

LAWN LOSE TOP SPOT

Geelong Lawn at home to St Luke's Highton Uniting in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, lost top spot on Saturday going down to St Luke's by 7 sets to 2 in a boilover. St Luke's, last season premiers, are now top with Lawn dropping to 3rd, one point behind Centre Court Blue 2nd. St Luke's dominated from the start winning all 3 mixed doubles sets with State graders Brianna Bateup and Vicky Stuckey along with Abbie Walker in outstanding form. These three continued their good form in ladies doubles, winning all 3 sets and conceding only 4 games in the process. St Luke's men of Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Jared Bromley also played their part winning 2 of 3 sets.

For Lawn their only sets for the afternoon were 1st men's with Matthew Holschier and Lewis O'Brien taking the set in a tiebreak and 3rd men's when O'Brien and Michael Jiang won 7/5 in a dismal day for Lawn. The final score St Luke's 7 sets

54 games to Lawn 2 sets 34 games.

ST MARY'S SHOCK COURT BLUE

St Mary's at home to Centre Court Blue on Saturday shocked Blue in the upset of the season thus far winning a nail-biting match by 1 set and 4 games to move a little closer to the top four.

Shane Wiffen for St Mary's played outstanding tennis to win his 3 sets and with Jenelle Findlay also in fine form winning 2 sets, put the Saints on the road to victory.

Findlay and Carly McClelland 's win in 1st ladies over Blue's State grader Carolyn McGann with Kelly Brunger was the highlight. McClelland then partnered Natasha Edwards to win 3rd ladies also.

For Centre Court Blue Carolyn McGann, Stephanie Guy and Adam Lasky were the better players in their loss to St Mary's 5 sets 43 games to 4 sets 39 games.

CENTRE COURT RED HOME

Centre Court Red travelled to Ocean Grove on Saturday and came away with a solid

6 sets 48 games to 3 sets 41 games win to move into 5th position on the ladder. Top player and State grader Matthew Hicks led the way winning his 3 sets for Red and had great support from Romano Mataruga also winning her 3 sets and Steve Donaldson and Natalie Man 2 sets.

For Grove Brad Edwards and Clair Reiners played well, winning 2 sets.

NEWCOMB MAINTAIN FOURTH

Newcomb was away to Grovedale on Saturday and found the going tough against the newcomers to Section 1. The experienced Newcomb side started well, taking out all 3 mixed doubles and with Greg Steele, Peter Cullen, Chris Higgins, Sascha Bruenjes and Janet Allan all winning 2 sets for the day, got Newcomb home in a solid team effort. For Grovedale Ebony DelRio was a shining light winning 2 of Grove's 3 sets for the day with good support from Jason Schoenmaekers, Steven Muratori and Jayde Glascott. Overall Newcomb 6 sets 46 games defeated Grovedale 3 sets 42 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Luke's Highton Uniting 62.5 points, Centre Court Blue 59.5, Geelong Lawn 58.5, Newcomb 47.5, Centre Court Red 40.5, St Mary's 39.5, Ocean Grove 24.5, Grovedale 19.5.

GHERINGHAP MAINTAIN TOP IN TWO

Gheringhap travelled to Lara on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong Competition and maintained it's unbeaten run and top position with a strong 6 sets to 3 victory.

Anthony Leigh for the Hap continued to dominate winning his 3 sets, as did Shane Coutts and with Daniel Reitter won all 3 men's doubles. The Hap's Kathryn Reitter lost her first set for the season in 2nd ladies, however still won 2 sets along with Tenille McInerney for the afternoon.

For Lara, Christina Blaskovic and Sandra Slade were the better players winning 2 sets for the day in their loss to Gheringhap 6 sets 49 games to 3 sets 31 games.

SUTHERLAND'S CREEK JUST HOME

Second placed Sutherland's Creek had a scare on Saturday, just getting home by 1 set and 1 game against Ocean Grove. Creek's Adrian Koorn was the standout, winning all his sets and with his brother Marcus and Peter Rodgers, won all 3 men's doubles to set up the win.

For Ocean Grove Sophia Blakeborough along with Megan and Maria Vicary, held the team together, winning 2 of their 3 sets, but the team fell short losing 4 sets 41 games to Sutherland's Creek 5 sets 42 games in a hard fought match.

GROVEDALE SURPRISE WAURN PONDS

In another close match on Saturday 3rd placed Waurn Ponds at home was surprisingly beaten by Grovedale 5 sets to 4. For the Grove Matthew Squire and Andrew Veenstra were outstanding performers winning 2 of their 3 sets, their only sets lost for the afternoon being tiebreak sets. Belinda Lee and Sara Earls also played well for Grove, winning 2 sets.

The Ponds' Nick Zyppel and Nicole Mullen were the better players in their loss to Grovedale 4 sets 36 games to 5 sets 45 games.

The "bottom of the table" clash between Geelong Lawn and Western Heights Uniting was another tight affair with Geelong Lawn 5sets 43 games to 4 sets 39 games.

For the winners, Justin Pelly was outstanding winning his 3 sets for the afternoon and along with Ashley West and Emmalina McLachlan taking out 2 of their 3 sets, saw Lawn home in a hard fought match.

For the Heights Denise Airey was in great form winning all her sets, and with Scott MacPherson's 2 sets kept the Heights in the match.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Gheringhap 63 points, Sutherland's Creek 54, Waurn Ponds 49, Grovedale 45, Lara 38, Geelong Lawn 40, Ocean Grove 37, Western Heights Uniting 26.