

## **BLUE DAY FOR ST LUKE'S**

Centre Court Blue is now clear leader in Section 1 Tennis Geelong competition by defeating 2<sup>nd</sup> placed St Luke's Highton Uniting in a one-sided affair by 7 sets to 2.

Court Blue with Carolyn McGann again in great form, losing only 7 games in her 3 sets for the day and supported by Kelly Brunger, Stephanie Guy, Ry Davies, Jordan Drew and Nathan Mayes all winning 2 sets, proved far too strong for St Luke's.

St Luke's only sets for the afternoon were 1<sup>st</sup> men's doubles with Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Grant Thompson taking the set and Abbie Walker and Vicky Stucky winning in 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies. However, Blue too good winning the match 7 sets 47 games to 2 sets 29 games

## **RED INCH CLOSER TO FOUR**

Centre Court Red has inched closer to the four with a nail biting win over Newcomb by 4 games, however, lost on sets. This win by Red was due to the dominance of leading Victorian player Matthew Hicks who won 3 of the 4 sets won by Red and lost only 4 games in the process. He partnered Rachel LeMaitre in 1<sup>st</sup> mixed and took out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men's with James Brushfield and Kale Durham.

For Newcomb Joanne Puckett was in great form winning all her sets including all 3 ladies' doubles with Bridget LeMaitre and Sascha Bruenjes and with Peter Cullen chipping in with 2 sets, kept Newcomb in the match. However, Red prevailed winning narrowly by 4 sets 43 games to 5 sets 39 games.

## **SAINTS STILL IN THE RACE**

St Mary's at home to Grovedale are still in the race with a strong 7 sets to 2 win over Grovedale on Saturday. Saints' Carly McClelland, Jenelle Findlay and Melanie McClelland set the win up by winning all their sets including the 3 ladies' doubles. Paul Field and Jason Mooney played their part winning 2 sets each for the Saints. For the Grove, Cameron Govan was in fine form winning Grove's only 2 sets for the day with Braeden Lubcke and Jason Schoenmaekers in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men's. Overall Saints too strong winning 7 sets 49 games to 2 sets 30 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Centre Court Blue 94.5 points, St Luke's Highton Uniting 86, Geelong Lawn 84, Newcomb 66.5, Centre Court Red 62.5, St Mary's 56.5, Ocean Grove 50, Grovedale 28.

## **TOP THRASH BOTTOM**

Gheringhap at home on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong retained top position with finals not far away, thrashing bottom placed Western Heights 9 sets to love and will be hard to beat for this season's premiership. The strong line-up of Anthony Leigh, Kathryn Reitter, Shane Coutts, Tenille McInerney, Daniel Reitter and Bronwen Elford played outstanding tennis to record an easy win for the Hap.

For the Heights Andrew Gibson, Sharron Howard were the better players in their loss no sets 20 games to the Hap 9 sets 54 games. The Hap with their rotation of players will have trouble at the selection table come finals as top players Andrew and Nicola McInerney and Jane Dunell did not play on Saturday.

## **LARA SURPRISE THE CREEK**

Lara, 5<sup>th</sup>, at home surprised Sutherland's Creek, 2<sup>nd</sup>, on Saturday to keep final hopes alive with a 6 sets to 3 win. The Creek had veteran Colleen Battye missing as she was umpiring at the Davis Cup.

Lara's Christina Blaskovic, Sandra Slade, Jennie Prince, Daniel Peters, Xavier Christensen and Daniel Sluggett played solid controlled tennis to win 2 sets each in an overall team performance.

For the Creek Reece Johnson and Peter Rodgers were the better players although Rodgers lost 1<sup>st</sup> mixed with Susan Bissett to love in their overall loss 3 sets 32 games to Lara 6 sets 44 games.

## **THE PONDS CONSOLIDATE**

Waurm Ponds at home ran out comfortable winners over Geelong Lawn on Saturday by 6 sets to 3 to consolidate their position in the four. For the Ponds Rachel Lolait and Nicole Mullen were standouts winning their 3 sets and with Emily Rankin winning 2 sets, took out all 3 ladies' doubles in fine style. Shane Lubcke was also a contributor for the Ponds winning 2 sets. Mick Carlon and Toby Lawrence tried hard to keep Lawn in the match by winning 2 of their 3 sets for the afternoon; however Waurm Ponds too strong winning 6 sets 49 games to 3 sets 37 games.

## **OCEAN GROVE SHOCKS GROVEDALE**

Ocean Grove, 6<sup>th</sup>, travelled to Grovedale on Saturday and shocked the Dale who are 3<sup>rd</sup> by taking the match by 5 sets to 4 and 3 games to keep their final hopes alive with two matches to play. The Grove men of David Franks, Stephen Vicary and Josh Hudson were solid throughout the match winning 2 sets each to set up the win. Julie Allwood was great support also in winning 2 sets for the Ocean Grove team.

For Dale, Lisa Graham and Kate D'Altera were the better players winning 2 sets each with Troy Mikelsons playing well winning only one set, however he lost one set in a tiebreak. Overall Ocean Grove with their men in fine form ran out winners 5 sets 47 games to 4 sets 44 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Gheringhap 91.5 points, Sutherland's Creek 81.5, Grovedale

69.5, Waurm Ponds 68.5, Lara 66, Ocean Grove 58.5, Geelong Lawn 52.5, Western Heights Uniting 40.