

SAINTS IN BOX SEAT WHEN STORM HIT

All Saints Anglican was in the box seat against Centre Court in the preliminary final of Tennis Geelong Section 1 on Saturday leading 4 sets 31 games to 1 set 24 games when rain ended play for the day.

The final will be completed next Saturday morning 22nd March with the winner advancing to the Grand Final against Leopold in the afternoon.

The Saints started well winning the opening 2 sets with Ash Andrews and Mathew Holschier accounting for Court's Brooke Starling and Matthew Hicks and Jenelle Findlay and Shane Wiffen proved too strong for Kelly Brunger and Nathan Mayes to open up a 6-game lead in the match.

Court's Carolyn McGann and Axel Hider opened their account with a hard fought win over Carly McClelland and Daniel Thomas in the 3rd mixed. Holschier and Wiffen again had the wood on Court's Hicks and Mayes, taking out 1st men's in a tight set and when Saints' Andrews and Findlay won 1st ladies in a tiebreak against McGann and Starling All Saints had opened up a strong lead in the match at 4 sets to 1 when rain came.

With four sets remaining in the final, Court will come home strongly to ensure a thrilling finish.

SAINTS INTO GRAND FINAL IN 2

St Mary's won 4 of the first 5 sets against Shell in the preliminary final of Section 2 to book a Grand Final berth against Ocean Grove next week with a workmanlike win by 4 sets to 2.

The Saints' Adrian Koorn and Peter Ficca got them away in a close first setter against Aaron McLean and Brad Edwards, and Paul Field and Peter Rodgers put the Saints further ahead in the 2nd set defeating Ivan Bosnjak and Ray Edwards in fine style. Rodgers was the standout player of the match for the Saints winning his 3 sets and with Koorn and Ficca winning 2 sets each the Saints were home.

Bosnjak won Shell's only 2 sets for the day, and although Shell won the last set of the day to love, St Mary's were too far ahead taking the match by 4 sets 28 games to Shell 2 sets 25 games.

The Saints will need to be in top form next Saturday in the Grand Final against Ocean Grove who are hot flag favourites.