

TENNIS GEELONG REVIEW OF SENIOR MATCHES OF SATURDAY JULY 23

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Tennis Geelong Section 1 match between top team Newcomb and third placed St Mary's was always going to be difficult for St Mary's to win due to the caliber of the Newcomb ladies and the absence of St Mary's top man Peppe Scorpo. And it turned out that way with Newcomb dominating the entire match without losing a set and surrendering only a miserly 15 games.

The other match in this grade was between the two Grovedale teams with the second placed Black team expected to have little trouble against the Yellow team who occupy fifth position. The Yellow team were not intimidated by their more highly skilled opponents and managed to win two sets which was a good effort. Black 4-33 defeated Yellow 2-23.

In section 2 Bannockburn had their hands full against the bottom team Western Heights Uniting. Bannockburn can thank their ladies for their victory as they won five of the six sets in which they played. Ida Durran was in great form winning two of her sets 6-0. For the Heights the young men of Jeff Smith, Rob Arnall and Matthew Wrigley gained the upper hand over their more experienced opponents. The final result Bannockburn 5-44 to 4-33.

Ocean Grove also had a surprisingly tough match against Geelong East Uniting. East's women played at their best to take out two of three close fought sets against their younger opponents. Scott Bibby turned in a good performance winning his 3 sets, being the reason for the Grove's victory 5-49 to 4-39.

Second placed team Lara had too much talent for Torquay who battled hard but fell away in the last two sets of the match. Lara's win was set up early when they won the three tight mixed doubles sets.

Top team Waurn Ponds dashed any hope for the fifth team Grovedale of playing finals tennis when they came away with a nine sets to love victory. To their credit Grovedale stood tall to win 23 games to Waurn Ponds 54.