

## **CENTRE COURT LOSE POINTS IN UPSET**

Centre Court Blue, top prior to Saturday lost 3 sets to love by playing four ladies, one as a man, against reigning premiers, St Luke's Highton Uniting in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday and by doing so lost top place on the ladder.

The Association ruled that permission to play four ladies was not requested and therefore the sets involved were forfeited to St Luke's 6/0.

In 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed, Centre Court Blue with Kelly Brunger and Ry Davies and Stephanie Guy and Jordan Drew won both sets against Brianna Bateup and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Abbie Walker and Adam Arnold. In ladies doubles St Luke's took out 2 of the 3 sets with Raelee Palmer-Morgan in fine form and with Bateup had an outstanding win against Carolyn McGann and Stephanie Guy in 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies. Overall St Luke's won 6 sets 49 games to 3 sets 26 games to take over top place.

## **NEWCOMB THRASH CENTRE COURT RED**

Court Red, without State grader Matthew Hicks, suffered a thrashing against 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Newcomb on Saturday to the tune of 8 sets to 1 and 19 games. The Newcomb team with Greg Steele, David Kos, Peter Cullen, Bridget LeMaitre, Ana Clifton and Sascha Bruenjes completely outplayed their younger opponents. The Red team's only set in the match came in 1st ladies when Romano Mataruga and Natalie Mann defeated LeMaitre and Clifton. However, Newcomb home 8 sets 53 games to 1 set 34 games. In the "bottom of the table" clash, Grovedale was at home to St Mary's and after a tough struggle found the Saints too good by 5 sets to 4. For the Saints Shane Wiffen, Matthew Fisher, Peppe Scorpo and Natasha Edwards were the standouts winning 2 of their 3 sets with Carly McClelland involved in two tiebreak sets and a 7/5 defeat to win only one of her 3 sets for the day.

For the Dale, Bianca Duff, Lisa Sherwell and Cameron Govan played well winning 2 of their 3 sets. However, in a match where there were no 3-set winners, St Mary's got home narrowly by 5 sets 48 games to 4 sets 42 games.

In the final game in Section 1 Geelong Lawn was at home to Ocean Grove and has stamped itself as a flag contender with a smashing 8 sets to 1 victory over Grove to move into 2<sup>nd</sup> position on the ladder on equal points with St Luke's top on percentage only.

The Lawn team of Matthew Holschier, Ari Levinson, Lewis O'Brien, Bianca and Phillipa Tepper and Fiona Walker are in hot form at the moment and could prove worthy opponents to St Luke's and Centre Court Blue for this year's flag. Danielle Vigilante and Michelle Flynn won the Grove's only set for the afternoon against Bianca and Phillipa Tepper, but Geelong Lawn with overall dominance won 8 sets 52 games to 1 set 21 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – St Luke's Highton Uniting 40 points 150.00%, Geelong Lawn 40 points 136.72%, Centre Court Blue 39, Newcomb 34, Centre Court Red 24, St Mary's 17, Ocean Grove 15, Grovedale 11.

## **GHERINGHAP AND SUTHERLAND'S CREEK MOVE FURTHER AHEAD**

Gheringhap and Sutherland's Creek have moved further ahead at the top of Section 2 Tennis Geelong with comfortable 8 sets to 1 victories over Western Heights Uniting and Lara respectively

The Hap with Anthony Leigh and Kathryn Reitter again dominating at Number 1 and with great support from Andrew and Nicola McInerney , all four won all their sets for the afternoon.

The Heights' only set win in the match was 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed when Sharron Howard and Andrew Gibson proved too strong for Elizabeth Smith and Shane Coutts, who was returning after injury. However, the damage was done with Gheringhap winning 8 sets 50 games to 1 set 24 games.

The Creek was at home to 4<sup>th</sup> placed Lara on Saturday and proved far too strong in winning 8 sets 53 games to 1 set 27 games. Creek, with Peter Rodgers, Adrian Koorn, Reece Johnson, Susan Bissett, Colleen Battye and her daughter Kristen, dominated the match in all departments of the game.

Jacqui Watson and Sandra Slade were the only shining lights for Lara, winning Lara's only set for the afternoon defeating Bissett and Kristen Battye in 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies.

In other matches Geelong Lawn 7<sup>th</sup> was at home to Waurm Ponds 3<sup>rd</sup> and found the Ponds too strong losing 3 sets to 6. For the Ponds, Ben and Emily Rankin along with Rachel Lolait were outstanding winning their 3 sets and with Nicole Mullen the ladies won all 3 ladies' doubles to set up the win.

Lawn's Toby Lawrence and Ashley West won 2 of their 3 sets and with Mick Carlon took out 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> men's doubles in tight hard-fought sets. However, Waurm Ponds with dominant ladies won the match 6 sets 52 games to 3 sets 43 games to remain 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ocean Grove was at home to Grovedale on Saturday and with both teams level on points in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> position leading into this match, a win was important. Grovedale prevailed with Lisa Graham and Kate D'Altera leading the way winning all their 3 sets and with Belinda Lee taking out all 3 ladies' doubles.

Of the men, David Muratori was in fine form winning 2 sets.

For Grove Jarryd Proctor and Stephen Vicary were the better players taking 2 sets in their loss to Grovedale 3 sets 36 games to 6 sets 47 games, with Grovedale now in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Gheringhap 44 points, Sutherland's Creek 36, Waurm Ponds 34, Grovedale 27, Lara 24, Ocean Grove 22, Geelong Lawn 22, Western Heights Uniting 11.