

## **NEWCOMB INTO GRAND FINAL**

Newcomb, away to St Albans on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong's last round of matches, put themselves in the grand final with a 5 sets to 1 win over the Saints. Newcomb's strong line-up of Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton, Greg Steele and Peter Cullen never looked in doubt although the opening two mixed doubles were tight affairs with the St Albans pair of Clare Burns and Peter Lange taking the first set 7/5 and Clifton and Cullen winning the second set for Newcomb 7/5.

From that point Newcomb took over, winning the remaining 4 sets to run out easy winners in the match 5 sets 36 games to 1 set 21 games.

In the other game in Section 1, St Mary's with Melanie McClelland, Natasha Edwards, Peppe Scorpo and Peter Ficca, played outstanding tennis to overcome bottom side Grovedale Yellow on Saturday to win 5 sets to 1. The Dale's only set in the match was in the ladies doubles when Jayde Glascott and Lisa Graham outplayed McClelland and Edwards to win 6/4. However, St Mary's too strong overall winning 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 21 games. St Mary's will now meet Grovedale Black in the preliminary final next Saturday with the winner to face Newcomb in the grand final a week later. On current form, St Mary's is favoured to again meet Newcomb in a grand final of Winter tennis.

**SECTION 1 FINAL LADDER** – Newcomb 81 points, Grovedale Black 55.5, St Mary's 51, St Albans 28, Grovedale Yellow 24.5.

**SECTION 1 FINAL** – Grovedale Black v St Mary's at Clifton Springs.

## **WAURN PONDS CLOSER TO FLAG**

Waurn Ponds on Saturday played Lara in the second semi-final of Section 2 Tennis Geelong competition and made a strong statement in crushing Lara by 8 sets to 1 to reach the grand final. The Pond's team of Emily and Ben Rankin, Joanne Mullen, Nick Zypfel, Nicole Mullen and her father Michael dominated the match throughout. Lara's only set win in the match was 1<sup>st</sup> ladies with Jacqui Watson and Sandra Slade defeating Rankin and Joanne Mullen. As predicted Waurn Ponds with youth and senior experience look set to win the Section 2 flag in fine style. Final result – Waurn Ponds 8 sets 50 games defeated Lara 1 set 25 games.

## **OCEAN GROVE MOVE INTO PRE-LIM**

Ocean Grove moved into the preliminary final with a gallant 1 set and 2 games victory over Bannockburn in the 1<sup>st</sup> semi-final on Saturday and will meet Lara next week with the winner meeting Waurn Ponds in the grand final the following week.

For Grove Jarryd Proctor, Josh Hudson and Phillip Nash were in outstanding form winning all men's doubles sets and with Ashleigh Cooke and Julie Allwood, took out 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed doubles to set up the win.

Bannockburn ladies led by Sarah Round kept the Burn in the match, winning the 1<sup>st</sup> mixed with Jason Tournier and with Ida Durran and Carol Dodds won all three ladies doubles, losing only two games in the process. The Burn's ladies have been outstanding all year, however Ocean Grove too strong on the day to win 5 sets 36 games to Bannockburn 4 sets 34 games.

**SECTION 2 PRELIMINARY FINAL** – Lara v Ocean Grove at Grovedale.

Preliminary finals for 8 teams Sections will be played this Saturday together with the commencement of finals for 6 teams sections, with the grand final of all sections to be played on August 27<sup>th</sup>.