TENNIS GEELONG HEATED OFF

All senior matches in Tennis Geelong were cancelled on Saturday due to excessive heat, however junior matches in the morning went ahead as scheduled. Next Saturday will see the last round of matches in both senior and junior competition before the long Christmas break.

Tennis Geelong will resume on February 2nd 2013 with five rounds remaining before finals.

Top performers in Section 1 at this stage of the season are Centre Court Blue and Red with Adam Lasky and Carolyn McGann winning 11 sets from 6 matches, and Jordan Drew and Kelly Brunger winning 10 sets from 6 matches for Blue, whilst Red has Matthew Hicks 7 sets from 4 matches, Nathan Mayes 8 sets from 5 matches and Karen Filippou 12 sets from 5 matches, Ramona Mataruga 11 from 5, Taylor Sobczyk 8 sets from 4 matches. These teams appear set to play off for this season's flag.

Other notable performers to this stage of the season are Ana Clifton and Peppe Scorpo from Newcomb winning 10 and 9 sets respectively from 6 matches.

All Saints' Mathew Holschier is also having a good season winning 9 sets from 4 matches.

Section 2 has four evenly matched teams with any one of them likely to take out the flag. It has been a hotly contested Section and with finals looming anything could happen.

Hamlyn Park's Jozef Horvat winning 15 sets, Tony Lazic 11, Andrew Frost 10 and Tyler Dickson 11 sets, lead the way as Park heads the Section 2 ladder.

2nd placed Ocean Grove have James Kerr in good form winning 12 sets along with Josh Hudson 8 sets and David Franks 9 sets.

St Mary's in 3rd have Adrian Koorn winning 12 sets, Peter Rodgers 11 and Paul Field 8 sets.

Shell in 4th place have Brad Edwards and Ivan Bosnjak in great form winning 12 sets each, and they are strongly supported by Ray Edwards 8 sets and Jason Leslie 7 sets.

Only 8 points separate the top four teams in a closely fought section.

In Section 3 Bannockburn and Gheringhap appear set for a grand final showdown with Bannockburn undefeated and Gheringhap losing only one match against the Burn in the 2nd round of the season. Both teams clash again this Saturday in what could be a preview of the grand final.

Bannockburn have Rachel and Angela LeMaitre winning 18 sets along with Bridget LeMaitre 16 sets, John Bongiorno 13, Tim LeMaitre 9 and Nick LeMaitre 14 sets.

Gheringhap on the other hand have Anthony Leigh on 21 sets won, Andrew McInerney 18, Daniel Reitter 14 sets, with Nicola McInerney 16, Tenille McInerney 14 and Kathryn Reitter 13 sets, along with Jane Dunell 9 lead the way for the Hap women.

Waurn Ponds, currently 5th on the ladder have juniors Nicole Mullen in good form winning 15 sets along with Emily Rankin 10 sets and Ben Meeke 10 sets also.

Ryan Michell is in outstanding form for Geelong Lawn currently 3rd winning 21 sets and has been strongly supported by Ashley West 16 sets and Mick Carlon 13 sets won.

Grovedale Yellow's Ben Flynn with 12 sets along with Steven Muratori winning 10 sets and Michelle Henderson 10 sets also, lead the way for the 4th placed Yellow team.

For the Grovedale Black team the three women Tamika Hider 13 sets, Jayde Glascott 12 sets and Lisa Sherwell 10 sets are keeping Black in the hunt for the four.

For Barwon Heads Robert Begolo is performing well having won 11 sets for the season thus far and with Tracy Lazarus 8 sets, the Heads still have a chance.

JUNIORS DO WELL IN VIC EVENT

Four local juniors represented the Barwon Region last weekend in the Ambassadors Cup at Rye for players 15 & Under. The team comprised Michael Chapman (Waurn Ponds), Darcy Narita (Geelong Lawn), Nicole Mullen (Waurn Ponds) and Nicola McLennan (Airey's Inlet).

This event run by Tennis Victoria attracted players from all parts of the State including teams from Northern Mallee and East Gippsland.

Barwon won three of their five matches and finished fifth overall in an outstanding performance.



(photo L to R – Nicole Mullen, Nicola McLennan, Darcy Narita and Michael Chapman).