

BLUE MAROONED IN MATCH DAY FIZZER

Top Newcomb teams, Maroon and Blue, clashed in the match of the day on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 with Blue marooned in a top of the table fizzer.

Maroon remains strong premiership favourite following its dominant 6 sets to love victory over 2nd placed Blue. Maroon's Peppe Scorpo, Greg Steele, Joanne Puckett and Bridget LeMaitre are seasoned competitors and were far too strong for their fellow club members, recording a 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 16 games victory over Blue.

The only highlight of the day came in the last set of the day when Blue's Lynda Nixon and Steve Donaldson pushed Puckett and Steele all the way but lost in a tiebreak. However, the damage had already been done with Blue gathering only 10 games in the first 5 sets.

SAINTS ON THE MOVE

St Albans consolidated its position in 4th place with an outstanding win against 3rd placed Grovedale at Grovedale in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday. Clare Burns was in great form for the Saints and led the way, winning all her sets in fine style with Susan Bissett and Matthew Allen adding good support winning two sets each for the Saints. The result was never in doubt.

For Grovedale Steven Muratori was a standout winning the Grove's only sets for the day in their loss 2 sets 27 games to St Albans 4 sets 35 games.

WAURN PONDS STILL IN THE HUNT

Waur Ponds at home was forced to fight hard against bottom side Highton in the final match in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday and although winning 4 sets, only got home by 4 games to hold down 5th position on the ladder 5 points from 4th.

The Ponds' Tom Perry had a good day winning his 3 sets and with Joanne Mullen and Kate Noble adding 2 sets each, got Waur Ponds home.

For Highton Brian Spong won the only two sets for the Saint in a strong effort, however the Ponds are still in the hunt for the finals, winning 4 sets 32 games to Highton 2 sets 28 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 52 points, Newcomb Blue 31, Grovedale 29, St Albans 27, Waur Ponds 22, Highton 7.

PARK SHOCKED BY HIGHTON

Highton pulled off the shock of the season on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 2 defeating previously top side Hamlyn Park by 2 games with sets even. With this win Highton has drawn within three points of Park in 3rd position on the ladder.

Highton's Peter Ficca was involved in Highton's three winning sets for the day, conceding only 9 games in a match-winning effort. Ryan and Jordan Parkinson and Peter Edwards combined with Ficca to win one set each. For Park Jozef Horvat, Tony Lazic and Robert Arzanovski in a strong team effort won 2 sets each, however Highton prevailed by 3 sets 29 games to Hamlyn Park 3 sets 27 games.

SPRINGS REGAIN TOP

With the surprise loss of Hamlyn Park to Highton, Clifton Springs has regained top place with a solid win over Wandana Heights in Section 2 Tennis on Saturday.

For the winners, Greg Luke was the star winning his 3 sets comfortably, conceding only 7 games to set the win up for the Springs. With Adam Hill and Craig Duncan adding great support to Luke, winning two sets each, put the match outside Wandana's reach.

For Wandana, Ben Jones fought hard all day winning 2 tiebreak sets and Wandana's only sets for the day. Overall, Clifton Springs with a strong performance got home by 4 sets 36 games to Wandana Heights 2 sets 24 games.

EAST WIN THE BATTLE TO AVOID BOTTOM

Geelong East Uniting at home on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong competition avoided bottom place with a workmanship-like win against All Saints Anglican by 4 sets to 2. Jarryd Proctor led the way for East, winning all his sets to put East in a strong position for the match. He was ably supported by Luke Kosmetschke and Joel Morrissy winning two sets each in a strong showing.

For All Saints, Jim Brown was a standout winning the Saints' only two sets for the day, however, Geelong East Uniting 4 sets 34 games too good for All Saints Anglican 2 sets 26 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Clifton Springs 41 points, Hamlyn Park 39, Highton 36, Wandana Heights 22, Geelong East Uniting 17, All Saints Anglican 13.

MELBOURNE TENNIS VICTORIA PENNANT – No play over Queen's Birthday weekend.