

NEWCOMB STOPS SAINT'S CLIMB

Newcomb at home to St Mary's on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong stopped the Saints in their tracks with a crushing 5 sets to 1 victory to retain top position on the ladder, pushing St Mary's into 3rd place. The Newcomb team of Bridget LeMaitre, Joanne Puckett, David Kos and Greg Steele were in outstanding form winning the first three sets of the afternoon along with the last two.

The Saints' only set came in men's doubles when Peppe Scorpo and Paul Field outplayed Kos and Steele, however Newcomb too strong on the day winning 5 sets 34 games to St Mary's 1 set 13 games.

2nd placed Grovedale Black suffered a shock defeat to Grovedale Yellow, bottom, on Saturday by 1 set and 1 game. For Yellow Andrew Veenstra and Matthew Squire winning the men's doubles and Lisa Graham playing well was enough to get yellow over the line. For Black, Lisa Sherwell and Steven Muratori fought well, however Yellow held out to win 3 sets 16 games to 2 sets 15 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER - Newcomb 30 points, Grovedale Black 25.5, St Mary's 23, St Albans 17, Grovedale Yellow 16.5.

BANNOCKBURN CAUSE UPSET

Bannockburn, away to Lara on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, caused a major upset by knocking off 2nd placed Lara by 5 sets to 4 to enter the four. For Bannockburn Sarah Round, Carol Dodds and Ida Durran were outstanding, winning all three ladies' doubles, and Round and Dodds winning their 3 sets in fine style.

Lara's men led by Xavier Christensen, winning his 3 sets for the day, and Daniel Peters and Daniel Sluggett winning all 3 men's doubles sets were standouts for the Lara team. However, Bannockburn with strong ladies got home by 5 sets 39 games to 4 sets 35 games in a boilover.

Grovedale 5th, at home to Geelong East Uniting, struggled hard to get home in a cliff-hanger by 1 set and 2 games. The Grove team led by Jason Schoenmaekers winning his 3 sets and with Will Grose and Ben Hardy taking out all 3 men's doubles made sure of Grove's dominance in the match.

For East Deborah Lewis, Sandra Hartkopf and Madeleine London were in fine form winning 2 of their 3 sets, but to no avail with Grove getting home 5 sets 45 games to East 4 sets 43 games.

Ocean Grove retained 3rd place with a smashing win over bottom side Western Heights Uniting 8 sets to 1.

The Ocean Grove team of Megan Vicary, Ashleigh Cooke, Nicole Norman, David Franks, Jarryd Proctor and Phillip Nash overpowered the Heights team to record a runaway win.

The Heights' only set win in the match came in 1st ladies when Kayla Gardner and Jessica Groher just got home in a tiebreak against Vicary and Cooke. Final result – Ocean Grove 8 sets 55 games to 1 set 34 games.

Top side Waurin Ponds moved further ahead with a strong win against 7th placed Torquay.

The Ponds' men of Ben Rankin and Rick Mullen along with Karen Rankin played outstanding tennis, winning their 3 sets and had good support from Emily Rankin and Nick Zyppel.

For Torquay Megan Hapgood played well, winning 2 of her 3 sets and Torquay's only sets for the day in their loss to Waurin Ponds 2 sets 35 games to 7 sets 51 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Waurin Ponds 66 points, Lara 51.5, Ocean Grove 50, Bannockburn 34, Grovedale 33, Geelong East Uniting 31, Torquay 27.5, Western Heights Uniting 15.