

REIGNING PREMIERS PUSHED BY NEWCOMERS

Centre Court Indoor, reigning premiers, were pushed all the way by newcomers to Section 1, Grovedale, in Tennis Geelong on Saturday and won by 1 set and 2 games only in a tight opener. Court's Taylah Mielczarek was in outstanding form taking out all her sets in fine style and with good support from top players Matthew Hicks, Carolyn McGann and Axel Hider, got Court home – just.

Grant Thompson was the star for Grovedale winning all his sets to keep Grove in the match. Brianna Bateup also played well for Dale winning 2 sets; however Centre Court in a tight match won 5 sets 44 games to Grovedale 4 sets 42 games in the match of the day.

SPRINGS TOO GOOD FOR HAP

Clifton Springs at home to Gheringhap on Saturday in the opening round of Tennis Geelong Section 1 competition proved too strong for the Hap, taking out the match 6 sets to 3. For the Springs Melissa Mortimer led the way winning all her sets and with Nicole Cooke and Peter Havelberg chipping in with two sets each, saw the Springs home.

For the Hap Anthony Leigh was outstanding winning all his sets and the Hap's only sets in their loss to Clifton Springs by 6 sets 52 games to 3 sets 40 games.

NEWCOMB JUST OVER SAINTS

Newcomb was away to All Saints Anglican in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, and in a close encounter came away with a 5 sets to 4 victory. As usual the Newcomb team has an even line-up with ladies Sascha Bruenjes, Bianca Duff and Ana Clifton along with Chris Higgins and Greg Steele all winning 2 sets each to get Newcomb over the line.

For All Saints Shane Wiffen was a standout winning all his sets in their loss to Newcomb by 5 sets 43 games to 4 sets 36 games.

BURN SURPRISE LEOPOLD

Bannockburn were at home to Leopold on Saturday in Section 1 tennis and with an all-round strong performance surprised Leopold, who were favoured to win, by taking the match 5 sets to 4 in good style.

For the winners Justin Robinson, a former State Grader, along with Dominic Afribo, Bridget LeMaitre and Kara Smith, were outstanding for the Burn by winning 2 sets each to get them home by 5 sets 44 games to Leopold 4 sets 36 games.

For Leopold their better players were Karen Filippou, Alessia Roso and Ry Davies, all collecting two sets each in their loss.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Clifton Springs 8 points, Bannockburn 7, Newcomb 7, Centre Court 7, Grovedale 4, Leopold 4, All Saints Anglican 4, Gheringhap 3.

PARK SMASHED BY SPRINGS

In Section 2 tennis on Saturday, top side Hamlyn Park was smashed by Clifton Springs in a boil-over by 5 sets to 1. The Springs team of Adam Hill, Greg Luke, Joshua Matthews and Nathan Batterham were in outstanding form from the outset and completely dominated the match.

Park's only set in the match came early in the first set when Tony Lazic and Jozef Horvat won over Hill and Luke; however it was all downhill from that point with Clifton Springs winning 5 sets 34 games to Hamlyn Park 1 set 19 games.

GROVE WIN THE CLOSE ONE

Ocean Grove at home to St Mary's won the close one in Section 2 Tennis Geelong by 2 games on Saturday. James Kerr was the star on the day, winning all his 3 sets and with Grove's Brad Edwards and David Franks winning 2 sets each, saw Grove home.

For the Saints, Peter Rodgers was their better player winning 2 sets, but Ocean Grove just home by 4 sets 31 games to St Mary's 2 sets 29 games.

DALE DEMOLISH HEIGHTS

Grovedale at home to Wandana Heights in Section 2 were too good, winning 6 sets to love. The Dale team of Matthew Squire, David Muratori, Paul Throckmorton and Brent May played consistently throughout to record a runaway 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 21 games victory over Wandana Heights.

SHELL PUT HIGHTON AWAY

Shell with Aaron McLean, Ivan Bosnjak and Brad and Ray Edwards in good form proved far too strong for Highton, taking the match by 5 sets to 1. Highton's only set was won by Ryan Parkinson and Peter Edwards in their loss to Shell by 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 23 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Grovedale 8 points, Clifton Springs 7, Shell 7, Ocean Grove 6, St Mary's 2, Highton 1, Hamlyn Park 1, Wandana Heights 0.