

SAINTS HOME IN CLOSE ONE

In the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday All Saints Anglican, 3rd, had to fight all the way to defeat 4th placed Newcomb by 1 set and 5 games in a close encounter.

Top player Mathew Holschier led the way for the Saints winning 2 sets and losing 2nd men's doubles in a tiebreak. Shane Wiffen, Matthew Fisher and Ash Andrews provided strong support to Holschier, winning two sets each to see the Saints home.

For Newcomb the better players were Bianca Duff and Sascha Bruenjes both winning 2 sets each, however All Saints' overall strength proved too much and they won 5 sets 44 games to Newcomb 4 sets 39 games to retain 3rd place on the Section 1 ladder after 8 rounds.

LEOPOLD HOLD OFF A GALLANT BURN

Leopold, top, held off a gallant Bannockburn on Saturday and although winning 6 of the 9 sets, only one game separated the teams at the finish. Leopold's James Brushfield and Karen Filippou were outstanding, winning their 3 sets and with Alessia Roso and Ry Davies taking out 2 sets each, proved the difference in the end.

For Burn Stephanie Buy and Mitchell Field kept Burn in the match winning 2 sets each, however, Leopold prevailed winning 6 sets 43 games to Bannockburn 3 sets 42 games.

COURT PUT DALE AWAY

Centre Court Indoor put Grovedale away on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong winning by 6 sets to 3. With top Victorian player Matthew Hicks playing the mixed doubles only, winning well with youngster Taylah Mielczarek in 2nd mixed, and Carolyn McGann and Nathan Mayes and Brooke Starling and Sam Arli taking out the other two mixed doubles, put Court in a winning position. The Court women dominated the ladies' doubles taking out all 3 sets with McGann, Mielczarek and Starling in great form.

Grovedale's only three sets for the day came in men's doubles when Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, Grant Thompson and Braeden Lubcke won all 3 men's doubles sets.

Final result – Centre Court Indoor 6 sets 51 games to Grovedale 3 sets 39 games.

HAP HEADING FOR THE WOODEN SPOON

Gheringhap at home to Clifton Springs on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong fought valiantly in the battle for the wooden spoon and lost by one set and 9 games to remain winless at the bottom of the ladder. For the Springs, seasoned player Heather Jillard played strongly to win all her sets, losing only 4 games in a match-winning performance. She was ably supported by Craig Booley and Peter Havelberg winning 2 sets each to get them over the line.

For the Hap, Tenille McInerney, Kathryn Reitter and Tim O'Neil all winning 2 sets kept them in the match, however Clifton Springs proved the stronger winning 5 sets 45 games to Gheringhap 4 sets 36 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Leopold 65 points, Centre Court 59, All Saints Anglican 57, Newcomb 47, Grovedale 41, Bannockburn 37, Clifton Springs 26, Gheringhap 20.

GROVE PUSH FURTHER AHEAD

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, top side Ocean Grove pushed further ahead with a strong win over 3rd placed St Mary's by 4 sets to 2. For the winners Jarryd Proctor was the star winning all his sets, and with Ari Levinson and Nick Vicary chipping in with 2 sets, put the match beyond doubt. Adrian Koorn was the standout for the Saints winning the Saints' only 2 sets for the day in their loss to Ocean Grove by 4 sets 30 games to St Mary's 2 sets 25 games.

SHELL LOSE A LITTLE GROUND

Shell held on to 2nd spot on the ladder, however lost a little ground losing to 5th placed Highton on Saturday by 4 sets to 2. Michael Doherty was dominant for Highton winning all his sets comfortably and with good support from Ross Parkinson and Stan Kenyon proved the match winner. For Shell Brad Edwards played strongly to win Shell's only 2 sets for the day. Overall result – Highton 4 sets 26 games to Shell 2 sets 24 games. With this win Highton is only 4 points from 4th.

GROVE HOLD 4TH WITH SOLID WIN

Grovedale held on to 4th position on the Section 2 ladder with a solid win over bottom placed Wandana Heights on Saturday by 5 sets to 1. The Grove team of Ben Flynn, David Muratori, Matthew Squire and Brent May proved far too strong, losing only one set, the second last set of the day, to the Heights pair of Mathew Jolliffe and Greg Duff.

Overall Grovedale too strong, defeating Wandana Heights by 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 23 games.

PARK KEEP THEIR HOPES ALIVE

Hamlyn Park has kept its hopes alive for the finals by smashing 7th placed Clifton Springs by 6 sets to love and by 25 games on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Robert Arzanovski, Tyler Dickson and Tony Lazic completely dominated the match and although they are still a game and a half out of the four, could come home strongly in the run to the finals.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 53 points, Shell 41, St Mary's 39, Grovedale 38, Highton 34, Hamlyn Park 26, Clifton Springs 14, Wandana Heights 11.