

TENNIS GEELONG HITS OFF

Tennis Geelong Winter Season hit off on Saturday for both senior and junior competitions with 76 teams competing in 10 sections in seniors and 125 teams in 17 sections for juniors.

In seniors 61 teams are in a mixed 2x2 competition and 15 men's teams with over 400 players involved.

In juniors over 700 players are competing as follows:-

Boy's sections – 5 (8 teams) and 2 (6 teams) sections. Girls' sections 2 (8 teams) and 3 (6 teams) sections and mixed sections 4 (8 teams) and 1 (6 team) sections – total of 17 sections overall.

Grovedale Tennis Club again leads the way with 20 teams (6 senior and 14 junior teams entered) followed by Highton 19 teams (6 senior and 13 junior), Geelong Lawn 14 teams all juniors, Ocean Grove 12 teams (4 senior and 8 junior), Wandana Heights 10 teams (3 senior and 7 junior) and Waurin Ponds 9 teams (3 senior and 6 junior).

NEWCOMB AWAY TO GOOD START IN SECTION 1

Newcomb was at home to Ocean Grove in the first round of Tennis Geelong Section 1 and won well by 4 sets to 2. Newcomb introduced youngsters Lynda and Emma Nixon to the lineup and with seasoned players Greg Steele and David Kos, never looked like losing. Kos for Newcomb played a leading role winning all his sets and was ably backed up by Steele and Lynda Nixon winning 2 of their 3 sets in fine style

For the Grove Ashleigh Cooke was involved in the 2 sets won by Grove taking out the ladies' doubles with Sally Hughes and 3rd mixed with Jarryd Proctor. Overall Newcomb too good, winning 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 20 games.

ST ALBANS IN TIGHT ONE

St Albans away to Moolap just got home in a tight fought match by 5 games with sets even. For the winners Clare Burns, Angela Oldham and Doug Hewson played outstanding tennis to win 2 of their 3 sets each. For Moolap Paul Throckmorton was a standout winning all his sets and Moolap's only sets for the day, however the Saints held on to win narrowly 3 sets 30 games to 3 sets 25 games.

ST MARY'S THRASH GROVEDALE BLACK

In the final game in Section 1 St Mary's with Natasha Edwards, Carly McClelland, Paul Field and Peter Ficca in fine form, completely outplayed Grovedale Black winning 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 19 games. For the Dale, Sara Earls and David Muratori were the better players in their loss.

SECTION 1 LADDER – St Mary's 8 points, Newcomb 6, St Albans 5, Moolap 3, Ocean Grove 2 Grovedale Black 0, Grovedale Yellow 0.