RED INTO SECOND

Centre Court Red travelled to St Luke's Highton Uniting on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong and after a hard fought battle came away with the points to move into second position on the ladder behind their other team Centre Court Blue.

Romona Mataruga and Karen Filippou were the stars for Red with solid performances winning all their sets, which were close encounters against Abbie Walker and Brianna Bateup for St Luke's. Natalie Mann combined well with Mataruga and Filippou to take out all 3 ladies' sets, the third of which was won to love.

Matthew Hicks and Ry Davies added strong support to the Red girls winning 2 sets each in an overall strong display. For St Luke's Jared Bromley was their outstanding player winning all his sets and St Luke's only sets for the day. Although Red won 6 sets, only 5 games separated the teams at the finish.

Final result – Centre Court Red 6 sets 48 games to S Luke's 3 sets 43 games.

BOTTOM OVER TOP

All Saints Anglican, bottom, shocked top side Centre Court Blue in Tennis Geelong Section 1 on Saturday taking the match by 1 set and 1 game in a thriller.

Matthew Holschier, Matthew Fisher and Daniel Thomas led the charge for All Saints winning two of the opening mixed doubles sets along with 2 of the 3 men's doubles to set the match up for a thrilling finish. They had great support from Amy Kearney who with Katrina Zera won 3rd ladies against Stephanie Guy and Taylah Mielczarek in a surprise result, which turned the match.

Once again Carolyn McGann was in great form for Blue and although losing 1st mixed with Jordan Drew, dominated her ladies sets with Guy and Mielczarek.

Adam Lasky was the best for the Blue men winning 2 sets, however All Saints held on to win 5 sets 43 games to Blue 4 sets 42 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court Blue 24.5 points, Centre Court Red 19, St Luke's Highton Uniting 16.5, Newcomb 14, All Saints Anglican 14.

ST MARY'S TAKE OVER TOP

St Mary's at home to Highton in Section 2 moved into top position on Saturday with a solid workmanlike performance taking all 6 sets to win well. The Saints' team of Wayne Spalding, Peter Rodgers, Paul Field and Adrian Koorn played solid all-court tennis to outplay the Highton team, winning 6 sets 37 games to Highton 0 sets 20 games.

HAMLYN PARK MAKE A STATEMENT

In the remaining match in Section 2 Hamlyn Park with Tony Lazic, Jozef Horvat, Tyler Dickson and Nick Daffy in good form proved too strong for Ocean Grove who were second before this clash, winning 5 sets to 1.

For the Grove James Kerr and Craig Ferguson won their only set for the afternoon defeating Lazic and Daffy in the 5th set of the day, however the Park won out 5 sets 34 games to Grove 1 set 23 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – St Mary's 18 points, Shell 17, Hamlyn Park 15, Ocean Grove 11, Highton 3.

GHERINGHAP MOVE BACK INTO SECOND

Gheringhap away to Geelong Lawn on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis moved back into 2nd place on the ladder with a strong all-team performance to win 6 sets to 3.

The Hap with Tenille McInerney back in the line-up winning all her sets and losing only 4 games for the day, and with strong backing from her sister-in-law Nicola McInerney winning all her sets as well, the result was never in doubt. With Jane Dunell the ladies won all 3 ladies' doubles.

Anthony Leigh at No.1 and Andrew McInerney at No.2 were also good contributors winning two sets each. For Lawn Ryan Michell was the outstanding player winning 3 sets and Lawn's only sets for the day. He only conceded 8 games, which was a tremendous effort in Geelong Lawn's loss to Gheringhap by 6 sets 44 games to 3 sets 31 games.

BANNOCKBURN POWER ON

Bannockburn continued to dominate in Section 3 tennis with a runaway win over 7th placed Grovedale Black on Saturday to remain top of the ladder.

The team of Bridget, Rachel, Angela and Nick LeMaitre along with John and Tim Bongiorno played strongly throughout to record a crushing 8 sets to 1 victory.

Grove Black started well winning the opening mixed doubles set when Matthew Squire and Lisa Sherwell outplayed Bridget LeMaitre and John Bongiorno. However, it was all down hill from that point with the Burn winning the next 8 sets and the match 8 sets 51 games to Grove Black 1 set 23 games.

GROVEDALE YELLOW MOVE TO THIRD

Waurn Ponds hosted their neighbours Grovedale Yellow on Saturday and found the Grove team too strong in ladies and men's doubles and went down 6 sets to 3. Yellow's Michelle Henderson and Ben Flynn were in fine form winning all their sets and with Lisa Graham and Kate D'Altera chipping in with 2 sets apiece, the match was never in doubt as the women won all 3 ladies doubles.

For the Ponds Ben Meeke and Nick Zyppel were the better players winning 2 sets each, however Grovedale Yellow far too strong, taking the match by 6 sets 47 games to Waurn Ponds 3 sets 31 games.

THE HEADS TOO STRONG

In the final match in Section 3 on Saturday Barwon Heads were at home to St Albans in the battle of the bottom sides and came out winning strongly by 6 sets to 3. Robert Begolo led the way for the Heads, winning his 3 sets and with Connor McKinnon, Warren Halnon,

Tracy Lazarus and Kerry May winning 2 sets, the Heads proved too good.

For the Saints Katie Olsen battled hard all day to win 2 of the 3 sets for the afternoon, but Barwon Heads too strong winning 6 sets 48 games to S Albans 3 sets 37 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Bannockburn 36 points, Gheringhap 29, Grovedale Yellow 27, Geelong Lawn 25, Barwon Heads 19.5, Waurn Ponds 16.5, Grovedale Black 14, St Albans 9.