

SAINTS MISS DOUBLE CHANCE BY ONE POINT

On Saturday All Saints Anglican missed the double chance in Section 1 Tennis Geelong by one point when they thrashed 5th placed Grovedale by 8 sets to one. With Leopold losing to top side Centre Court in the final match before finals and winning only 3 sets, the Saints needed all sets in their match with Grove to gain 2nd spot on the ladder.

The All Saints team of Ash Andrews, Jenelle Findlay, Carly McClelland, Mathew Holschier, Shane Wiffen and Daniel Thomas overpowered the Grove team in all departments to win by 27 games. Grove's only set for the day was 1st ladies doubles with Abbie Walker and Brianna Bateup getting home comfortably.

The set of the afternoon was 2nd men's when Saints' Holschier and Thomas held off Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Jared Bromley to win in a tiebreak.

Overall, All Saints Anglican too good winning 8 sets 53 games to Grovedale 1 set 26 games. All Saints Anglican will now meet Newcomb in next Saturday's cut-throat 1st semi-final.

LEOPOLD LOSE BUT HOLDS DOUBLE CHANCE

Leopold at home to top side Centre Court on Saturday in Section 1 Tennis Geelong managed to win 3 sets only for the day thanks to their men in their loss to Court by 6 sets to 3. For Court the ladies were dominant with Brooke Starling, Kelly Brunger and Carolyn McGann winning all their sets and losing only 5 games in the three ladies doubles sets. Brunger had a day out losing only 3 games in 3 sets to ensure a Court victory.

For Leopold Ry Davies, James Brushfield and Adam Lasky took out all 3 men's doubles in hard fought sets, however the damage was done in the opening 3 mixed doubles sets with Centre Court winning all 3 and the match by 6 sets 51 games to 3 sets 35 games. These two teams will meet again next Saturday in the 2nd semi-final with the winner advancing to the grand final.

NEWCOMB HOLD FOURTH

Newcomb held onto 4th place on the ladder when they received a forfeit from 7th placed Clifton Springs in Section 1 Tennis Geelong. The Newcomb team of Chris Higgins, Bianca Duff, Peppe Scorpo, Sascha Bruenjes, Greg Steele and Ana Clifton missed the opportunity of a final hit-out before next week's cut throat 1st semi against All Saints Anglican.

In the final game in Section 1 Tennis Geelong 6th placed Bannockburn received a forfeit from bottom placed Gheringhap on Saturday in a disappointing end to the season.

FINAL SECTION 1 LADDER – Centre Court 110.5 points, Leopold 100.5, All Saints Anglican 99.5, Newcomb 88.5, Grovedale 75.5, Bannockburn 66.5, Clifton Springs 48.5, Gheringhap 26.5.

SHELL IN BY A POINT

Shell stormed home on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a hard fought win over 2nd placed St Mary's by 5 sets to 1 to hold 4th for the finals by 1 point from Highton. Highton 5th, one point from finals with the last match of play won 5 sets to 1 over 7th placed Clifton Springs and thought they would snatch 4th, but did not bank on Shell winning as well as they did against the 2nd placed St Mary's

For Shell Brad and Ray Edwards, Aaron McLean and Peter Skurrie played strongly throughout in a tight battle with all sets keenly fought to win the day.

The Saints' only set came in the second set of the day when Paul Field and Peter Ficca won in a tiebreak. McLean and Skurrie won the final set of the day for Shell in a tiebreak to gain a finals berth.

Final result – Shell 5 sets 38 games to St Mary's 1 set 29 games. Shell will play Grovedale next week in a cut throat 1st semi-final.

OCEAN GROVE ON TRACK FOR FLAG

Top side Ocean Grove are on track for the flag with a one-sided victory over 3rd placed Grovedale on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong by 5 sets to 1 and by 15 games. Brad Edwards, James Kerr, Jarryd Proctor and David Franks have dominated this season for Ocean Grove and continued to do so on Saturday.

Grovedale's only set win came in the 4th set when Ben Flynn and Steven Muratori just got home in a tiebreak; however, Ocean Grove far too strong winning 5 sets 36 games to Grovedale 1 set 21 games. Ocean Grove will play St Mary's in next week's 2nd semi-final with a grand final berth for the winner.

HIGHTON JUST MISS OUT

Highton played Clifton Springs on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong action and won 5 sets to 1, but missed out on finals by 1 point. The Highton team of Michael Doherty, Ryan Parkinson, Lionel Fernandes and Peter Edwards had their sights on a final berth but dropped one set which in the end cost them dearly.

For the Springs their only set was the 4th set of the day when Joshua Matthews and Adam Hill took the set surprisingly to love. Final result – Highton 5 sets 30 games to Clifton Springs 1 set 23 games.

PARK HOME OVER HEIGHTS

In the final game in Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Hamlyn Park proved far too good for Wandana Heights winning 5 sets to 1. Park has fallen 6 points short of a finals berth which must be disappointing for them because they have been a strong force in this section for many seasons. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Robert Arzanovski, Tyler Dickson and Tony Lazic finished the season off well with a strong win.

Heights' Ben Jones and James Curtis won their only set for the day in their loss to Hamlyn Park by 5 sets 36 games to Wandana Heights 1 set 18 games.

FINAL SECTION 2 LADDER – Ocean Grove 94 points, St Mary's 68, Grovedale 66, Shell 60, Highton 59, Hamlyn Park 54, Clifton Springs 28, Wandana Heights 19.

TENNIS GEELONG'S OPEN ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT will be held at Geelong Lawn Tennis Club on March 8. To enter Ring Susan Bissett on 52481644 for seniors and Nigel Wilson on 53433465 for juniors. The event is open to all tennis players.

Seniors \$22 per couple for mixed doubles or men's doubles. Juniors \$10 each Round Robin doubles (graded) – enter singly.

Start time 10.00am. BBQ provided for lunch. BYO drinks.