

## **SPRINGS SHOCK GROVE'S FINALS HOPES**

7<sup>th</sup> placed Clifton Springs shocked previously 4<sup>th</sup> placed Grovedale on Saturday in Tennis Geelong Section 1 by taking the match by one set and one game, pushing Grovedale out of the four with one home and away game remaining. Grove will find it almost impossible to regain 4<sup>th</sup> in the final round, having to play 2<sup>nd</sup> placed All Saints Anglican.

For the Springs Craig Booley was outstanding winning all his 3 sets and with Melissa Mortimer and Nicole Cooke adding strong backup with 2 sets each got the team home in a surprise result.

Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Abbie Walker tried in vain to keep Grove in the match winning 2 of their 3 sets however Clifton Springs recorded their best win of the season, defeating Grovedale by 5 sets 43 games to 4 sets 42 games.

## **NEWCOMB BACK INTO FOURTH**

Newcomb finds itself back in the four with a hard fought victory over Bannockburn on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong by 6 sets to 3 in a closely contested match. For the winners Ana Clifton and Chris Higgins led the way with an outstanding performance, winning all their sets and with David Kos and Bianca Duff chipping in with 2 sets each it ensured a Newcomb win.

For the Burn Justin Robinson and Rachael LeMaitre were the better players winning 2 sets each; however Newcomb with sights now on finals won by 6 sets 48 games to Bannockburn 3 sets 39 games.

## **COURT WINS TOP OF THE TABLE CLASH**

Centre Court, top, at home demolished All Saints Anglican on Saturday to remain top and outright favourite for the Section 1 Tennis Geelong flag with a 7 sets to 2 victory. This loss by Saints has pushed them out of the double chance position back into 3<sup>rd</sup> and a cut-throat semi-final against Newcomb in two weeks' time.

For Court top Victorian players Matthew Hicks and Carolyn McGann dominated the match with Hicks conceding only 7 games in his three sets and McGann only 4 games to place Court in a strong position for the match. They were ably supported by Kelly Brunger, Nathan Mayes, Brooke Starling and Sam Arli all winning 2 sets each to see Court home comfortably.

The Saints' only 2 sets for the afternoon were 2<sup>nd</sup> men's and 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies in a disappointing effort.

Final score – Centre Court Indoor 7 sets 49 games defeated All Saints Anglican 2 sets 31 games.

In the final game in Section 1 Leopold has jumped back into 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 9 sets to love victory over bottom placed Gheringhap.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Centre Court 101.5 points, Leopold 97.5, All Saints Anglican 90.5, Newcomb 77.5, Grovedale 74.5, Bannockburn 55.5, Clifton Springs 48.5, Gheringhap 26.5.

## **HIGHTON EDGE CLOSER TO FOUR**

Highton with a strong win over bottom placed Wandana Heights has edged closer to 4<sup>th</sup> in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a strong 5 sets to 1 victory on Saturday.

The team of Michael Doherty, Ryan and Ross Parkinson and Stan Kenyon overpowered the Heights team and should gain 4<sup>th</sup> place for the finals as they play 7<sup>th</sup> placed Clifton Springs in the final home and away match next week.

The Heights' only winning set in the match came early when James Curtis and Danny McGlade won the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of the match.

Final result – Highton 5 sets 35 games to Wandana Heights 1 set 18 games.

## **SHELL HOLD FOURTH FOR NOW**

Shell has hold of 4<sup>th</sup> place for now in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a strong win over 7<sup>th</sup> placed Clifton Springs on Saturday by 5 sets to one. The Shell team of Brad and Ray Edwards, Peter Skurrie and Ivan Bosnjak played strongly throughout the day to record a good win.

The Springs' only set for the day was the last set with Adam Hill and Darren Jones winning in a tight set.

Final result – Shell 5 sets 36 games to Clifton Springs 1 set 22 games. Shell will need to beat St Mary's, 2<sup>nd</sup>, next week to play finals.

## **ST MARY'S MOVE TO SECOND**

St Mary's on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong has moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder with a hard fought win over previously 2nd placed Grovedale by 4 sets to 2 and should retain the double chance by defeating Shell next week in the final round before finals.

In an overall strong performance the St Mary's team of Adrian Koorn, Peter Ficca, Peter Rodgers and Brendan Green all contributed, winning 2 sets each.

For Grovedale Matthew Squire was best winning one set and losing another in a tiebreak.

Final result – St Mary's 4 sets 29 games to Grovedale 2 sets 25 games.

## **GROVE PUT PARK AWAY**

Top side Ocean Grove proved far too strong for Hamlyn Park on Saturday winning 5 sets to 1 in Section 2 Tennis Geelong. Park's finals hopes have all but gone with this loss. The Grove team of Brad Edwards, James Kerr, David Franks and Jarryd Proctor have played strongly throughout the season and are hot favourites for the flag.

Jozef Horvat and Tony Lazic won Park's only set for the day in its loss to Ocean Grove by 5 sets 34 games to 1 set 25 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Ocean Grove 87 points, St Mary's 67, Grovedale 65, Shell 53, Highton 52, Hamlyn Park 47, Clifton Springs 27, Wandana Heights 18.