

LAWN IN SHOCK LOSS

Geelong Lawn at home went down to Newcomb in a shock loss in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, however still hold third position on the ladder with Newcomb 4th. Lawn could manage only 4 sets for the day losing 4 sets to 5 and by 6 games to the Newcomb team.

For Newcomb Chris Higgins was in great form winning his 3 sets and was well supported by Peter Cullen, Bridget LeMaitre and Joanne Puckett winning 2 sets each, to see Newcomb home

For Lawn Matthew Holschier, Melissa Mortimer and Fiona Walker were the better players, winning 2 sets each, however Newcomb held on to win 5 sets 44 games to 4 sets 38 games.

ST LUKE'S END COURT RED'S CHANCES

St Luke's Highton Uniting at home has most likely ended Centre Court Red's chances of making the four with a 7 sets to 2 victory on Saturday to maintain 2nd position on the ladder.

Court Red without top player Matthew Hicks was soundly beaten. Karen Filippou and Rachael LeMaitre won 1st ladies and Steve Donaldson and John Robertson took out 3rd men's in the Court's only winning sets for the day

For the winners Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and his wife Raelee were outstanding and won their 3 sets. They were ably backed up by Grant Thompson, Jared Bromley, Brianna Bateup and Abbie Walker each winning 2 sets in an overall strong display to win the match 7 sets 45 games to 2 sets 24 games.

CENTRE COURT BLUE THRASH GROVEDALE

Centre Court Blue with top players Carolyn McGann, Ry Davies, Stephanie Guy and Adam Lasky winning all their sets for the afternoon never looked in trouble, thrashing Grovedale 8 sets to 1 to maintain their lead at the top of the table. Dale's only set in the match came in 2nd mixed when Cameron and Lise Govan won well against Blue's Josh Vines and Kelly Brunger. Overall Court Blue were far too strong winning 8 sets 50 games to 1 set 30 games.

OCEAN GROVE MOVE UP LADDER

Ocean Grove, 7th before Saturday, have moved to 6th position on the ladder by defeating St Mary's, previously 6th now 7th, by 7 sets to 2.

For the Grove the men dominated with Nick Vicary, Brad Edwards and Jason Raselli winning all their sets including the 3 men's doubles sets in fine style. They were well supported by Danielle Vigilante and Sally Hughes who both won 2 sets in an overall strong performance by the team.

Jenelle Findlay was the standout player for St Mary's and won the Saints' only 2 sets for the day in their loss 2 sets 34 games to Grove 7 sets 52 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER - Centre Court Blue 104.5 points, St Luke's Highton Uniting 95, Geelong Lawn 88, Newcomb 73.5, Centre Court Red 64.5, Ocean Grove 59, St Mary's 58.5, Grovedale 29.

GHERINGHAP MARCH ON

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong competition Gheringhap continued their dominance and remain top of the ladder with an outstanding 7 sets to 2 win over 2nd placed Sutherland's Creek on Saturday.

Once again Gheringhap's Kathryn Reitter and Anthony Leigh led the way winning their 3 sets and with Shane Coutts chipping in with 3 sets also, and Daniel Reitter and Tenille McInerney 2 sets, the Haps were never in trouble and are now hot favourites for the Section 2 flag.

For the Creek missing top players Susan Bissett and Colleen Battye, Angela LeMaitre was the standout winning 2 of her 3 sets and the Creek's only sets for the day.

Gheringhap too good on the day winning 7 sets 52 games to 2 sets 31 games.

WAURN PONDS HOLD ON TO FOURTH

Waurn Ponds 4th were at home to Lara 5th on Saturday and in a tight struggle all afternoon, won narrowly by 5 sets to 4 and 5 games to hold on to 4th position 5.5 points ahead of Lara, still 5th, with one match remaining before finals.

For the Ponds Ben Meeke was in fine form and won his 3 sets for the day – the only player to do so. Ben Rankin and Nick Zypell took out 2 sets each to help the Ponds home in the match.

For Lara their women, namely Jacqui Watson, Christina Blaskovic and Sandra Slade kept them in the match by winning 2 sets each, including all 3 ladies' doubles, but the Ponds with their men dominating won 5 sets 40 games to 4 sets 35 games.

GROVEDALE LOOKING GOOD FOR FINALS

Grovedale maintained 3rd place when they travelled to Western Heights Uniting on Saturday and came away with a solid 7 sets to 2 victory. For the winners, Belinda Lee and Kate D'Altera were in top form winning 3 sets and with Lisa Graham, Matthew Squire, David Muratori and Andrew Lee chipping in with 2 sets each, proved too strong for the Heights.

The Heights' only 2 sets in the match came in 1st mixed with Denise Airey and Zac Ludowyk getting home in a tiebreak and the last set of the day in 3rd men's when Andrew Forster and Cameron Gibson got home narrowly. Overall, Grovedale warming up for finals won 7 sets 53 games to 2 sets 32 games.

OCEAN GROVE JUST HOME

In the final game in Section 2 Geelong Lawn 7th hosted Ocean Grove 6th and following a hard fought struggle the Grove emerged the winner by 5 sets 40 games to 4 sets 36 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Gheringhap 100.5 points, Sutherland's Creek 83.5, Grovedale 78.5, Waurn Ponds 75.5, Lara 70, Ocean Grove 65.5, Geelong Lawn 56.5, Western Heights Uniting 42.