

## **PREMIERS DOWNED IN OPENING MATCH**

St Luke's Highton Uniting, premiers last season, lost their opening match of the 2011-2012 season of Section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition to Geelong Lawn on Saturday in a close, hard fought match.

Matthew Holschier (State Grader) transferring to Geelong Lawn this year was the dominating force in the Lawn's win, winning his 3 sets, two of which were close tussles. Lewis O'Brien and Ari Levinson provided great support to Holschier in winning all 3 men's doubles. St Luke's women of Brianna Bateup (State Grader), Abby Walker and Raelee Anderson kept St Luke's in the match by winning all 3 ladies' doubles with Anderson winning all her sets for the day. However, Geelong Lawn held on to win 5 sets 47 games to 4 sets 45 games in a close first up match.

## **CENTRE COURT RED THRASH OCEAN GROVE**

Top Geelong player and State Grader, Matthew Hicks, led the young Centre Court Red team in a thrashing of Ocean Grove on Saturday to the tune of 8 sets to 1. Hicks was in outstanding form, winning the opening mixed with Romano Mataruga, and with James Brushfield and Steve Donaldson took out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men's doubles.

The Court's women of Mataruga, Taylor Sobczyk and Natalie Mann had a day out, winning all their 3 sets for the day. Ocean Grove's only set for the day was in 3<sup>rd</sup> men's when Daniel Thomas and Brad Edwards got home over Brushfield and Donaldson. However, Centre Court Red was too strong on the day winning 8 sets 52 games to 1 set 29 games.

## **CENTRE COURT BLUE UP AND RUNNING**

Centre Court Blue, surprise runners up last season got away to an excellent start this season with a smashing win against St Mary's by 8 sets to 1. The Court team of Kelly Brunger, State Grader Carolyn McGann, Alessia Roso, Ry Davies, Adam Lasky and Jordan Drew were in outstanding form and proved too strong on the day.

St Mary's only set win in the match was 1<sup>st</sup> mixed when Peppe Scorpo and Carly McClelland defeated Brunger and Davies. Overall Court too strong winning 8 sets 52 games to 1 set 29 games.

## **NEWCOMB DOWN GROVEDALE**

Newcomb started the season in good style with a solid win over Grovedale 6 sets to 3. For Newcomb Chris Higgins was outstanding winning all his 3 sets and with Greg Steele and Peter Cullen won all 3 men's doubles to set up the win. Ana Clifton for Newcomb was in good form winning 2 of her 3 sets, losing only 1<sup>st</sup> ladies' with Sascha Bruenjes 6/7 to the Dale's Bianca Duff and Lisa Sherwell. The Dale's only other 2 sets were 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed doubles. However, Newcomb too strong winning 6 sets 50 games to 3 sets 35 games.

Next week's matches – St Mary's v Centre Court Red; Ocean Grove v Newcomb; Grovedale v St Luke's Highton Uniting; Geelong Lawn v Centre Court Blue.

## **CLOSE MATCHES IN SECTION 2**

Geelong Lawn defeated Western Heights Uniting by 5 sets 43 games to 4 sets 34 games. The better players for Lawn were Trevor Priddle and Jill Pavia who won their 3 sets for the day.

For the Heights, Zac Ludowyk, Andrew Forster, Alison Ludowyk and Sharron Howard played well in winning 2 of their 3 sets.

## **OCEAN GROVE SURPRISE**

Ocean Grove surprised Sutherland's Creek on Saturday to win 5 sets 40 games to 4 sets 36 games. The Grove's Jarryd Proctor was in great form winning his 3 sets for the day and with Stephen Vicary and David Franks, won 2 of the 3 men's doubles losing only 3<sup>rd</sup> men's in a tiebreak.

For the Creek, Susan Bissett, Kristen Battye, Natalie Rodgers and Peter Rodgers played well, however Grove too good on the day.

## **GROVEDALE OUTDO THE PONDS**

In another close match in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Grovedale surprised with a close hard fought win 5 sets to 4. For the Dale, Troy Mikelsons was outstanding winning his 3 sets along with Sara Earls and Lisa Graham winning 2 sets.

For the Ponds, Nick Zyppel, Rachel Lolait and Ben Meeke fought hard all day, winning 2 of their 3 sets, however, Grovedale home by 5 sets 43 games to 4 sets 40 games.

## **GHERINGHAP OPEN UP STRONGLY**

The Hap's Anthony Leigh and Kathryn Reitter were outstanding, winning their 3 sets for the day and with Andrew McInerney and Daniel Reitter winning 2 sets, proved too strong for Lara on Saturday.

For Lara, Christina Blaskovic and Sandra Slade were the standouts winning 2 of their 3 sets with Slade's only loss 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies' in a tiebreak. Gheringhap got home by 6 sets 43 games to 3 sets 33 games.

Nest week's matches – Lara v Grovedale; Waurin Ponds v Ocean Grove; Sutherland's Creek v Western Heights Uniting; Geelong Lawn v Gheringhap.