

BLACK SMASH SAINTS

Grovedale Black at home smashed St Albans in the match of the day on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 to remain 3rd on the ladder. The Black combination of Braeden Lubcke, Matthew Squire, Lisa Sherwell and Jayde Glascott overcame tight hard fought sets in 1st mixed and the ladies doubles to record a strong victory. An injury to Black's Matt Squire saw the emergency Axel Hider play the last set of the day, however the Saint's Angela Oldham and Matthew Allen took full advantage winning the set and the only set for the Saints in their loss 1 set 22 games to Black's 5 sets 34 games.

ST MARY'S REMAIN SECOND

St Mary's took on bottom placed Ocean Grove on Saturday and held its 2nd place on the Section 1 ladder with an overall strong performance in taking the match comfortably. Peppe Scorpo for the Saints said that although the 1st mixed between Melinda Spalding and Paul Field and the Grove's Sally Hughes and Jarryd Proctor was a tight struggle to win, the Saints never looked back, taking out the first five sets of the match. The Grove's only winning set in the match was the last set with Hughes and Phillip Nash overcoming Spalding and Scorpo. Three sets winners for St Mary's were Field and Natasha Edwards in their runaway victory over Ocean Grove 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 21 games.

MOOLAP AND GROVEDALE YELLOW – WASHOUT

In the final game in Section 1 Moolap was at home to Grovedale Yellow, however because of inclement weather the match was called off with both teams sharing the points.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb 35 points, St Mary's 30, Grovedale Black 28, St Albans 20, Grovedale Yellow 17, Moolap 9, Ocean Grove 5.

HAMLYN PARK CONTINUE DOMINANCE

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong competition Hamlyn Park with its strong line-up of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Andrew Frost and Ivan Bosnjak, has again demonstrated its dominance, this time against 3rd placed Wandana Heights by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 10 games. As Lazic said, the team is combining well together and is confident to go all the way this season.

HIGHTON ALSO IN FINE FORM

Highton in 2nd place is also in great form taking out Clifton Springs Blue, bottom, allowing them only 6 games over 6 sets and at this early stage both Highton and Hamlyn Park are embroiled in a two-horse race for the Section 2 flag.

The Highton team of Ryan Parkinson, Lionel Fernandez, Stan Kenyon and Michael Hogan were far too strong for the Springs Blue team. Final result Highton 6 sets 36 games to Clifton Springs Blue 0 sets 6 games.

UNITING TOO STRONG FOR SAINTS

In the final match in Section 2 Geelong East Uniting, 5th, was too strong for All Saints Anglican, equal last with Clifton Springs Blue. Although the first five sets went to East Uniting with Robert Fraser, David Slade, Sam and Barry Rowland playing well, all five sets were strongly contested by All Saints. The Saints' only set in the match was the last set of the day with Andrew Mathers and Andrew Narita winning well, however the match was long gone with Uniting getting home 5 sets 33 games to 1 set 25 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 40 points, Highton 32, Wandana Heights 22, Clifton Springs Red 22, Geelong East Uniting 12, All Saints Anglican 8, Clifton Springs Blue 8.

BARWON REGION

Barwon Region and Tennis Victoria Winter Pennant, because of the long weekend and many tournaments being staged, no pennant took place, but will resume next weekend.