

NEWCOMB INTO GRAND FINAL – JUST

Top side Newcomb is into another grand final of Section 1 Tennis Geelong with a nail-biting hard fought win over St Mary's on Saturday in the second semi-final. Newcomb won 4 of the 6 sets, however only one game separated the teams with the Saints almost pulling off a surprise victory.

Saints' Carly McClelland and Peppe Scorpo got the team away well in 1st mixed. Ana Clifton and Greg Steele hit back in 2nd mixed for Newcomb to level the match.

The Saints then went out to a six game lead following the ladies' doubles when McClelland and Natasha Edwards completely outplayed Lynda and Emma Nixon, winning the set to love.

From that point Newcomb with Greg Steele in fine form and with strong support from Chris Higgins, won the men's doubles and the final two reversed mixed doubles to just get home 4 sets 28 games to St Mary's 2 sets 27 games.

Higgins said his team-mate Steele winning 3 sets was the highlight, enabling a Newcomb victory and another grand final appearance.

GROVEDALE BLACK REACH PRELIM

Grovedale Black has reached the preliminary final of Section 1 Tennis Geelong with a solid win over St Albans in Saturday's first semi-final. The highlight of the match came early when Angela Oldham and Doug Hewson for St Albans won an exciting opening 1st mixed against Lisa Sherwell and Braeden Lubcke in a dogged tiebreak set. Oldham followed up winning the ladies' doubles with Sharon Taylor, however these two sets ended the Saint's push for a win with Grove's Matthew Squire and Jayde Glascott along with Sherwell and Lubcke closing out the final 3 sets comfortably to win overall by 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 23 games. Squire was the only 3-set winner on the day. Grovedale Black will now meet St Mary's in next week's preliminary final to be played at Wandana Heights. The winner will play Newcomb in the grand final a week later.

GRAND FINAL FOR HAMLYN PARK

In the second semi-final of Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Hamlyn Park easily accounted for Highton to reach the grand final. The undefeated Park team of Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic, Andrew Frost and Ivan Bosnjak had little trouble, losing only 1 set for the day.

Ryan Parkinson and Stan Kenyon won Highton's only set in its loss to Hamlyn Park 1 set 15 games to 5 sets 34 games and will now meet Wandana Heights in next week's preliminary final.

WANDANA HEIGHTS TOO GOOD

Wandana Heights played Clifton Springs Red in the 1st semi-final of Section 2 on Saturday and has advanced to the preliminary final next week with a workmanlike win by 4 sets to love with two sets not played as a result had been reached.

The Heights team of Matthew Jolliffe, Ben Jones, Shaun Moloney and Danny McGlade were in complete control, winning the first four sets to secure a victory and a place in the preliminary final next week. Final result – Wandana Heights 4 sets 24 games to Clifton Springs Red 0 sets 10 games. Wandana will now meet Highton in next week's preliminary final to be played at St Albans. The winner will play Hamlyn Park in the grand final a week later.

HEPNER SEMI WASHED OUT

Hepner's Grade 1 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant semi-final match against Kooyong was washed out last Saturday and will be played in Melbourne this Saturday. Matt Hicks said his team of Justin Robinson, Adam Lasky, Jordan Drew, Ry Davies and himself are confident of a win against Kooyong this week to meet MCC in the grand final a week later.

HEPNER WOMEN STILL GOING

Hepner's Grade 3 women namely Natalie Mann, Taylor Sobczyk, Alessia Roso and Georgia Kelly have won their first final and will be playing in Melbourne this Saturday in the hope they too will make the grand final in Tennis Victoria Competition.

BARWON JUNIORS

The Barwon Region participated in the Frank Sedgman Cup at Traralgon earlier this month. The team comprised 4 players in the 11 & Under age group. This is an event run by Tennis Victoria and attracts high quality players from across the State.

Approximately 60 players represented the 14 regions. Barwon was represented by Chae Goldsworthy, Oliver Lock, Luka Lesosky-Hay, (all from Airey's Inlet) and Charlotte Crapper (Waurin Ponds).

Barwon did very well, competing against some of the strong Melbourne based Associations. After doing well enough to go into the 5th-8th playoff they finally defeated South West to finish 7th overall.

David McLennan from the Barwon Region said there was lots of tennis with everyone playing 8 sets. The weather was at times challenging in the wind. All the kids represented Barwon proudly.

Photo attached shows from left to right Luka Lesosky-Hay, Oliver Lock, Chae Goldsworthy and Charlotte Crapper.

