

WET OPENING FOR WINTER PENNANT

It was wet opening for Tennis Geelong Winter Pennant on Saturday with only a handful of matches played. 80 senior teams took to the courts comprising 59 2 x 2 teams and 21 2 x 2 men's teams and in juniors 118 teams entered comprising 32 mixed 2 x 2 teams and 86 junior single sex teams.

It was an unfortunate start to the winter season. Hopefully it will be better conditions next Saturday. The only match completed in Section 1 was the St Albans/Grovedale clash at St Albans with the Saints running out winners by 6 games with sets even at 3-all. Glenn Burns was outstanding for the Saints taking out his three sets in a strong display.

Angela Oldham also was in fine form and although she won only one set for the afternoon she lost the other two sets in tiebreaks, the 1st mixed with Phillip Nash and the ladies' doubles with Susan Bissett.

For Grove it was the consistent efforts of Michelle Henderson, Jason Schoenmaekers and Lisa Graham all winning two sets each that kept them in the match; however St Albans came out on top winning 3 sets 33 games to Grovedale 3 sets 27 games.

In other matches Newcomb Maroon and Newcomb Blue managed only two sets before rain stopped play with the Maroons leading 2 sets to love.

In the final Section 1 game the match between Barwon Heads and Waurm Ponds at the Heads was completely washed out.

All matches in Section 2 Tennis Geelong were washed out also.

OPENING OF COURTS FOR UNITING CHURCH

The following dignitaries were present for the opening of new courts for Geelong East Uniting on Sunday at Breakwater Reserve at 2.00pm in front of more than 60 people from tennis clubs throughout the region. Neil Lamond, Master of Ceremonies for the day introduced the speakers John Irvine, Councillor for Austin Ward, Robert Renton – Uniting Church Presbytery, Des Bath – Tennis Geelong President and the Rev. Sani Vaeluaga, all of whom spoke with Rev. Sani Vaeluaga giving the blessing of the courts.

Geelong East Uniting player Nick Mawson thanked the dignitaries and all present. The opening ceremony, the cutting of the ribbon, was performed by John Irvine and the Rev. Sani Vaeluaga who then opened proceedings by hitting a ball over the net.

A photo shoot of all present was taken and several people including Paul Senior were invited to hit on the courts. This was followed by afternoon tea.

A planned outage from Powercor did not hamper the opening as the club hired a generator.