

HEAT UPSETS LAST ROUND

Heat has upset the last round of matches in Tennis Geelong competition (other than Section 6) with all senior matches cancelled last Saturday leaving several club stranded outside the four trying to make finals and a better position in the four.

The Association had no option but to cancel matches due to excessive heat, as many of the players, especially in lower sections, are aged above 55 years.

Section 6 will play their last round next Saturday.

Next Saturday senior and junior finals (excepting 6-team sections) commence with Centre Court Blue taking on St Luke's Highton Uniting in the 2nd semi-final in a replay of last year's Summer grand final.

In Section 1 Court has led the competition all season and with Carolyn McGann and Ry Davies in great form, should win and move into the grand final.

St Luke's will be relying on Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Brianna Bateup to fire to give them any chance, however Court should progress to the grand final.

The semi-final will be played at St Mary's commencing at 1.30pm.

In the 1st semi-final Geelong Lawn play Newcomb in a replay of their match only two weeks ago in which Newcomb surprised by winning the match narrowly. Lawn with Matthew Holschier and Ari Levinson, who was unavailable two weeks ago in their loss to Newcomb, should prevail and move into the preliminary final and will be well supported by Fiona Walker and Melissa Mortimer.

Newcomb will be relying on Greg Steele, David Kos, Bridget LeMaitre and Joanne Puckett to guide them home, however Lawn appear the stronger and should win.

The final will be at Grovedale Courts 5 & 6 mod grass commencing 1.30pm.

GHERINGHAP LOOK THE GOODS IN SECTION 2

Gheringhap take on Sutherland's Creek in the 2nd semi-final of Section 2 and following their 7 sets to 2 win over the Creek two weeks ago, should win and progress to the grand final. The Hap with an experienced line-up led by Anthony Leigh and Kathryn Reitter and supported by Andrew and Tenille McInerney will prove too strong for the Creek in this one.

Creek will be hoping that their top players in Peter Rogers, Colleen Battye and Susan Bissett are at their best to have any chance of winning the match.

The final will be played at Geelong Lawn Courts 24 & 25 commencing 1.30pm.

The 1st semi-final between Grovedale and Waurn Ponds will be a close affair as only three points separated the teams on the final ladder. The Dale will be hoping Lisa Graham, Belinda Lee and Andrew Veenstra are in good form to help Dale further in the competition.

The Ponds have a strong all-round young side and with seasoned player Michael Mullen leading the way, and youngsters Emily and Ben Rankin and Nicole Mullen in form, should get The Ponds home and a place in the preliminary final.

The final will be played at Western Heights Uniting Courts 2 & 3 commencing 1.30pm.