

## **TENNIS GEELONG BACK, AND GROVEDALE TOO**

Tennis Geelong is back following the Christmas break and Grovedale is too with a close victory over 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Leopold on Saturday in Section 1 tennis. The Grove team played strongly throughout and although winning only 4 sets managed to get 3 more games than Leopold to win the match in a close struggle to hold 4<sup>th</sup> place.

For the winners Brianna Bateup and Grant Thompson were outstanding taking out 2 of their 3 sets and Grove's only sets for the day, but with strong support in 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies with Bateup and Jayde Glascott winning the set to love, just got Grove over the line.

For Leopold Alessia Roso and Adam Lasky did all they could winning all 3 sets each, however Grovedale with a games advantage got home by 4 sets 42 games to Leopold 5 sets 39 games.

## **COURT MOVE FURTHER ON TOP**

Top side Centre Court has moved further out on top of the ladder of Section 1 with a runaway win over 7<sup>th</sup> placed Clifton Springs on Saturday by 8 sets to 1. The Court team of Kelly Brunger, Brooke Starling, Carolyn McGann, Nathan Mayes, Sam Arli and Axel Hider, even without their No.1 player Matthew Hick, proved far too strong for the Springs taking the match by 30 games, losing only one set.

The Springs' only set in the match came late with Peter Havelberg and Dave Lowe winning the last set of the afternoon.

Final result – Centre Court 8 sets 52 games to Clifton Springs 1 set 22 games.

## **SAINTS MOVE TO SECOND**

All Saints Anglican has moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the Section 1 ladder with a workmanlike win over 6<sup>th</sup> placed Bannockburn on Saturday by 6 sets to 3. For the Saints Mathew Holschier and Shane Wiffen dominated winning all their 3 sets and with Daniel Thomas took out all 3 men's doubles. Ash Andrews was the standout winning 2 sets for the Saints in the ladies' section.

For the Burn the standouts were Bridget LeMaitre and Stephanie Guy both winning two sets each; however All Saints too good defeating Bannockburn by 6 sets 48 games to 3 sets 37 games.

In the final game in Section 1 Newcomb defeated Gheringhap by 9 sets to love on forfeit.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Centre Court 87 points, All Saints Anglican 83, Leopold 81, Grovedale 65, Newcomb 64, Bannockburn 47, Clifton Springs 36, Gheringhap 21.

## **GROVE CONTINUE ON**

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday top side Ocean Grove continued its dominance with a 5 sets to 1 victory over 4<sup>th</sup> placed Shell and is hot favourite for the flag. The Grove team of Nick Vicary, Ari Levinson, Jarryd Proctor, Brad Edwards and David Franks are in outstanding form losing only one set for the afternoon, the last set, in a tiebreak.

The strong Shell team could manage only 1 set for the day when Brad Edwards and Ivan Bosnjak won the last set.

Overall, Ocean Grove on its way to a flag too strong winning 5 sets 36 games to Shell 1 set 20 games.

## **DALE HOLD DOWN SECOND**

Grovedale 2<sup>nd</sup> in Section 2 held its position with a fighting win over 6<sup>th</sup> placed Highton on Saturday by 8 games with sets even. For Dale it was a team effort with David Muratori, Ben Flynn and Troy Mikelsons all winning 2 of their 3 sets to see their team home.

For Highton, Michael Doherty played a lone hand winning all his 3 sets and Highton's only sets for the day in an outstanding performance; however Grovedale got home by 3 sets 28 games to Highton 3 sets 20 games.

## **SAINTS HOLD DOWN THIRD**

St Mary's at home to Hamlyn Park on Saturday held on to 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the Section 2 ladder with a hard fought victory over Hamlyn Park by 4 sets to 2.

For the Saints Peter Rodgers led the way winning all his sets in an outstanding display and with Paul Field and Jason Barnett chipping in with 2 sets each, ensured a Saints victory.

For Park Jozef Horvat was the better player winning 2 sets, however St Mary's too good winning 4 sets 30 games to Hamlyn Park 2 sets 26 games.

In the final game in Section 2 the battle for the wooden spoon did not take place as Clifton Springs received a forfeit from Wandana Heights.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Ocean Grove 76 points, Grovedale 59, St Mary's 57, Shell 42, Hamlyn Park 42, Highton 41, Clifton Springs 22, Wandana Heights 13.