

CENTRE COURT BLUE JUST HOME AGAINST LAWN

Centre Court Blue, runners-up last season, had to struggle against Geelong Lawn in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday just getting home by 1 set and 3 games.

The Lawn team, fresh from toppling reigning premier St Luke's Highton Uniting, came close to another upset on Saturday with a strong performance against Court Blue. For Lawn Melissa Mortimer, Fiona Walker and Lewis O'Brien were the better players, winning 2 of their 3 sets for the day.

For the winners Court Blue's State Grade player Carolyn McGann was again the dominating force winning her 3 sets and with Adam Lasky also winning 3 sets led Court Blue to victory 5 sets 47 games to 4 sets 44 games.

CENTRE COURT RED CONTINUE GOOD START

Centre Court Red continued their good start to the season with top player and State Grader Matthew Hicks leading his young side to an impressive 7 sets to 2 win over St Mary's. Hicks along with Natalie Mann, Romano Mataruga won all 3 sets for the afternoon with Taylor Sobczyk and Josh Vines winning 2 of their 3 sets.

For St Mary's Paul Field played well winning 2 of 3 sets and losing only 1 set, 2nd men's, in a close struggle with Matthew Fisher. Overall Court Red too strong winning 7 sets 51 games to 2 sets 38 games.

NEWCOMB STRONG WIN OVER OCEAN GROVE

Newcomb travelled to Ocean Grove on Saturday and came away with a strong 6 sets to 3 win with Peter Cullen and Raquel Walter leading the way winning their 3 sets.

Walter with Bridget LeMaitre and Sascha Bruenjes set up the win by taking out all ladies' doubles.

For Grove Brad Edwards and James Kerr were outstanding winning 1st and 2nd mixed doubles with Michelle Flynn and Claire Reiners, and teaming together to win 1st men's in fine style. However, Newcomb with strong ladies won out by 6 sets 47 games to 3 sets 39 games.

PREMIERS BOUNCE BACK

Last summer's premiers St Luke's Highton Uniting after suffering an upset loss to Geelong Lawn last Saturday in the opening game of the season, bounced back on Saturday with a resounding win over Grovedale by 8 sets to 1. The St Luke's team led by State player Brianna Bateup and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan were ably backed up by Abbie Walker and Hayley Bromley in completely dominating the Grovedale side. The Grove's only set win in the match was 3rd men's when Cameron Govan and Steven Muratori defeated Adam Arnold and Jared Bromley, but St Luke's too good winning 8 sets 55 games to 1 set 27 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court Red 19 points, Centre Court Blue 17, Newcomb 16, St Luke's Highton Uniting 14, Geelong Lawn 11, Ocean Grove 4, Grovedale 4, St Mary's 3.

GHERINGHAP LEAD SECTION 2

Gheringhap played Geelong Lawn at Lawn on Saturday in Section 2 competition and now lead the Section with a strong 6 sets to 3 victory. For the Hap, Anthony Leigh losing only 5 games for the day and Tenille McInerney only 2 games, were in good form and were backed up strongly by Andrew and Nicola McInerney winning 2 of their 3 sets. For Lawn, Justin Pelly and Marnie Higgins were the better players.

In other Section 2 matches 2nd placed Sutherland's Creek at home proved too strong for Western Heights Uniting, winning 6 sets to 3. For Creek Susan Bissett was the only 3 set winner on the day and with Kristen and Colleen Battye took out all 3 ladies' doubles. Losing only 3 games in the process. Peter Rodgers was the best of the men.

For the Heights, Andrew Gibson was in fine form winning 2 of his 3 sets, however Sutherland's Creek home by 6 sets 49 games to 3 sets 31 games.

Grovedale hold on to 3rd place after a narrow loss to Lara. Lara won only 4 sets for the afternoon with Jennie Prince a standout winning her 3 sets, losing only 6 games to set Lara on the road to victory.

For Grovedale Lisa Graham, Kate D'Altera, Troy Mikelsons and David Muratori won 2 of their 3 sets, however Lara with a strong overall performance won the match narrowly by 4 sets 44 games to 5 sets 40 games.

In the final Section 2 match Waurn Ponds defeated Ocean Grove 5 sets to 4 in another tight game. For the winners, Joanne and her daughter Nicole Mullen were in outstanding form winning their 3 sets and with Rachel Lolait took out all 3 ladies' doubles.

For the Grove Josh Hudson was their best, winning his 3 sets and with David Franks and Jarryd Proctor won all men's doubles. However, overall the Ponds took the match 5 sets 44 games to 4 sets 37 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Gheringhap 16 points, Sutherland's Creek 12, Grovedale 12, Waurn Ponds 11, Ocean Grove 11, Geelong Lawn 10, Lara 9, Western Heights Uniting 7.