

BLUE TAKE TITLE OVER RED

Top side all season, Centre Court Blue took out the title in Section 1 Tennis Geelong defeating Centre Court Red in the battle of the Centre on Saturday by 6 sets to 3 sets. The Blue men were the dominant factor in this win with Adam Lasky, although losing 1st mixed with Carolyn McGann to Red's Matthew Hicks and Ramona Mataruga in a close hard fought set, went on to win 1st and 2nd men's doubles over Hicks. Jordan Drew and Nathan Mayes provided excellent support to Lasky winning all their sets, with 3rd men's not played as a result had been reached.

A highlight of the match was 1st ladies with Red's youngsters Karen Filippou and Ramona Mataruga holding on to win the set in a tight encounter over the Blue's experienced pair of McGann and Kelly Brunger. Filippou then partnered Taylor Sobczyk to win 2nd ladies also with the Red ladies holding Court over Blue in the ladies doubles department.

With dominant men, Blue won two of the three mixed doubles and by winning 2 men's and one ladies' doubles, proved a little stronger in the end winning 5 sets 43 games to Red 3 sets 35 games to take the title.

PARK ALL THE WAY

In the Section 2 Tennis Geelong grand final at Shell on Saturday, Hamlyn Park top all season led all the way to win the flag by 5 sets to 1 set over Ocean Grove. The first three sets of the afternoon were all hard fought sets and although the Park won all three, the Grove pushed them all the way

The Park men of Tony Lazic, Josef Horvat, Andrew Frost and Michael Doherty continued their strong start to the match, taking the 4th set comfortably to put the match beyond Grove's reach.

Jarryd Proctor and Josh Hudson won Grove's only set for the day defeating Lazic and Tyler Dickson, however, Hamlyn Park too good and form team of the season won 5 sets 37 games to Ocean Grove 1 set 26 games.

BURN IN CLOSE ONE

Old foes Bannockburn and Gheringhap played out a gripping grand final of Section 3 Tennis Geelong at Geelong Lawn on Saturday and won by 3 games. The Burn got away to a strong start in the match by taking out 2 of the opening 3 mixed doubles sets to lead by 5 games with ladies and men's doubles to play. The match was then dominated firstly by the Bannockburn ladies – the LeMaitre sisters Angela, Rachael and Bridget with Rachael and Bridget winning all their sets, and teaming with Angela to take out all 3 ladies doubles, losing only 7 games in the process.

Then it was Gheringhap's turn with their men Anthony Leigh winning all his sets and with Andrew McInerney and Daniel Reitter won all men's doubles conceding only 5 games.

Other players to perform well were veteran Cliff Bath and Nick LeMaitre for the Burn and Kathryn Reitter for the Hap.

Rachael Le Maitre in her victory speech said "Dad would be proud of us today". Their father Ian (Woody) a former Section 1 player and great competitor passed away in July last year.

Match result – Bannockburn 5 sets 38 games to Gheringhap 4 sets 35 games.

HIGHTON SURPRISE NEWCOMB IN 4

In the grand final of Section 4 on Saturday, Highton gained the upper hand early against Newcomb winning the opening two mixed doubles sets and went on to win 4 sets to 2 sets and by only 3 games.

The Highton team of Kellie Foster, Ross & Jordan Parkinson, Nicole and Brian Spong took out 4 of the first 5 sets to take the match.

Newcomb's 2 sets for the afternoon were the ladies doubles with Natasha Edwards and Janet Allan getting home comfortably and the last set of the final with Edwards teaming with Dean Williams to win well.

However, the match was over with Highton taking the flag 4 sets 27 games to Newcomb 2 sets 24 games.

OTHER GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Section 5 – Clifton Springs Red 5 sets 34 games to Grovedale 1 set 18 games.

Section 6 – Western Heights Uniting 6 sets 37 games to Highton 0 sets 19 games.

Section 7 – Geelong Lawn Green 5 sets 36 games to Geelong Lawn White 1 set 23 games.

Section 8 – St Mary's 3 sets 29 games to Anglesea 3 sets 29 games (St Mary's won the play-off).

Section 9 – Lethbridge 5 sets 37 games to Waurin Ponds 3 sets 29 games.

Section 10 – Highton 4 sets 32 games to Hamlyn Park 2 sets 22 games.

Section 11 – Grovedale Yellow 7 sets 45 games to Highton Blue 1 set 17 games.

Section 12 – Wandana Heights 3 sets 27 games to Drysdale 3 sets 27 games (Wandana won the play-off).

Section 13 – Highton Blue 3 sets 30 games to St Mary's 3 sets 22 games.

Section 14 – St Paul's Anglican 3 sets 32 games to Torquay 3 sets 29 games.

Section 15 – Moolap 4 sets 24 games to Drysdale 0 sets 10 games.

Section 16 – All Saints Anglican 4 sets 32 games to Ocean Grove 2 sets 22 games.