

ST LUKES MOVE TO THIRD

St Luke's put paid to a finals spot on Saturday by thrashing Grovedale in the last home and away match of the section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition.

St Luke's Highton Uniting has moved to third on % from Ocean Grove and will meet the Grove this Saturday in a cutthroat Semi- Final.

The St Luke's team of Vicky Stucky, Brianna Bateup, (both State players), Abby Walker, Grant Thompson, Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Jared Bromley dominated the match to record a 9 sets 56 games to Grovedale 's 0sets 25 games victory which pushed Grovedale to sixth place after challenging for the four two weeks ago. For Grovedale Braedon Lubcke, Ebony Del Rio and Sara Kucenko were the better players in this one sided match.

CENTRE COURT BLUE SMASH OCEAN GROVE

Centre Court Blue continued to dominate the competition with a resounding win against fourth placed Ocean Grove at home on Saturday and are now odds on favourites to win the title.

The Blue team even without top player Chris Baxter included Veteran David Hicks into the line-up and although he was involved in tight hard fought sets he still managed to win all 3 sets, which is an excellent effort for a player in his sixties.

Blue's Carolyn McGann along with all the Men namely Ry Davies, Hicks and Adam Lasky proved too strong and recorded a resounding 8 sets 54 games to Ocean Grove 1 set 35 games.

For Grove Brad Edwards along with Michelle Little and Ellie Deane fought hard all day with Little and Deane winning Grove's only set for the day 3rd Ladies.

CENTRE COURT RED FINISH FIFTH

Centre Court Red came in fifth 1 point ahead of Grovedale on Saturday even though they lost badly to seventh placed St Mary's by 7 sets to 2.

Court Red had their number one player missing on Saturday Andrew King and St Mary's took full advantage of this to record their best win of the season.

For St Mary's Carolyn Dodds, Suzanne Pickering, Paul Field and Peppe Scorpo were stand outs, while Steve Donaldson was involved in Centre Court's only winning sets for the day. He was ably supported by Fiona Walker and Mario Matejcek.

NEWCOMB MAINTAIN DOUBLE CHANCE FOR FINALS

Newcomb away to bottom side Wandana Heights on Saturday did enough to record a 7 Sets to 2 victory to hold second spot on the ladder and the double chance.

The Newcomb team got away to an outstanding start when Joanne Puckett and Greg Steele had a hard struggle against State player Mathew Holshier and Amy Kearney to win in a tie break set.

Newcomb continued to dominate in mixed doubles winning the next 2 sets in fine style.

Puckett, Bridget Le Maitre and Raquel Murdoch completely outplayed their Wandana Heights opposition in ladies doubles winning all 3 sets and losing only 1 game in the process.

For the Heights Holshier along with Josh Vines and Mark Hagebols were outstanding winning Wandana's only sets for the day in 1st and 2nd men's and conceding only 1 game in doing so.

Holshier was dominate during the day winning 2 of his 3 sets after losing 1st mixed in a tie break set.

Final result Newcomb 7 sets 44 games to Wandana Heights 2 sets 26 games.

FINAL LADDER SECTION 1

Centre Court Blue	116.5	Points		
Newcomb	106.5	“		
St Luke's Highton Uniting	85.5	“	%	110.57
Ocean Grove	85.5	“	%	110.46
Centre Court Red	62.5	“		
Grovedale	61.5	“		
St Mary's	54.5	“		
Wandana Heights	43.5	“		

SECTION 1 FINALS FOR NEXT SATURDAY

Second Semi- Final:

Centre Court Blue – V – Newcomb

At: St Mary's Courts 1 & 3

Umpires: St Mary's

Referee: Peppe Scorpo

First Semi- Final:

St Luke's Highton Uniting – V – Ocean Grove

At: Wandana Heights Courts 1 & 2

Umpires: Wandana Heights

Referee: John Garvey

TOP 3 TEAMS IN SECTION 2 WIN WELL

The top 3 teams in section 2 had comfortable victories in the last round before finals on Saturday with top side Geelong Lawn defeating 4th placed Grovedale by 8 sets to 1, second placed Gheringhap recorded an outstanding win over Ocean Grove also by 8 sets to 1 and third placed St Mary's equalled this with an 8 sets to 1 victory over Barwon Heads.

This section has been dominated by these 3 teams with Geelong Lawn favoured to take the title.

FINAL LADDER SECTION 2

Geelong Lawn	107	Points
Gheringhap	85.5	“
St Mary's	79.5	“
Grovedale	54.0	“
Ocean Grove	47.0	“
Barwon Heads	46.5	“
Highton	42.5	“

SECTION 2 FINALS FOR NEXT SATURDAY

Second Semi-Final:

Geelong Lawn - V – Gheringhap

At: Grovedale Courts 3 & 4 Plexi

Umpires: Highton

Referee: Ross Parkinson

First Semi- Final:

St Mary's - V – Grovedale

At: Barwon Heads Courts 1 & 3

Umpires: Barwon Heads

Referee: Rhonda Sutas