

SAINTS PUT LEOPOLD AWAY

All Saints Anglican made a big statement on Saturday in the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong, putting previously top Leopold away to the tune of 6 sets to 3 to be only 2 points off top in 3rd position at the break.

For the Saints the ladies stole the show with Ash Andrews, Jenelle Findlay and Amy Kearney all winning 3 sets and all ladies' doubles to put them in a winning position. Aply supported by the men the Saints took out all 3 mixed doubles to storm home.

For Leopold Ry Davies, Adam Lasky and James Brushfield won all 3 men's doubles sets, however All Saints Anglican with an all-round strong performance won by 6 sets 47 games to Leopold 3 sets 35 games to make the race for this season's flag very interesting indeed.

SPRINGS BY A SET

Clifton Springs travelled to Bannockburn on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong and won by one set only with games even after 9 sets. In the last match before the long Christmas break the Springs played out a thriller. Melissa Mortimer, Craig Booley, Nicole Cooke, Mick Carlon and Peter Havelberg combined well all day winning 2 sets each in an even spread, whereas the Burn relied on Rachael LeMaitre who won all her 3 sets to keep them in the match which went down to the wire with Clifton Springs 5 sets 42 games defeating Bannockburn 4 sets 42 games.

COURT BACK ON TOP

Centre Court regained top place with a solid win over Newcomb on Saturday by 7 sets to 2. The surprise loss by Leopold to All Saints has pushed Leopold back to 2nd with the Saints just behind in 3rd.

Kelly Brunger and Matthew Hicks led the way for Court winning all their 3 sets albeit a couple were in a tiebreak, and along with Carolyn McGann, Amy Stevens, Nathan Mayes and Sam Arli in strong support winning 2 sets each, proved too strong for Newcomb who now find themselves out of the four in 5th position at the Christmas break.

Final result – Centre Court 7 sets 50 games to Newcomb 2 sets 38 games.

GROVE INTO FOUR ON FORFEIT

In the final match in Section 1 Grovedale has slipped into the four ahead of Newcomb by receiving a forfeit from bottom placed Gheringhap who was unable to field a team

SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court 77 points, Leopold 76, All Saints Anglican 75, Grovedale 59, Newcomb 53, Bannockburn 44, Clifton Springs 35, Gheringhap 21.

PARK WITHIN ONE POINT OF FOUR

Hamlyn Park's resurgence up the Section 2 Tennis Geelong ladder continued on Saturday with a solid win over Highton by 4 sets to 2 to be within one point of the top four at the Christmas break. Park's men of Jozef Horvat, Andrew Frost, Tyler Dickson and Tony Lazic played strongly all day winning 2 sets each to ensure a Park victory.

Better players for Highton were Stan Kenyon and Ryan Parkinson, however Hamlyn Park too strong in most departments defeating Highton by 4 sets 32 games to 2 sets 25 games.

GROVE CONTINUE THEIR MARCH

Top side Ocean Grove was away to Clifton Springs, 7th, on Saturday in Section 2 and came away with another one-sided victory by 6 sets to love. The strong Grove side of Ari Levinson, Nick Vicary, James Kerr and David Franks dominated from the outset and won by 6 sets 36 games to Clifton Springs 0 sets 16 games.

GROVEDALE HOLD SECOND

Grovedale, 2nd, played Shell, 4th, on Saturday in Section 2 tennis and completely outplayed the Shell side to win 6 sets to love to hold 2nd spot on the ladder. This loss by Shell sees them in 4th position, only one point ahead of 5th placed Hamlyn Park.

The Grove team of Matthew Squire, David Muratori, Cameron Govan and Andrew Paull proved far too strong on the day and defeated Shell by 6 sets 37 games to 0 sets 20 games.

SAINTS STILL THIRD

St Mary's remain 3rd in Section 2 with a fighting 4 sets to 2 win over bottom placed Wandana Heights on Saturday. The Heights took it up to the Saints in a spirited match, but lost by 4 games.

For the winners Paul Field was outstanding taking out all his sets and with Adrian Koorn and Brendan Green winning 2 sets each, saw the Saints home.

For the Heights Ben Jones was their better player winning the Heights' only 2 sets for the day.

Final result – St Mary's 4 sets 33 games to Wandana Heights 2 sets 29 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 69 points, Grovedale 54, St Mary's 51, Shell 41, Hamlyn Park 40, Highton 38, Clifton Springs 14, Wandana Heights 13.