

RED PUSH ALL SAINTS OUT OF FINALS

In a close Section 1 Tennis Geelong clash on Saturday Centre Court Red pushed All Saints Anglican out of finals contention with a hard fought 6 sets to 3 sets victory at Centre Court Indoor.

For Red Ramona Mataruga led the way winning all her sets and with strong back up from Justin Robinson, Ry Davies, Jackson Smith & Karen Filippou Red finished strongly to win the match.

The clash between Robinson & Mathew Holschier for All Saints was a highlight with the experienced Robinson getting the upper hand.

For All Saints Carly McClelland was a good contributor with 2 sets, however, Red retained second spot for the finals with a 6 sets 47 games to All Saints 3 sets 41 games victory and will now meet Newcomb in the preliminary final in two weeks. With Matthew Hicks likely to return to the Red line up for this clash Red should win to make it a Centre Court Blue and Red grand final.

NEWCOMB MAKE FINALS

Newcomb secured a finals berth on Saturday with a workman like win against bottom team St Luke's Highton Uniting taking the match 7 sets to 2 sets.

Veteran players Greg Steele and David Kos won all their sets for Newcomb and with Peppe Scorpo took out all 3 Men's doubles in fine style.

Ana Clifton was the leader in Ladies for Newcomb winning all her sets and with Joanne Puckett 2 sets put the match beyond St Luke's reach. Brianna Bateup won St Luke's 2 sets for the day. Final result Newcomb 7 sets 53 games defeated St Luke's 2 sets 29 games.

FINAL SECTION 1 LADDER

Centre Court Blue 91 Points, Centre Court Red 74.5, Newcomb 68, All Saints Anglican 63.5 and St Luke's Highton Uniting 33.

GROVE SHOCK SHELL

Ocean Grove travelled to Shell on Saturday in the final home and away game in Section 2 Tennis Geelong and shocked the home side winning 6 sets to love to move into second spot on the ladder for the finals.

The Grove had top veteran player Barry Golightly in the side for this clash and with James Kerr, David Franks and Josh Hudson as good back up completely outplayed the strong Shell team.

The Shell team of Ivan Bosnjak, the Edwards brothers Brad & Ray & Jason Leslie had no answer to the Grove boys and lost 0 sets 21 games to Ocean Grove 6 sets 37 games and will now play top side Hamlyn Park in a cut throat semi-final in 2 weeks following the long weekend.

PARK HOLD TOP FOR FINALS

Hamlyn Park maintained top place in Section 2 with a strong win over third placed St Mary's on Saturday and will face Shell in 2 weeks in the semi-final.

For the Park Tony Lazic was the most outstanding player on the day taking out all his sets and with strong support from Jozef Horvat and Michael Doherty winning 2 sets saw the Park home.

St Mary's leading player was Adrian Koorn winning the Saints only sets for the afternoon, however, Hamlyn Park just by 4 sets 31 games to the Saints 2 sets 27 games.

St Mary's will now meet Ocean Grove in the second cut throat semi-final in 2 weeks.

FINAL SECTION 2 LADDER

Hamlyn Park 64 points, Ocean Grove 59, St Mary's 55, Shell 53 and Highton 9.

BURN REACH GRAND FINAL

In section 3 Tennis on Saturday Gheringhap who finished top of the ladder played Bannockburn in the second semi-final at Barwon Heads and lost 6 sets to 3 sets allowing Bannockburn direct passage to the Grand Final.

Although the Burn won 6 sets only 3 games separated the teams in a solid hit out.

The Hap now plays Grovedale Yellow in 2 weeks in the preliminary final and on recent results and form should win to again face Bannockburn in the grand final.

For the Burn on Saturday the LeMaitre girls Rachael, Bridget and Angela were dominant once again winning the 3 Ladies doubles but not without a fight as the Hap Ladies fought hard winning 13 games in the 3 sets.

Bridget and Angela won all their sets for the day and combined well with their brothers Nick and Tim to win two of the three mixed doubles sets. By winning one Men's Doubles and the three Ladies doubles the Burn recorded a strong win.

For the Hap Anthony Leigh was outstanding winning all his sets and the Haps only sets for the day conceding only 4 games in the process, however, Bannockburn too good winning 6 sets 42 games to Gheringhap 3 sets 39 games.

GROVE YELLOW SURPRISE LAWN

In the first semi-final of Section 3 Grovedale Yellow who finished fourth surprised Geelong Lawn on Saturday to record a comfortable win 6 sets to 1 set and will now meet Gheringhap in the preliminary final in 2 weeks.

The Yellow team of Lisa Graham, Kate D'Altera, Michelle Henderson, Steven Muratori, Murray Surkitt and Ben Flynn received an early Easter present from Lawn as Lawn was one Lady short and had to forfeit 3 sets which was very disappointing considering it was a final.

Geelong Lawn's only set was the opening mixed with Grace Tayler and Ryan Mitchell winning well, however Grovedale Yellow went on to win 6 sets 39 games to Geelong Lawn 1 set 25 games in shortened match.

TENNIS GEELONG OPEN TOURNAMENT

Tennis Geelong's Open Tournament for Senior and Junior players will be staged at Geelong Lawn Tennis Club this Saturday March 9: -a BBQ Lunch will be provided.

Players may still enter by contacting Susan Bissett on 5248 1644 or Neil Lamond on 5221 3560 for Seniors and Nigel Wilson on 5243 3465 or Bernie Morris on 5243 1779 for Juniors.