

LEOPOLD WIN THE BATTLE FOR TOP

Leopold held onto top place on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder on Saturday defeating 2nd placed Centre Court by 6 sets to 3 to be firm favourites for the flag. Leopold's Ramona Mataruga, Karen Filippou and Taylor Sobczyk took out all three ladies doubles sets although Court's Brooke Starling and Taylah Mielczarek almost got over the line in 3rd ladies, losing in a tiebreak.

Leopold's men – Adam Lasky, Ry Davies and Alex Beardsell equalled the ladies in winning all three men's doubles sets with Nathan Mayes and Axel Hider for Court losing 3rd men's in a tiebreak also.

Centre Court got away to an excellent start winning all 3 mixed doubles sets; however, Leopold won the next 6 sets and the match by 6 sets 52 games to 3 sets 42 games.

NEWCOMB SMASH SPRINGS AND GAIN FOURTH

Newcomb at home to Clifton Springs on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis smashed the Springs by 9 sets to love and have now taken over 4th position on the ladder from Grovedale. The Newcomb team of Peppe Scorpo, Chris Higgins, Greg Steele, Bianca Duff, Sascha Bruenjes and Ana Clifton dominated from the outset and although a couple of sets were tightly contested, it was a runaway victory.

For the Springs, Heather Jillard and Peter Havelberg went close to winning 3rd mixed, but lost in a tiebreak.

Overall, Newcomb on the march winning 9 sets 56 games to Clifton Springs 0 sets 33 games.

SAINTS DEMOLISH DALE

All Saints Anglican have cemented their position in the four in Tennis Geelong Section 1, demolishing Grovedale by 8 sets to 1 on Saturday. Dale started well when Abbie Walker and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan won the 1st mixed set over Saints' Ash Andrews and Mathew Holschier; however, it was all downhill from that point with Jenelle Findlay, Carly McClelland, Shane Wiffen and Daniel Thomas combining well with Andrews and Holschier to win the remaining 8 sets for All Saints, pushing Grovedale out of the four.

Final result – All Saints Anglican 8 sets 50 games to Grovedale 1 set 30 games.

HAP AND BURN SHARE POINTS

The match between Gheringhap and Bannockburn was abandoned on Saturday due to inclement weather with only the three mixed doubles sets completed with Burn taking 1st and 2nd mixed and Hap the 3rd mixed. As a result the match is drawn with both teams sharing the points.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Leopold 57 points, Centre Court 51, All Saints Anglican 50, Newcomb 43, Grovedale 38, Bannockburn 34, Clifton Springs 19, Gheringhap 16.

SHELL JUMP INTO SECOND

Shell sent St Mary's back to 3rd on the Section 2 ladder on Saturday with a strong workmanlike victory by 4 sets to 2 to jump into 2nd place. The match was highlighted by many closely contested sets with Shell winning two of these in a tiebreak to claim the match overall.

For Shell Brad Edwards led the way winning all his sets and with great backup from his Brother Ray, and Peter Skurrie taking out two sets each, ensured a Shell victory.

For the Saints Brendan Green was a standout winning the Saints' only two sets for the day.

Final result – Shell 4 sets 35 games to St Mary's 2 sets 31 games.

HIGHTON FAR TOO GOOD FOR SPRINGS

Highton with Michael Doherty, Ross and Ryan Parkinson and Stan Kenyon in great form proved far too good for Clifton Springs on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis, winning comfortably by 6 sets to love to hold down 5th place, just out of the four.

Final result – Highton 6 sets 37 games to Clifton Springs 0 sets 13 games.

DALE PUSH TOP SIDE – GROVE

Top side Ocean Grove was pushed all the way by Grovedale on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis winning by 2 games only with sets even. Grove's Brad Edwards, James Kerr and Jarryd Proctor played solidly throughout the day, winning two sets each to help Grove to an exciting finish.

For Dale, Steven Muratori was outstanding winning all his 3 sets and Dale's only sets for the day, although two of these sets were hard fought encounters.

In a tight match Ocean Grove won 3 sets 32 games to Grovedale 3 sets 30 games to remain top, with Grovedale holding down 4th position.

WASHOUT COULD BE COSTLY FOR PARK

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday the final four aspiring Hamlyn Park, currently 6th, were up against bottom side Wandana Heights and needed to win well; however, the heavens opened and the match was washed out leaving Park well behind the four and could miss out on finals. Both Hamlyn Park and Wandana Heights share the points 4 each.

SECTION 2 LADDER - Ocean Grove 47, Shell 39, St Mary's 37, Grovedale 31, Highton 28, Hamlyn Park 18, Clifton Springs 14, Wandana Heights 10.