

RED ACE NEWCOMB TO MEET BLUE

In the preliminary final of Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, Centre Court Red overpowered Newcomb by 6 sets to 1 and will now meet Centre Court Blue in the Grand Final next week. Newcomb started the day well winning the opening mixed doubles with Ana Clifton and Chris Higgins defeating Taylor Sobczyk and Sam Arli, however this was short lived as Centre Court Red took out the next 6 sets to win the match comfortably.

With Matthew Hicks back in the line-up Court Red were in control and with backup from Arli, Ry Davies, Sobczyk, Ramona Mataruga and Karen Filippou, proved far too strong for Newcomb. The last two sets were not played as a result had been reached with Centre Court Red winning 6 sets 39 games to Newcomb 1 set 23 games.

Centre Court Red will now meet Centre Court Blue at Centre Court Indoor on Saturday in the Grand Final with Red favoured to win in the battle of the indoor.

Next weeks Grand Final will see the clash between Jordan Drew & Adam Lasky for Blue against top Victorian player Matthew Hicks & Ry Davies for Red which should be a highlight with the Red men likely to come out on top. Carolyn McGann will lead the charge for Blue in the Ladies and with seasoned players Kelly Brunger, Stephanie Guy along with Taylah Mielczarek could hold the upper hand over Red's Karen Filippou, Natalie Mann, Romona Mataruga & Taylor Sobczyk.

The mixed doubles is the key to the outcome of the match with Red slightly ahead .

PARK KNOCK OUT SHELL

In the semi-final showdowns in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday, Hamlyn Park knocked Shell out of the competition with a six sets to love thrashing and will now meet Ocean Grove in the Grand Final next Saturday.

The Park with Tony Lazic, Jozef Horvat, Michael Doherty and Andrew Frost proved they are the team to beat for this season's premiership. This was a disappointing end to the pennant season as this section was close all season, however the Park was too strong winning 6 sets 37 games to Shell 0 sets 20 games in a strange result.

THE GROVE JUST

In the other semi-final in Section 2 Ocean Grove held on to win by 4 games over St Mary's to reach the Grand Final next week against Hamlyn Park.

For the Grove, Jarryd Proctor and Josh Hudson were in fine form winning 2 of their 3 sets to put the grove in a winning position.

Likewise for St Mary's, Peter Rodgers and Adrian Koorn kept the Saints in the match winning 2 sets each, however 2 of the sets won were in a tiebreak which left St Mary's just short of a win, losing 3 sets 26 games to Ocean Grove 3 sets 30 games.

In the Grand Final next week Hamlyn Park are outright favourites to win the flag.

With the inclusion of Michael Doherty in the line up for Hamlyn Park and with Jozef Horvat & Tony Lazic in great form the Park has played consistently throughout the season and should win well.

The Grove will be hoping Jarryd Proctor & Josh Hudson maintain their good form from last week's semi-final to have any chance on Saturday.

GHERINGHAP THROUGH TO ANOTHER GRAND FINAL

Gheringhap met Grovedale Yellow at Waurn Ponds on Saturday in the preliminary final of Section 3 and following a rain-affected match came away with the win and will now meet Bannockburn in the Grand Final next week.

Anthony Leigh for the Hap was dominant in his sets and along with Andrew McInerney, Daniel Reitter, Kathryn Reitter, Tenille McInerney and Nicola McInerney got home after Grove Yellow forfeited sets when the rain came. Zoe Duff and Steven Muratori won Grove's only set in 2nd mixed defeating Andrew and Tenille McInerney in their loss 1 set 13 games to Gheringhap 8 sets 51 games.

The stage is set in Section 3 for a great Grand Final with old rivals Gheringhap and Bannockburn, the two powerhouse clubs of the former Bannockburn Tennis Association, facing off for a premiership.