

CENTRE COURT BLUE INTO GRAND FINAL

Centre Court Blue, the minor premiers, sealed a grand final spot on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong with a strong 6 sets to 2 win over Newcomb in the second semi-final.

Court Blue with Carolyn McGann and Ry Davies in excellent form winning their three sets, took control of the match and were ably backed up by Chris Baxter and Kelly Brunger.

Blue took out two of the three mixed sets with Sascha Bruenjes and Peter Cullen winning 3rd mixed for Newcomb. Newcomb's only other set win for the day was 3rd ladies when Joanne Puckett and Sascha Bruenjes defeated Brunger and Stephanie Guy 6/3. 3rd men's was not played as a result had been reached with Centre Court winning 6 sets 43 games to Newcomb 2 sets 31 games.

Court Blue all year has been firm favourites for the flag and now they are odds on to take the title.

ST LUKE'S HOME IN FIRST SEMI

St Luke's Highton Uniting booked a preliminary final against Newcomb in a hard fought win over Ocean Grove on Saturday, 5 sets to 4. St Luke's got away to a good start winning two of the 3 mixed doubles sets with Brianna Bateup, Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, Vicky Stucky and Grant Thompson winning well.

Ellie Deane and Daviel Thomas for Grove got Grove on the scoreboard taking out 3rd mixed and Danielle Vigilante and Michelle Little had an excellent win in 1st ladies to level the match.

1st men's produced a touch encounter with Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Grant Thomson for St Luke's just getting home over Jason Raselli and Brad Edwards. Stucky, Bateup and Abby Walker for St Luke's took out 2nd and 3rd ladies in fine style while Daniel Thomas was a standout for Grove, winning all his 3 sets and was backed by Jason Raselli and Brad Edwards to win 2 of the 3 men's doubles sets. Overall St Luke's got home 5 sets 47 games to Ocean Grove 4 sets 39 games.

Preliminary Finals will be played in Senior and Junior Tennis Geelong Competition on the 19th March following the long week end.

In section 2 on Saturday Geelong Lawn booked a grand final spot with a solid win over Gheringhap 5 Sets to 3.

The Hap opened up well winning both 1st and 3rd mixed doubles with Kathryn Reitter and Anthony Leigh taking 1st mixed in a tie break and Jane Dunell and Shane Coutts winning well in the third.

The McInerney's Andrew and Nicola were placed well at 4/1 in second mixed but lost 4/6 to Nicole Cooke and Mick Carlon.

From that point Gheringhap struggled losing all 3 Ladies doubles to Phillipa Tepper, Nicole Cooke and Melissa Mortimer with Geelong Lawn conceding only 4 games which was a match winning effort.

The Men's doubles was a set all with Gheringhap winning 1st men's and 2nd men's going to Geelong – 3rd men's was not played as Geelong Lawn ladies had dominated and a result had been reached.

Gheringhap will now meet St Mary's in the preliminary final Saturday week the 19th March.

Overall Geelong Lawn 5 Sets 43 Games defeated Gheringhap 3 Sets 31 Games.

In the first semi-final of section 2 St Mary's fought out a strong win over Grovedale 5 Sets to 4 and will now meet Gheringhap in the preliminary final in two weeks.

St Mary's ladies lead by Susan Bissett were outstanding with Susan winning her 3 sets and conceding only 5 games in the process. Bissett had great support from Natalie Rodgers and Colleen Battye.

For Grovedale Matthew Squires only lost 5 games in a losing team winning his 3 sets, however St Mary's with strong ladies got home by 5 Sets 40 Games to Grovedale 4 sets 33 games.

Association Tournament this Saturday at Geelong Lawn – not to late to enter – ring Susan Bissett on Ph: 5248 1644 for seniors and Bernie Morris on Ph:5243 1779 for juniors.

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