

## **TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH A FIZZER**

The “top of the table” clash between Blue and Red Centre Court teams was a fizzer in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday with both teams missing top players. Blue had Jordan Drew and State grader Carolyn McGann missing from the line-up whilst Red were without current Victorian Grass Court Champion, Matthew Hicks, Nelson Roso, Sam Arli and Karen Filippou.

The Red team suffered badly, winning only one set and not many games with Adam Lasky, Josh Vines and Mitchell Field taking out all three men’s doubles for Blue. Ramona Mataruga and Fiona Walker won Red’s only set for the day, 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies, in their disappointing loss 1 set 19 games to Blue 8 sets 51 games.

## **ALL SAINTS’ SURGE SHORT LIVED**

All Saints missing top players Mathew Holschier, Katherine Ulanowski, Shane Wiffen and Katrina Zera came back to earth last Saturday against Newcomb following their strong victory the week before against St Luke’s Highton Uniting. The team with newcomers Ash Andrews and Nathan Quick found Newcomb too strong with Peppe Scorpo, Chris Higgins and Greg Steele winning all men’s doubles and dominating the mixed doubles sets although strongly fought.

Bianca Duff and Ana Clifton added good support in the overall win for Newcomb. The better players for All Saints were Jenelle Findlay and Carly McClelland winning 2 of their 3 sets in a strong display.

Overall Newcomb took full advantage of the weakened All Saints team and won 6 sets 50 games to 3 sets 41 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Centre Court Blue 49.5 points, Centre Court Red 40, Newcomb 37, All Saints Anglican 27, St Luke’s Highton Uniting 22.5.

## **GROVE ON THE MOVE**

Ocean Grove is on the move in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a nail-biting win over St Mary’s on Saturday by two games, to move into 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder behind Hamlyn Park.

For the Grove, James Kerr was outstanding winning all his sets in a match winning performance. Craig Howell, David Franks and Mark Thomas combined with Kerr to win one set each and the match in a tight finish.

For St Mary’s Peter Ficca, Peter Rodgers and Adrian Koorn fought hard all winning 2 sets, however Ocean Grove just got home by 3 sets 31 games to St Mary’s 3 sets 29 games.

In the final game in Section 2 Shell, with Brad Edwards, Ivan Bosnjak, Rob Frampton and Jason Leslie in fine form, proved far too strong for bottom placed Highton to record a 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 11 games victory.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 37 points, Ocean Grove 30, St Mary’s 29, Shell 29, Highton 3.

## **GEELONG LAWN – JUST**

Geelong Lawn played Grovedale Black on Saturday in Section 3 Tennis and came away with a victory by one game only. With this narrow loss Grove Black are only 4 points out of the four.

For the winners Geelong Lawn's men – Toby Lawrence winning all his sets along with Ryan Michell and Ashley West winning 2 sets, paved the way for victory, taking out all men's doubles sets.

It was the women who kept Black in the game with Lisa Sherwell and Tamika Hider winning all their sets and with Jayde Glascott won all 3 ladies doubles in a hard fought tussle. Geelong Lawn just got home by 4 sets 42 games to Grovedale Black 5 sets 41 games.

## **WAURN PONDS EDGE A LITTLE CLOSER**

Waurm Ponds move a little closer to the top four on Saturday with a determined victory at Barwon Heads on Saturday. For the Ponds, youngsters Nicole Mullen and Cameron Knuckey were the outstanding performers on the day winning all their sets in a great display.

The Heads' best on the day were Andrew McKinnon, Robert Begolo and Rhonda Sutas, all winning two sets, however Waurm Ponds held on to win 5 sets 48 games to Barwon Heads 4 sets 39 games.

In other games in Section 3, top side Bannockburn with the LeMaitres, Bridget, Rachel and Nick along with John and Tim Bongiorno and Kristen Battye, outplayed Grovedale Yellow, 4<sup>th</sup>, by 8 sets to 1.

Linda Muratori and Scott Archibald won Yellow's only set for the day in their loss 1 set 32 games to Bannockburn 8 sets 54 games.

The final game in Section 3 saw 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Gheringhap dispose of bottom team St Albans by 9 sets to love.

The Hap side of Anthony Leigh, Andrew McInerney and Robert Nicholls along with Nicola and Tenille McInerney and Jane Dunell proved too strong on the day although most sets were fought out strongly.

Final result – Gheringhap 9 sets 55 games to St Albans 0 sets 22 games.

**SECTION 3 LADDER** – Bannockburn 71 points, Gheringhap 69, Geelong Lawn 51, Grovedale Yellow 39, Waurm Ponds 36.5, Grovedale Black 35, Barwon Heads 30.5, St Albans 20.