

COURT BLUE TOO STRONG

Defending champions, Centre Court Blue at home proved too strong for winter premiers Newcomb on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong. Carolyn McGann, a Victorian State Grader led the charge for Court, winning her three sets with Jordan Drew, Kelly Brunger and Alessia Roso conceding only 6 games in the process. Brunger and Roso offered great support for McGann in setting up the win.

Court won all three mixed with Nathan Mayes, James Brushfield and Jordan Drew dominating, however Newcomb with Peppe Scorpo, David Kos and Chris Higgins took out two of the three men's doubles. Newcomb's third set in the match came in 3rd ladies when Raquel Walter and Ana Clifton won in a tight encounter.

Overall Centre Court Blue too strong, winning 6 sets 48 games to Newcomb 3 sets 37 games.

ST LUKE'S WOMEN HOLD COURT

St Luke's Highton Uniting were away to All Saints Anglican on Saturday and came away with a 6 sets to 3 victory thanks to their women. St Luke's hit out strongly winning the opening 3 mixed sets and when their women, State Graders Abbie Walker and Brianna Bateup along with Raelee Palmer-Morgan took out the 3 ladies' doubles in fine style, the result was never in doubt.

All Saints' only 3 sets in the match came in men's doubles with State Grader Matthew Holschier along with Shane Wiffen and Matthew Fisher winning all 3 men's doubles. Overall St Luke's too strong, winning 6 sets 50 games to All Saints 3 sets 37 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court Blue 13.5 points, St Luke's Highton Uniting 13.5, Centre Court Red 7, Newcomb 7, All Saints Anglican 3.

SHELL SURPRISE PARK

In Section 2 on Saturday the strong Shell team surprised Hamlyn Park who have dominated this section for years, with a strong workmanlike performance to take the match by 4 sets to 2. It was an all round team effort by Shell with Ivan Bosnjak leading the way winning all his sets and with strong support from Brad and Ray Edwards put the match out of Park's reach.

For Park Jozef Horvat played well, winning Park's only 2 sets for the afternoon, however Shell made a statement and although early in the season could play off against St Mary's for the Section 2 flag. Final result – Shell 4 sets 31 games to Hamlyn Park 2 sets 25 games.

GROVE SMASH HIGHTON

Ocean Grove travelled to Highton on Saturday in the remaining Section 2 match and smashed Highton by 5 sets to 1. The Grove team of James Kerr, David Franks, Josh Hudson and Charles Milligan were in great form allowing Highton only 12 games for the afternoon. Highton's only set came in the 3rd set of the day with James Anderson and Michael Hogan getting home in a close one. Final result – Ocean Grove 5 sets 34 games to Highton 1 set 12 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Shell 9 points, Hamlyn Park 8, Ocean Grove 7, St Mary's 5, Highton 3.

BANNOCKBURN MAKING A STATEMENT

Bannockburn with the LeMaitre's Rachel, Nick, Bridget, Angela and Tim along with John Bongiorno are fast becoming the favourites to take out the Section 3 title with a crushing win over St Albans on Saturday in Section 3 tennis by 8 sets to 1.

The Saints' only set for the day was 1st mixed when Clare Burns and Peter Lange won in a close one. Overall Bannockburn 8 sets 52 games to St Albans 1 set 23 games. The Burn play titleholder Gheringhap next Saturday in what could be a preview of the Section 3 grand final.

GHERINGHAP HOME IN STRONG DISPLAY

Top side Gheringhap at home was too strong for Waurn Ponds on Saturday in Section 3 tennis by dominating the 3 mixed sets against their younger opponents, conceding only 6 games and with their men Anthony Leigh, Daniel Reitter and Andrew McInerney losing only 5 games in men's doubles, the win was never in doubt. The Ponds with youngsters Nicole Mullen and Emily Rankin along with Carolyn Knuckey took out all 3 ladies doubles and the Pond's only sets for the day in their loss 3 sets 29 games to Gheringhap 6 sets 46 games.

LAWN IN CLOSE ONE

Geelong Lawn was involved in a close one when they travelled to Barwon Heads on Saturday in Section 3, getting home 5 sets to 4. For the winners Grace Taylor and Ashley West were in good form winning 2 of their 3 sets, and for the Heads Leanne Winsall and Andrew McKinnon played well also winning 2 of their 3 sets, however Lawn home by 5 sets 45 games to the Heads 4 sets 39 games.

YELLOW TOO GOOD FOR BLACK

The two Grovedale teams clashed on Saturday in the final game of Section 3 tennis with Yellow proving far too strong winning 7 sets to 2. The Yellow team of Lisa Graham, Steven Muratori, Michelle Henderson and Murray Surkitt played consistently throughout the day with all players winning 2 of their 3 sets. Black on the other hand had all players winning only one set for the day with Jayde Glascott and Lisa Sherwell winning 1st ladies and Matthew Squire and Andrew Lee taking out 1st men's. However, Yellow too good winning 7 sets 50 games to Black 2 sets 30 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Bannockburn 19 points, Gheringhap 17, Geelong Lawn 15, Grovedale Yellow 11, Waurn Ponds 9.5, Barwon Heads 8.5, Grovedale Black 5, St Albans 3.