

## **GROVEDALE BLACK STILL ON TOP**

Grovedale Black retained top spot on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder with a crushing win over St Albans on Saturday. The Grove Black team of Sara Earls, Lisa Sherwell, Cameron Govan and Alex Olney dominated the match throughout, losing only the last mixed doubles when Earls and Olney lost to St Albans' Clare Burns and Doug Hewson. Overall Grovedale Black too good winning 5 sets 36 games to 1 set 21 games.

Second team Newcomb maintained its position with a thumping win over last placed Grovedale Yellow by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games. The Newcomb team is now outright favourite for the flag with Joanne Puckett, Bridget LeMaitre, Greg Steele and Peter Cullen playing well. Newcomb also has other top players namely David Kos, Chris Higgins, Michelle Price and Sue Kos to call on. For the Yellow team Matthew Squire and Andrew Veenstra battled hard all day.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Grovedale Black 22 points, Newcomb 19, St Mary's 11, St Albans 10, Grovedale Yellow 2.

## **WAURN PONDS AND LARA DOMINATE AGAIN**

Top side in Section 2 Waurnd Ponds at home smashed bottom team Western Heights Uniting on Saturday, recording a 9 sets 54 games to 0 sets 25 games victory. The Ponds team of Emily Rankin, Nicole Mullen and her mother Joanne, along with Ben Rankin, Nick Zyppel and Rick Mullen completely dominated the match from start to finish. Robert Arnall and Mark Wrigley fought hard all day for the Heights.

Lara holding 2<sup>nd</sup>, only one point behind Waurnd Ponds, at home crushed 5<sup>th</sup> placed Grovedale on Saturday winning 9 sets to 0.

The Lara team of Jacqui Watson, Robyn Cogan, Sandra Slade, Xavier Christensen, Daniel Peters and Cronini Tadrei are in great form and never looked in trouble. The Dale's women of Donna Schoenmaekers, Belinda Veenstra and Lea DelRio fought hard, pushing the Lara women in all three ladies' doubles sets. However, Lara too good on the day winning 9 sets 56 games to 0 sets 29 games.

In other games in Section 2 Ocean Grove currently 3<sup>rd</sup> travelled to Bannockburn on Saturday and recorded a solid 6 sets to 3 victory. Josh Hudson and Scott Bibby for Grove had an outstanding day winning their 3 sets and with Jarryd Proctor won all 3 men's doubles sets, losing only 7 games in doing so. Julie Allwood played well also for Grove. The Burn's Sarah Round and Ida Durran played well, winning 2 of their 3 sets in the Burn's loss to Ocean Grove 3 sets 36 games to 6 sets 45 games.

Geelong East Uniting moved into the four with a solid win at home against Torquay by 6 sets to 3. East's Deborah Lewis winning her 3 sets and losing only 5 games for the day along with Madeleine London winning her 3 sets with a loss of 11 games, were the standouts and with Bernadette Lowe won all 3 ladies' doubles to place East in a strong position for the match. Brad Verfurth was the best of the East men.

For Torquay Paul Archer and Sam Rogers played well to win 2 of their 3 sets. Overall, East with dominant women overran Torquay to win 6 sets 49 games to 3 sets 32 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Waurnd Ponds 39 points, Lara 38, Ocean Grove 22, Geelong East Uniting 18, Grovedale 18, Bannockburn 17, Torquay 16, Western Heights Uniting 8.