

## **ALL SAINTS INTO TOP FOUR**

All Saints Anglican surprised St Luke's Highton Uniting in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday by winning 7 sets to 2 to take over St Luke's position in the four. Shane Wiffen and Matthew Fisher were the 3-set winners on the day and with State Grader Mathew Holschier won all the men's doubles for All Saints.

The All Saints women Jenelle Findlay, Katherine Ulanowski and Katrina Zera provided strong support, winning two sets each enabling the Saints to record an outstanding win.

The only two sets won by St Luke's were 1<sup>st</sup> mixed with Abbie Walker and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan getting home comfortably and 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies with Raelee Palmer-Morgan and Sue Anderson winning in a tiebreak.

Final result – All Saints Anglican 7 sets 51 games to St Luke's Highton Uniting 2 sets 34 games.

## **NEWCOMB PUSH BLUE**

Newcomb pushed Centre Court Blue all the way in their clash at Newcomb on Saturday by winning 4 of the 9 sets, however Blue prevailed to win and regain top position from Centre Court Red by ½ a point. For Blue, Jordan Drew winning 3 sets along with Carolyn McGann and Adam Lasky 2 sets each, paved the way for a Blue victory.

Newcomb's Raquel Walter, Bianca Duff and Peppe Scorpo were the better players, winning 2 sets each and the highlights of the match were in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies with Duff and Walter taking the 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies' in a tiebreak and Walter and Puckett the 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies' also in a tiebreak.

Four of the five sets won by Centre Court Blue were comfortable wins conceding only 7 games, which was the difference in the match.

Final result – Centre Court Blue 5 sets 51 games to Newcomb 4 sets 38 games.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Centre Court Blue 39.5 points, Centre Court Red 39, Newcomb 29, All Saints Anglican 24. St Luke's Highton Uniting 22.5.

## **GROVE ON THE MOVE**

Ocean Grove played Highton at home on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 2 and completely outplayed the Highton team to win 6 sets to love. The strong Ocean Grove team of James Kerr, David Franks, Josh Hudson and Mark Thomas showed no mercy in thrashing the bottom side by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 11 games.

## **PARK PUT SHELL AWAY**

Hamlyn Park remain top of the ladder in Section 2 after demolishing 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Shell on Saturday and will be hard to beat for this flag. The Park men of Jozef Horvat, Michael Doherty, Tyler Dickson and Andrew Frost played strongly throughout the day to record a runaway 5 sets to 1 victory.

For Shell it was a disappointing day with Aaron McLean and Brad Edwards winning their only set in Shell's loss to Hamlyn Park 5 sets 33 games to 1 set 13 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 37 points, St Mary's 26, Ocean Grove 25, Shell 21, Highton 3.

## **HAP TOO GOOD FOR SAINTS**

Gheringhap at home to St Albans in Section 3 Tennis proved far too strong for the bottom placed Saints to record a strong 8 sets to 1 victory. The Hap side led by Anthony Leigh and Tenille McInerney and with outstanding support from Kathryn Reitter and Nicola McInerney in ladies doubles and Andrew McInerney and Daniel Reitter, lost only one set for the afternoon.

The one and only set won by St Albans was the last set of the day, 3<sup>rd</sup> men's doubles, when Robert Begolo and Halnon Warren broke the ice.

Overall Gheringhap 8 sets 53 games to St Albans 1 set 23 games.

## **BURN OUTPLAY LAWN**

Bannockburn retained top place and its unbeaten run with a solid 6 sets to 3 victory over 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Geelong Lawn on Saturday. Rachel LeMaitre for Bannockburn winning her 3 sets along with her sisters Bridget and Angela were the standout players. The 3 sisters combined well in ladies doubles with an outstanding performance, winning all 3 sets and losing only one game in the process.

John Bongiorno and Tim LeMaitre gave the girls good backing, winning 2 sets each to see the Burn home. For Geelong Lawn Ryan Michell was in good touch winning 2 sets, however Bannockburn with dominant ladies ran out winners by 6 sets 51 games to Geelong Lawn 3 sets 33 games.

## **GROVE BLACK MOVE TO FIFTH**

Grovedale Black at home to Waurn Ponds have now moved to 5<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder ahead of Waurn Ponds with a 6 sets to 3 victory over the Ponds on Saturday.

Tamika Hider won all her sets for Black and with Lisa Sherwell, Jayde Glascott, Andrew Paull and Darby Hider taking out 2 sets each, it was an overall team effort and a warning to other teams in this Section. In the 3 sets won by Waurn Ponds, Ben Meeke was involved in 2 in a good display for the Ponds, however Grovedale Black playing consistent tennis proved too strong on the day winning 6 sets 48 games to Waurn Ponds 3 sets 37 games.

## **ST ALBANS ALMOST CAUSE UPSET**

Bottom placed St Albans at home almost caused an upset against Grovedale Yellow, 4<sup>th</sup>, going down by only 4 games on Saturday. In a see-sawing match Grove Yellow got away to a good start winning all 3 mixed doubles sets albeit two in tiebreaks.

With Lisa Graham, Michelle Henderson, Ben Flynn and Brent May all contributing 2 sets each for Grove Yellow, it proved to be a match winner. With the result in the balance, Flynn and May made sure of a Yellow victory taking the last set to love.

Final result – Grovedale Yellow 5 sets 45 games to St Albans 4 sets 41 games.

**SECTION 3 LADDER** – Bannockburn 61 points, Gheringhap 58, Geelong Lawn 45, Grovedale Yellow 38, Grovedale Black 30, Waurn Ponds 29.5, Barwon Heads 26.5, St Albans 20.

## BARWON JUNIORS DEFEND CHAMPIONSHIP

Last weekend Barwon Tennis Region was successful in defending their Championship in the Foundation Cup. The event was held in Moe this year for Regions across Victoria run by Tennis Victoria for Girls 13 & Under. Barwon was represented by Taylah Mielczarek (Geelong Lawn), Mia Dementiev (Geelong Lawn), Mikaela Mullen (Waurin Ponds) and Sophie Chapman (Waurin Ponds).

The girls did extremely well over the two days. They not only won just about every set, but also were victors in the final without dropping a rubber.



( L TO R – Mia, Mikaela, Sophie and Taylah)