

ALL SAINTS MAKE A MOVE

All Saints Anglican at home pulled off a surprise win over 2nd placed Centre Court Red on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1. All Saints' Ash Andrews and Shane Wiffen were the standouts winning all their sets in fine style to put the Saints well on the road to victory. Carly McClelland and Matt Fisher chipped in with two sets each to ensure a Saints win.

For Court Red Karen Filippou and Ry Davies tried hard all day, winning two sets each. The Saints sealed the match by winning the last 3 sets of the day, conceding only one game in the process, to record an outstanding win by 6 sets 52 games to 3 sets 32 games to move a little closer to a top two finish.

NEWCOMB NOW SECOND

Newcomb were away to St Luke's Highton Uniting on Saturday and had little trouble in downing the bottom placed St Luke's by 8 sets to 1 to move into 2nd place on the Section 1 ladder.

The Newcomb team of Raquel Walter, Bianca Duff, Ana Clifton, Chris Higgins, David Kos and Greg Steele combined well all day to record this outstanding win.

St Luke's only set in the match was 1st ladies when Abbie Walker and Raelee Palmer-Morgan defeated Walter and Duff.

Newcomb too strong on the day winning 8 sets 53 games to St Luke's 1 set 30 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court Blue 55 points, Newcomb 48.5, Centre Court Red 47, All Saints Anglican 40.5, St Luke's Highton Uniting 29.

ST MARY'S SMASH TOP SIDE

St Mary's at home to top side Hamlyn Park on Saturday in Section 2 tennis proved they are a title contender with a 5 sets to 1 victory over the top side. With this win the Saints are only two points behind the Park in 2nd spot.

The Saints' team of Peter Rodgers, Peter Ficca, Wayne Spalding and Adrian Koorn played outstanding tennis throughout to record a smashing win.

The Park's only set was the last set of the day with Jozef Horvat and Tyler Dickson winning well, however St Mary's too strong winning the match 5 sets 34 games to 1 set 24 games.

SHELL IN CLOSE ONE

Shell travelled to Ocean Grove on Saturday in the remaining match in Section 2 tennis and in a close hard fought match came away with the win to replace Ocean Grove in 3rd with the Grove moving to 4th.

Shell's Ivan Bosnjak was the standout winning all his sets in fine style and with strong support from Aaron McLean and Ray Edwards winning two sets each helped Shell to a close 4 sets to 2 victory.

For the Grove, James Kerr was involved in their only two sets for the afternoon. Overall Shell in a close struggle won 4 sets 31 games to Ocean Grove 2 sets 26 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER

Hamlyn Park 42 points, St Mary's 40, Ocean Grove 36, Shell 35, Highton 7.

TOP TWO PLAY OUT THRILLER

The top two sides Bannockburn and Gheringhap played out a thriller at Bannockburn on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 3 with the Hap getting home by 3 games to sneak closer to top spot on the ladder, only one point behind Bannockburn at the long Christmas break.

Robert Nicholls was the standout for the Hap winning 3 of the 4 sets won by the Hap, and with great support from Anthony Leigh 2 sets and Kathryn Reitter involved in close tiebreak sets, they managed to get the team home in a fighting encounter.

For Bannockburn the three LeMaitre girls – Bridget, Rachel winning all her sets and Angela, kept the Burn in the match winning all 3 ladies' doubles, however the Hap prevailed to win 4 sets 48 games to the Burn 5 sets 45 games to move a little closer to top spot.

GEE LONG LAWN IN ANOTHER THRILLER

Geelong Lawn held on to its 3rd position on the ladder with a thrilling 3 game victory over 5th placed Waurn Ponds on Saturday. The first four sets of the afternoon were hard fought encounters with 3 sets going to a tiebreak, Lawn winning the first two and Waurn Ponds the next two. After 4 sets Lawn led by 1 game only. For the winners Ryan Michell and Mick Carlon dominated winning their 3 sets and with Ashley West won 3 men's doubles sets strongly.

For the Ponds it was the ladies who dominated with Nicole Mullen the standout winning her 3 sets and with Olivia Ryan and Carolyn Knuckey winning 2 sets each, took out all 3 ladies doubles.

However, in a close struggle, Lawn got home by 5 sets 49 games to the Ponds 4 sets 46 games.

GROVEDALE YELLOW HOLD FOURTH AT THE BREAK

Grove Yellow held on to 4th place in Section 3 tennis with a strong win over 7th placed Barwon Heads on Saturday by 7 sets to 2. The Yellow team won the opening 2 mixed doubles sets in tiebreak encounters and went on to win the next 3 sets to set up the win. The team of Lisa Graham, Kate D'Altera, Brent May, Ben Flynn, Zoe Duff and Steven Muratori played strongly throughout to record a runaway win.

For Barwon Heads Tracy Lazarus and Kerry May won 2nd ladies' and Andrew McKinnon and Warren Halnon 2nd men's to record the Heads only sets for the day.

Final result – Grovedale Yellow 7 sets 52 games to Barwon Heads 2 sets 37 games.

GROVEDALE BLACK BY ONE GAME

Grovedale Black at home won the closest match of the afternoon in Section 3 tennis defeating St Albans by 1 game. For the winners the Black women took charge winning all three ladies' doubles with Jayde Glascott and Tamika Hider winning all their sets along with Lisa Sherwell 2 sets to put Black in a strong position.

For St Albans the men were the dominant force with Peter Lange winning his 3 sets and along with Matthew Allen 2 sets, and Doug Hewson also 2 sets, pushed hard for the win. However, in the closest match of the round Grovedale Black held on to win 5 sets 45 games to St Albans 4 sets 44 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Bannockburn 81.5 points, Gheringhap 80.5, Geelong Lawn 63.5, Grovedale Yellow 53.5, Waurn Ponds 46, Grovedale Black 40.5, Barwon Heads 38, St Albans 25.5.