

GROVE IN A THRILLER

Grovedale at home to Newcomb in the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong crept a little closer to the four with a hard fought one set and one game win over Newcomb, currently 4th.

The Grove team is now only 3 points out of the top four, behind Newcomb. For Grove Jayde Glascott led the way by winning all her 3 sets and with great support from Abbie Walker, Grant Thompson and Jeremy Palmer-Morgan taking out 2 sets each, saw Grove home in a close one.

Chris Higgins with 3 sets and Ana Clifton 2 sets kept Newcomb in the match; however Grovedale's overall strength prevailed to get them home by 5 sets 39 games to Newcomb 4 sets 38 games in a thriller.

COURT HOLD ON TO SECOND

Centre Court travelled to Bannockburn on Saturday and held on to 2nd place on the Section 1 ladder with a workmanlike victory over the Burn by 7 sets to 2.

For Court top Victorian players Matthew Hicks and Carolyn McGann dominated the match, winning all their 3 sets and with Kelly Brunger, Brooke Starling, Sam Arli and Axel Hider taking out 2 sets each, proved too much for Burn. Burn's only 2 sets for the afternoon came late in 3rd ladies' and men's when Stephanie Guy and Bridget LeMaitre and Mitchell Field and Pierce Johnson won closely contested sets.

Overall Centre Court too good, winning 7 sets 53 games to Bannockburn 2 sets 36 games.

SAINTS CLOSE GAP ON SECOND

All Saints Anglican has closed the gap to one point on 2nd placed Centre Court with a smashing win over bottom placed Gheringhap on Saturday by 8 sets to 1 in Section 1 Tennis Geelong.

Saints' Jenelle Findlay, Carly McClelland, Amy Kearney, Mathew Holschier, Shane Wiffen and Nathan Quick completely outplayed the Hap side, allowing them only 18 games in 9 sets.

Hap's only set was 3rd mixed with Elly Kirkwood and Brad Tresidder winning well, however All Saints Anglican too strong winning 8 sets 51 games to Gheringhap 1 set 18 games.

LEOPOLD MARCH ON

Top side Leopold was away to 7th placed Clifton Springs on Saturday and did not have it all its way, but still managed a good victory by 6 sets to 3. Leopold's Ry Davies and Adam Lasky were in outstanding form winning all their sets, and with strong backup from Alex Beardsell took out all men's doubles sets. Karen Filippou and Georgie Beardsell chipped in with 2 sets each to make it an overall team effort.

For the Springs, Heather Jillard played strongly winning her 3 sets for the day and the Springs' only sets, and with Melissa Mortimer and Jacqui McGrath took out 2 of the 3 ladies' doubles sets.

Overall Leopold a little stronger, defeating Clifton Springs by 6 sets 46 games to 3 sets 38 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Leopold 73 points, Centre Court 68, All Saints Anglican 67, Newcomb 51, Grovedale 48, Bannockburn 39, Clifton Springs 29, Gheringhap 21.

SHELL SHOCKED BY PARK

Hamlyn Park made a big statement on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong by shocking previously 2nd placed Shell by a six sets to love thrashing to get within reach of the four. Shell has now dropped to 4th place on the ladder.

The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Robert Arzanovski, Tyler Dickson and Tony Lazic has surprisingly struggled to far this season, but on Saturday they showed their true form and as predicted could make the final four.

Overall result – Hamlyn Park 6 sets 38 games to Shell 0 sets 22 games.

DALE INTO SECOND

Grovedale moved into 2nd on the Section 2 ladder with a runaway win over 7th placed Clifton Springs by 6 sets to love. The Dale team of Ben Flynn, Matthew Squire, David Muratori and Brent May played strongly throughout to record an outstanding win.

Springs' Adam Hill and Trevor Vallance offered a little resistance losing the 2nd set of the day in a tiebreak; however Grovedale too strong winning 6 sets 37 games to Clifton Springs 0 sets 16 games.

SAINTS REMAIN THIRD

St Mary's held off a determined Highton by 4 sets to 2 to remain 3rd in Section 2 Tennis Geelong in a closely fought match. Ever reliable Peter Rodgers was outstanding for the Saints, winning all his 3 sets in fine style and with great support from Adrian Koorn and Peter Ficca winning 2 sets each ensured a Saints' victory.

Highton's Ross Parkinson offered strong resistance winning Highton's only 2 sets for the day with St Mary's running out victors by 4 sets 29 games to Highton 2 sets 25 games.

GROVE WAY OUT ON TOP

Ocean Grove, top, played bottom side Wandana Heights on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis and came away with a crushing win by 6 sets to love to remain outright leader. The Grove team of Nick and Stephen Vicary, Brad Edwards and David Franks completely outplayed Wandana Heights and won the match by 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER - Ocean Grove 61 points, Grovedale 46, St Mary's 45, Shell 41, Highton 36, Hamlyn Park 34, Clifton Springs 14, Wandana Heights 11.