

BLUE DEFEAT RED IN A THRILLER

The two Centre Court teams, Blue and Red, played out a thriller in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday with games even at the end of the match. However top side and reigning champions, Blue won 6 sets to clinch the win. Jordan Drew and Nathan Mayes were in great form for Blue and were involved in close sets, two of which went to a tiebreak, however they managed to win all their sets for the day. A notable win was 2nd mixed when Drew and Kelly Brunger outlasted current Victorian Grass Court champion Matt Hicks and Ramona Mataruga to win in a tiebreak. Carolyn McGann and Josh Vines added strong support to get Blue over the line.

For the Red team Ramona Mataruga and Taylor Sobczyk were the standout players. Hicks only played the mixed doubles and the result may have been different had he played the men's doubles also, as Blue won all 3 men's doubles sets.

Final result – Centre Court Blue 6 sets 42 games to Centre Court Red 3 sets 42 games.

NEWCOMB JUMP INTO SECOND

Joanne Puckett and Ana Clifton led the charge for Newcomb on Saturday against All Saints Anglican winning all their 3 sets comfortably to see Newcomb home in a tight encounter by 5 sets to 4. They had good support from Bianca Duff and took out all three ladies' doubles sets, conceding only 3 games.

As well as the women proved dominant for Newcomb, the All Saints men with State Grader Mathew Holschier winning his 3 sets, Shane Wiffen and Daniel Thomas winning 2 sets each, the All Saints men took out all 3 men's doubles losing only 5 games in the process. By winning 2 of the 3 mixed doubles sets Newcomb managed to scrape home by 5 sets 40 games to All Saints 4 sets 32 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court Blue 20.5 points, Newcomb 14, St Luke's Highton Uniting 13.5, Centre Court Red 11, All Saints Anglican 7.

ST MARY'S GET A SHOCK

St Mary's at home to Ocean Grove on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong got a shock and managed to win the last set of the day to get home by one solitary game with sets even. Even with this narrow loss the Grove have moved into 2nd position on the ladder, just ahead of St Mary's on percentage only.

For the Saints, Paul Field was the outstanding player of the match winning all his sets and with good support from Peter Ficca, Peter Rodgers and Adrian Koorn, the team just held on to win.

For the Grove David Franks, Jarryd Proctor and Josh Hudson played strongly throughout, all winning 2 sets, however St Mary's just got there by 3 sets 30 games to Ocean Grove 3 sets 29 games.

HIGHTON SHELLSHOCKED

Bottom side Highton at home to Shell in the remaining game in Section 2 were shocked by Shell's overall strength and lost 6 sets to love. The Shell team of Brad and Ray Edwards, Ivan Bosnjak and Jason Leslie proved far too strong for the Highton men and will be hard to beat for this season's flag. Final result – Shell 6 sets 38 games to Highton 0 sets 17 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Shell 17 points, Ocean Grove 10, St Mary's 10, Hamlyn Park 8, Highton 3.

BANNOCKBURN WINS TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH

In the match of the day in Section 3 Tennis Geelong, Bannockburn travelled to their neighbours, Gheringhap, on Saturday and held on to top spot with a hard fought victory by 4 games over the current titleholders.

The win was set up by the three LeMaitre sisters, Rachel, Bridget and Angela, taking out all 3 ladies' doubles and combining with brothers Tim and Nick to win 2 of the 3 mixed doubles sets.

For Gheringhap top player Anthony Leigh led the way winning the opening mixed with Kathryn Reitter and then teamed with Andrew McInerney and Daniel Reitter to win the 3 men's doubles sets.

The Burn just got home in a close one by 5 sets 40 games to 4 sets 36 games.

LAWN INTO SECOND PLACE

Geelong Lawn moved into 2nd place on the Section 3 ladder with a determined victory over Waurn Ponds, currently 5th, after three rounds.

Ryan Michell was the star for Lawn winning all his sets and was ably supported by Mick Carlon, Ashley West and Jill Pavia and although the team was 3 sets to 1 down early, came back winning 4 of the remaining 5 sets to snatch victory by 3 games.

For the Ponds the 3 ladies namely Emily Rankin, Joanne Mullen and her daughter Nicole were the standouts in their loss to Lawn by 5 sets 42 games to 4 sets 39 games.

GROVE YELLOW HOLD FOURTH

Ben Flynn was in outstanding form on Saturday for Grovedale Yellow losing only 3 games against Barwon Heads. He had great support from Steven Muratori who won all his sets, Murray Surkitt, Michelle Henderson and Zoe Duff, to see Yellow home by 6 sets to 3.

The Heads' Tracy Lazarus and Rhonda Sutas fought hard all day winning 2 sets each, but Yellow too strong.

Final result – Grovedale Yellow 6 sets 43 games to Barwon Heads 3 sets 34 games.

GROVE BLACK HOLD ON

In the final match in Section 3 Grovedale Black held on to win by 6 games over bottom of the ladder St Albans at St Albans on Saturday.

The outstanding players for Black were Jayde Glascott and Jason Schoenmaekers winning all their sets in fine style. David Muratori and Tamika Hider added strong support in Black's 6 sets to 3 victory.

St Albans' top players Peter Lange and Clare Burns played well to win 2 sets each for the afternoon, but Grovedale Black came out winning 6 sets 45 games to St Albans

3 sets 39 games.

SECTION 3 LADDER – Bannockburn 26 points, Geelong Lawn 22, Gheringhap 21, Grovedale Yellow 19, Waurn Ponds 13.5, Grovedale Black 13, Barwon Heads 11.5, St Albans 6.