

NEWCOMB TEAM TO BEAT

Newcomb travelled to St Albans on Saturday and continued its strong start to the season winning a one-sided match to lead the Section 1 Tennis Geelong Winter Competition. Greg Steele for Newcomb at No.1 outplayed his opponent, the Saints' Doug Hewson, and in other match-ups Newcomb's Chris Higgins was far too strong for Matthew Allen along with Joanne Puckett and Lynda Nixon dominating the Saints' Angela Oldham and Liz Lange. Overall Newcomb's experience shone out winning the match 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games and after 2 matches are already the team to beat for this season's flag.

GROVEDALE YELLOW STRONG START

Grovedale Yellow following its first round bye made a strong start to the season by thrashing Ocean Grove at Ocean Grove on Saturday. Dale's David Muratori at No.1 was pitted against Josh Hudson and proved the better on the day. Alex Olney continued on the good work for Dale and won his encounter with Phillip Nash in fine style.

The Dale's ladies Lisa Graham and Donna Schoenmaekers also were in good form outplaying the Grove's Sally Hughes and Megan Vicary to see Grovedale Yellow home by 6 sets 35 games to 0 sets 16 games.

GROVEDALE BLACK HITS BACK

Grovedale Black after being thrashed by St Mary's last week was at home to Moolap this week and inflicted a thrashing to hit back following its disappointment the week before. Black's Braeden Lubcke and Matthew Squire played strongly to take the upper hand against Michael Parry and Paul Throckmorton and Lisa Sherwell and Jayde Glascott did likewise for Black overcoming Moolap's Anneliese Rogerson and Penny Fiolet. Overall Grovedale Black home by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 18 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER - Newcomb 14 points, Grovedale Yellow 8, St Mary's 8, Grovedale Black 8, St Albans 5, Moolap 3, Ocean Grove 2.

THE SPRINGS' BLUE AND RED FIGHT IT OUT

Clifton Springs Blue played Red on Saturday in the top men's section of Tennis Geelong with Red coming out on top.

Red's Adam Hill and Craig Duncan were in good form outplaying their opposite numbers Andrew Miles and David Cotton to place the team in a winning position. In other match-ups Andrew Couchman for the Red team had a hard fought battle against Nathan Batterham and won narrowly while Trevor Vallance had a similar result against Blue's Alex Wiggins. Overall Clifton Springs Red 5 sets 37 games to Clifton Springs Blue 1 set 21 games.

HIGHTON HOLD DOWN SECOND

Highton was home to Geelong East Uniting and in a one-sided match proved far too strong for East. Highton's Ryan Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes, Stan Kenyon and Michael Hogan played outstanding tennis to completely dominate the match.

David Slade was East's better player in their loss to Highton 0 sets 11 games to 6 sets 36 games.

HAMLYN PARK STAY TOP

In the final match in Section 2 (top men's section) top side Hamlyn Park was at home to All Saints Anglican and in another one-sided match saw Park thrash All Saints to stay top of the ladder. The strong experienced Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Andrew Frost and Ivan Bosnjak is in good form and were too good for the All Saints team. For All Saints Jim Brown tried hard all day in their loss to Hamlyn Park 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 13 games. The Park team has already stamped itself as flag favourites and will be hard to beat.

SECTION 2 (TOP MEN'S SECTION) LADDER – Hamlyn Park 16 points, Highton 11, Clifton Springs Red 7, Clifton Springs Blue 6, Wandana Heights 5, Geelong East Uniting 3, All Saints Anglican 0.