maintained top place on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 Competition with a crushing win over Wandana Heights by 8 sets to one leaving the Heights level on points with St Mary's at the bottom of the ladder.

With the inclusion of State grader Mathew Holschier it was thought that the Heights would push Newcomb all the way, however, the Newcomb players had other ideas and won well.

Following a close and keenly fought opening set with Chris Higgins and Raquel Murdoch, for Newcomb just getting home over the Heights' Mathew Holschier and Amy Kearney 7/5, the Newcomb side dominated the match winning 7 of the 8 remaining sets. The only set won by Wandana Heights was 2nd men's when Holschier and Mark Hagebols defeated Newcomb's Higgins and Peter Cullen 6/3. For Newcomb, David and Sue Kos and Joanne Puckett were the 3-set winners on the day.

Holschier and Hagebols fought hard all day for the Heights in their loss 8 sets 52 games to 1 set 23 games.

CENTRE COURT RED ON THE MOVE

Centre Court Red moved closer to the four with a good win over St Mary's at home on Saturday by 6 sets 48 games to 3 sets 41 games. The mixed doubles produced several highlights with Centre Court winning 2 of the 3 sets 7/5 7/6 when veteran David Hicks and Kerryn Bruce defeated Peter Ficca and Carolyn Dodds 7/5 and Mitchell Field and Taylor Sobczyk just got home over Pierce Johnson and Suzanne Pickering 7/6.

St Mary's Peppe Scorpo and Natasha Chequer won the 2nd mixed defeating Steve Donaldson and Fiona Walker 6/3. The Court's women dominated from this point, winning all the ladies' doubles in fine style. For St Mary's Peppe Scorpo was a standout, winning all his sets and St Mary's only 3 sets for the day. In other matches in Section 1 St Luke's Highton Uniting moved into 3rd place on the ladder with a strong win over Grovedale 7 sets 48 games to 2 sets 28 games and Centre Court Blue (2nd) just managed to defeat 4th placed Ocean Grove by 5 sets to 4.

SECTION 1 LADDER

Newcomb 57 points, Centre Court Blue 53, St Luke's Highton Uniting 41, Ocean Grove 41, Grovedale 35, Centre Court Red 33, Wandana Heights 24, St Mary's 24.

TOP SIDES DOMINATE IN TWO

In Section 2 of Tennis Geelong, top sides Geelong Lawn, Gheringhap and St Mary's have stamped themselves as the teams that will most likely fight out the premiership this season. On Saturday, top side Geelong Lawn continued its outstanding form by completely outclassing 4th side Grovedale by 8 sets to 1.

In a one-sided affair the men's' doubles provided the main highlights with Lawn's Toby Lawrence, Mick Carlon and Trevor Priddle pitted against David Muratori, Andrew Veenstra and Jason Schoenmaekers for Grovedale. Lawn won the 1st and 3rd men's with Grovedale taking 2nd men's and the Grove's only set in the match.

Nicole Cooke, Melissa Mortimer and Alice Broadway were in excellent form for Lawn, winning all their 3 sets.

2nd placed Gheringhap at home had little trouble in accounting for Ocean Grove, winning 7 sets to 2. The Hap dominated the three mixed sets and won 2 of the 3 ladies' doubles, only losing 1st ladies in a gruelling set when Jane Dunell and Nicola McInerney went down to the Grove's Ashleigh Cooke and Sally Hughes 6/7.

For the Hap, Bronwen Elford was in fine form along with Shane Coutts, winning all their 3 sets.

For Ocean Grove James Kerr, Jarryd Proctor and Josh Hudson played well, pushing the Hap men in all 3 men's doubles and winning 1st men's when Kerr and Proctor defeated Anthony Leigh and Andrew McInerney 6/4.

Overall Gheringhap too strong, winning 7 sets 53 games to 2 sets 32 games.

In the final game in Section 2, 3rd placed St Mary's has issued a warning to all teams with a runaway win over Barwon Heads at the Heads on Saturday by 7 sets to 2. For St Mary's Susan Bissett, Ann Johnson and Peter Rodgers won all their sets, with Bissett, Johnson and Natalie Rodgers taking out the 3 ladies' sets.

For the Heads, Andrew McKinnon was a standout, winning 2 of his 3 sets in 3rd mixed with Kerry May and 2nd men's with Bradley Hart. Final result St Mary's 7 sets 50 games to Barwon Heads 2 sets 33 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER

Geelong Lawn 52.5 points, Gheringhap 41, St Mary's 38, Grovedale 29.5, Barwon Heads 25, Ocean Grove 23, Highton 22.