

TENNIS GEELONG BACK IN ACTION

Tennis Geelong senior and junior competition resumed on Saturday following the Christmas break.

The newly formed Ladies' Midweek competition also hit off on Tuesday February 5th with 76 teams participating in what should be an exciting and close competition.

Results hopefully will be published in Friday's Geelong Advertiser each week.

CENTRE COURT RED JUST HOME

In Section 1 of Tennis Geelong Centre Court Red was pushed all the way by a determined Newcomb side to record a four game victory to retain 2nd spot on the ladder. Red's Matthew Hicks, Ramona Mataruga and Karen Filippou led the way winning 2 sets each. Red only won 4 of the 9 sets, but managed enough games overall to steal victory. Hicks said Filippou and Taylor Sobczyk winning 3rd ladies to love got them over the line. Newcomb was served well by Chris Higgins winning all his sets and David Kos and Ana Clifton two each, however Red just home by 4 sets 45 games to Newcomb 5 sets 41 games.

CENTRE COURT BLUE THUMP ST LUKE'S

Centre Court Blue travelled to St Luke's on Saturday and handed the home team their worst defeat for the year, 8 sets to 1 and by 26 games.

This defeat has left St Luke's stranded on the bottom of the ladder 10.5 points from 4th place. With only a handful of matches left before finals St Luke's will find it difficult to make it.

Top side Centre Court Blue was in great form led by Carolyn McGann and Adam Lasky and with solid backup from Jordan Drew, Kelly Brunger, Nathan Mayes and Taylah Mielczarek had all the answers.

McGann said it was Blue's best win for the season and with finals looming they are very confident of winning the flag.

Brianna Bateup and Grant Thompson won St Luke's only set for the day in a very disappointing result with Blue winning 8 sets 52 games to St Luke's 1 set 26 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court Blue 65 points, Centre Court Red 54.5, Newcomb 52, All Saints Anglican 40.5, St Luke's Highton Uniting 30.

HAMLIN PARK MARCH ON

Top side Hamlyn Park had little trouble in dispatching bottom side Highton in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday by 5 sets to 1 and has moved 5 points clear at the top. The Park men of Tony Lazic, Jozef Horvat, Michael Doherty and Andrew Frost were far too good.

Highton's only set was the last, which they received on a forfeit.

The Park team with the inclusion of top player, Doherty, will be hard to beat for this season's flag.

ST MARY'S AND SHELL PLAY OUT THRILLER

St Mary's 2nd was at home to Shell 3rd in the remaining match in Section 2 on Saturday and nothing could separate them as they played out a thrilling draw with sets and games equal.

For St Mary's Peter Rodgers and Brendan Green were the standouts while Ivan Bosnjak and Aaron McLean were outstanding for Shell. All four players won 2 of their 3 sets in this drawn affair 3 sets 25 games apiece.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Hamlyn Park 49 points, St Mary's 44, Shell 39, Ocean Grove 36, Highton 8.

GHERINGHAP PUT THIRD AWAY

In Section 3 Tennis on Saturday Gheringhap, 2nd before Saturday, put a dent in 3rd placed Geelong Lawn's chances this season with a smashing 8 sets to 1 victory over a disappointing Lawn team and has moved to top ahead of Bannockburn by one point.

The Hap side of Anthony Leigh, Andrew, Tenille and Nicola McInerney and Kathryn and Daniel Reitter, were in fine form after the break losing only the 1st men's when Leigh and Andrew McInerney went down to Lawn's Mick Carlon and James Coulson. Overall result – Gheringhap 8 sets 54 games to Geelong Lawn 1 set 30 games.

GROVEDALE BLACK PUSH BANNOCKBURN

Grovedale Black 5th pushed previously top placed Bannockburn all the way on Saturday losing 6 sets to 3 and is only 10 points adrift of the four.

For Bannockburn the LeMaitres' Rachael and Tim winning all their sets along with Bridget and Angela LeMaitre taking out 2 sets, saw the Burn home.

The Dale was well served by Matthew Squire and Cameron Govan winning two sets each in their loss 3 sets 35 games to Bannockburn 6 sets 49 games.

In other games Grovedale Yellow retained 4th position on the ladder with a close victory over Waurin Ponds by 5 sets to 4. For Grove Yellow Ben Flynn was outstanding winning all his sets and with Steven Muratori and Zoe Duff chipping in with 2 sets each, saw Grove home.

For Waurin Ponds youngsters Nicole Mullen 3 sets and Cameron Knuckey 2 sets, kept the Ponds in the match.

However, Grovedale Yellow prevailed winning the match

5 sets 43 games to the Ponds 4 sets 37 games.

In the final game in Section 3 bottom of the table teams clashed at St Albans with the home side up against Barwon Heads. St Albans surprised the Heads with a spirited win by 6 sets 49 games to 3 sets 35 games victory to draw within 3.5 points of the Heads in the battle for the wooden spoon.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Gheringhap 90.5 points, Bannockburn 89.5, Geelong Lawn 64.5, Grovedale Yellow 60.5, Grovedale Black 50.5, Waurin Ponds 50, Barwon Heads 41, St Albans 37.5.