

## **BLUE OUTPLAY RED TO GO TO TOP**

In the “top of the table clash’ in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, Centre Court Blue outplayed Centre Court Red to take over top position on the ladder winning 7 sets to 2. Blue got away to a strong start winning all 3 mixed doubles sets and 1<sup>st</sup> ladies’ to lead 4 sets to love. However, Red pushed them all the way losing 2 of the four sets in tiebreak encounters, and 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed 5/7.

For Blue, Carolyn McGann was again in excellent form and with Kelly Brunger and Stephanie Guy won all their 3 sets to put the match beyond doubt.

Matthew Hicks was best for Red winning both 1<sup>st</sup> men’s with Andrej Mataruga and with his father, veteran David, in 2<sup>nd</sup> men’s. However, Blue with an excellent start to the match went on to win 7 sets 55 games to 2 sets 38 games.

With the return of several top players, both Red and Blue will be hard to beat throughout the season in what is developing as the strongest Section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition of all time.

## **NEWCOMB HOME IN CLOSE ONE**

Newcomb at home consolidated it’s position in the four defeating St Mary’s in a tough struggle to record a 5 sets to 4 victory to move into 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder.

For Newcomb Chris Higgins was in good form winning his 3 sets for the day and with Lynda Nixon and Janet Allan winning 2, got Newcomb over the line.

St Mary’s Matthew Fisher, Shane Wiffen and Melanie McClelland were standouts winning 2 of their 3 sets, with Fisher and Wiffen just going down in their third sets to push Newcomb all the way. Result saw Newcomb winning 5 sets 50 games to 4 sets 43 games.

## **GEELONG LAWN PRESSING ON FOURTH**

Geelong Lawn led by Mathew Holschier smashed Grovedale on Saturday winning 8 sets to 1 in a one-sided encounter. Lawn are now pressing for a top four place and could become a flag contender following good early form.

Holschier along with Ari Levinson, Phillipa Tepper and Nicole Cooke won all their sets in fine style to completely dominate Grovedale in all departments. The Grove’s only set win was 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed when Jayde Glascott and Jason Schoenmaekers defeated Lawn’s Grace Taylor and Michael Jiang. Overall Lawn won 8 sets 50 games to 1 set 32 games.

In the final game in Section 1 St Luke’s Highton Uniting was at home to Ocean Grove and has moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a resounding win over Ocean Grove 8 sets to 1.

After 3 rounds the top two sides of last Summer season are once again 1 and 2 on the ladder.

The St Luke’s players Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, Abbie Walker, Raelee Palmer-Morgan and Hayley Bromley completely dominated, winning all their sets for the day. The only set loss in the match was 3<sup>rd</sup> men’s when Grant Thompson and Jared Bromley lost to Grove’s Daniel Thomas and Jason Raselli to love. However, the match was well and truly over by that stage with St Luke’s winning 8 sets 51 games to 1 set 28 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Centre Court Blue 26 points, St Luke’s Highton Uniting 24, Newcomb 23, Centre Court Red 21, Geelong Lawn 21, St Mary’s 7, Ocean Grove 5, Grovedale 5

## **GHERINGHAP STILL FRONT RUNNER**

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Gheringhap travelled to Grovedale on Saturday and recorded a third straight win with a solid 6 sets to 3 victory to remain top of the Section. The Hap's Anthony Leigh continued his unbeaten run for the season, winning his 3 sets and with Kathryn Reitter doing likewise, and Nicola McInerney and Bronwen Elford winning all ladies' doubles, set the Hap up for a strong win.

For Grovedale Matthew Squire and Andrew Veenstra were the better players, winning 2 of their 3 sets for the day. However Gheringhap too strong overall winning 6 sets 46 games to 3 sets 35 games.

## **SUTHERLAND'S CREEK HOLD DOWN SECOND**

The Creek travelled to Geelong Lawn on Saturday and came away with an excellent win 7 sets to 2 to remain 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder of Section 2. Susan Bissett, Colleen Battye and Reece Johnson were in outstanding form winning all their sets and with Kristen Battye, the ladies took out all 3 ladies' doubles in fine style. They were ably backed up by Peter Rodgers winning 2 sets.

For Lawn, Toby Lawrence was a standout winning Lawn's only 2 sets for the day in their loss to Sutherland's Creek 2 sets 25 games to 7 sets 46 games.

In other Section 2 games, Ocean Grove held onto 4<sup>th</sup> position in a hard match with Lara, winning 5 sets 42 games to 4 sets 36 games. For the Grove, Stephen Vicary led the way winning all his sets and with David Franks doing likewise, the pair partnered Josh Hudson to win all 3 men's doubles sets.

For Lara, Jennie Prince again was a standout, winning her 3 sets and pairing with Jacqui Watson and Sandra Slade to take out all ladies' doubles. However, in the end the Grove won by 1 set and 6 games.

In the final game, Waurn Ponds cemented its position in the four with a strong 7 sets to 2 win over Western Heights Uniting. The Ponds men of Nick Zyppel, Ben Meeke and Michael Mullen proved a handful for the Heights team, winning all their sets and mother and daughter Joanne and Nicole Mullen winning 2 sets for the day.

Kathryn O'Donnell was the Heights' shining light winning 2 of 3 sets and the Heights' only sets for the day in their loss to the Ponds 2 sets 29 games to 7 sets 49 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Gheringhap 24 points, Sutherland's Creek 21, Waurn Ponds 20, Ocean Grove 18, Grovedale 15, Lara 13, Geelong Lawn 12, Western Heights Uniting 9.

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