

GROVEDALE BLACK BACK TO SECOND

Grovedale Black away to St Albans in Section 1 Tennis Geelong jumped back into 2nd position on the ladder with a crushing win, 6 sets to love. The Grove team of Sara Earls, Cameron Govan, Lisa Sherwell and Steven Muratori played outstanding tennis all day to completely outplay the Saints in a one-sided encounter.

For the Saints Matthew Allen fought hard in 2nd mixed with Sharon Taylor and with Angela Oldham in 4th mixed, however found Grove too strong going down in both in their loss to Grove 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 16 games.

Newcomb, top, continued its dominance with another one-sided victory this time against Grovedale Yellow at Grovedale on Saturday by 5 sets to 1. The Newcomb men of Peter Cullen and Greg Steele were in great form winning their 3 sets and conceding only 5 games in the process. They had good backing from Sascha Bruenjes and Taylor Sobczyk who lost only the one set, the ladies' doubles, to Dale's Lisa Graham and Jayde Glascott. This was the Dale's only set for the day in its loss to Newcomb 5 sets 32 games to 1 set 13 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER AFTER 9 ROUNDS - Newcomb 44 points, Grovedale Black 34.5, St Mary's 30, St Albans 18, Grovedale Yellow 17.5.

LARA CONSOLIDATES SECOND

Lara was away to 3rd placed Ocean Grove on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis and consolidated its 2nd position with a hard-fought 6 sets 48 games to 3 sets 34 games' victory. Lara's Xavier Christensen winning his 3 sets for the day and Daniel Peters, Jacqui Watson, Robyn Cogan and Sandra Slade winning 2 of their 3 sets, proved too strong for the Grove team.

For Grove, Scott Bibby was in fine form winning 2 sets for the day and Megan Vicary and Ashleigh Cooke surprised, taking out 1st ladies against Lara's Watson and Cogan. However Lara went on to win the match and retain 2nd place.

Bannockburn at home to Torquay held onto 4th position by just 1 point from Grovedale 5th with a strong hard-fought 6 sets to 3 sets victory over the Torquay team.

Bannockburn lead by their women Sarah Round, Ida Durran and Carol Dodds were in devastating form, winning all their sets in mixed doubles and the 3 ladies doubles, losing only 3 games in this department.

The Torquay men of Sam Rogers, Kris Di Martino and Paul Archer won the only 3 sets for the day taking out all 3 men's doubles sets in fine style, conceding only 7 games. They also played well in the 3 opening mixed doubles sets forcing Bannockburn into 3 tight sets, however the Burn prevailed to win 6 sets 45 games to 3 sets 35 games.

Grovedale was away to Western Heights Uniting on Saturday and is now knocking on the door of the Four with a runaway victory over the bottom placed Heights team to win 7 sets to 2. The Grove team of Will Grose, Ben Hardy, James Headlam, Jessica Christy, Linda Muratori and Belinda Veenstra took out all 3 opening mixed doubles sets and lost only 2 sets for the rest of the day, the 1st men's to the Heights' Robert Arnall and Jeff Smith in a tiebreak and the 3rd ladies to Carmel Addlem and Vicki Giblin. Overall, Grove with more depth won 7 sets 52 games to the Heights 2 sets 32 games.

In the final game in Section 2 top side Waurin Ponds continued on its merry way with a thumping 8 sets to 1 win over 7th placed Geelong East Uniting. This young Ponds side comprising the Rankins, Emily and Ben, along with Bianca Duff, Nick Zypfel, Nicole Mullen and Jesse Brunt, were outstanding throughout and their only set loss for the day was 1st men's when Rankin and Zypfel went down to East's Robert Fraser and Brad Verfurth. Overall Waurin Ponds far too strong, winning 8 sets 51 games to 1 set 26 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Waurin Ponds 84 points, Lara 67.5, Ocean Grove 62, Bannockburn 45, Grovedale 44, Torquay 37.5, Geelong East Uniting 35, Western Heights Uniting 21.