

BLUE AND MAROON DOMINATE

Newcomb Blue and Newcomb Maroon are dominating Section 1 Tennis Geelong Winter Competition with crushing wins over Barwon Heads and St Albans on Saturday.

The Blue team of Georgina Parker, Ana Clifton, Peppe Scorpo and Greg Steele proved far too strong for the Heads, winning 6 sets to love to remain 2nd on the ladder. Scorpo said that both teams from Newcomb should play off for the Section 1 flag. Final result -Newcomb Blue 6 sets 36 games to Barwon Heads to 0 sets 11 games.

MAROON STILL TOP

Newcomb Maroon held on to top spot on the Section 1 ladder with another outstanding win, this time over 4th placed St Albans on Saturday. The Saints had no answer for the leaders with Bridget LeMaitre, Bianca Duff, Steve Donaldson and Nick LeMaitre in good form for the Maroons, and suffered a 5 sets to 1 set loss.

The Saints' only set came early with Clare Burns and Matt Van Der Pol winning the 2nd mixed albeit in a tiebreak in this disappointing loss.

Final score – Newcomb Maroon 5 sets 36 games to St Albans 1 set 17 games. Next week's match will be interesting when both Newcomb teams meet in a top of the table clash.

DALE MOVE TO THIRD

Grovedale at home had to struggle against bottom placed Waurm Ponds in the final game in Section 1 on Saturday getting home by 4 sets to 2 and by 4 games only to move into 3rd place on the ladder. For Dale Lisa Graham led the way and was unbeaten on the day. She had great support from Cameron Govan and Jason Schoenmaekers winning 2 sets each to get them over the line in a hard fought match.

Young Nicole Mullen was a standout for Ponds, winning the team's only 2 sets for the day; however, she had good support in a close finish with Grovedale getting the points, winning 4 sets 32 games to Waurm Ponds 2 sets 28 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 35 points, Newcomb Blue 31, Grovedale 18, St Albans 14, Barwon Heads 12, Waurm Ponds 10.

SPRINGS RED REMAIN TOP

Clifton Springs Red held on to top place on the ladder in Section 2 Tennis Geelong with a runaway win over previously 4th placed Highton Blue by 5 sets to 1 on Saturday. Highton Blue has now dropped to 5th place following the loss.

The Springs are leading the way in this Section with Greg Luke, Peter Havelberg, Joshua Matthews and Dave Lowe playing strongly to record an outstanding win.

Blue's only set for the afternoon was in the 4th set of the day when Peter Edwards and Stan Kenyon got home in a tight set over Havelberg and Lowe; however, overall Springs Red too good defeating Highton Blue by 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 17 games.

PARK HOLD SECOND

Hamlyn Park played Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday in Section 2 and was forced all the way by the 7th placed Blue team to record a 4 sets to 2 victory.

Park got away to a flying start with Jozef Horvat, Brad Dickson, Robert Arzanovski and Adam Muir winning the opening four sets, allowing Blue only 10 games in the process.

Blue hit back strongly in the final two sets with Ben Dew, Nathan Batterham, Adam Hill and Joel Wilson winning both in closely contested matches, but Hamlyn Park prevailed with all players winning 2 of their 3 sets in a strong team effort to take the match by 4 sets 36 games to Clifton Springs Blue 2 sets 24 games.

HEIGHTS AND GROVE DRAW

Wandana Heights at home to Grovedale in Section 2 Tennis jumped into the four by recording a draw on Saturday against 3rd placed Grovedale. The match was a seesaw encounter with Grove's Ben Flynn and David Muratori winning the opening set in a tiebreak; however, the Heights hit back with Ben Jones and Danny McGlade taking out the 2nd set, and when Ben Brushfield and Jones won the 3rd set it appeared a Heights' win was on the cards.

Not to be outdone Muratori teamed with Matthew Squire to win the 4th set for Grove and when Squire and Flynn got home in the 5th set, the Heights needed to win the final set 6/3 to win the match.

Heights won the final set with Paul Senior and Jones proving the better; however, it was 6 games to 4 leaving Wandana Heights and Grovedale locked together at 3 sets 28 games each in the first draw of the season.

ALL SAINTS KEEP IN TOUCH

In the final match in Section 2 tennis, All Saints Anglican has kept in touch of the top four with a solid 6 sets to love victory over Highton Gold on Saturday. The team comprising James Zwirs, Paul Codd, Simon Bennison and Nathan Cameron proved too strong on the day for Gold and is now only one point out of the four in 5th position.

Final result – All Saints Anglican 6 sets 37 games to Highton Gold 0 sets 19 games.

SECTION 2 LADDER – Clifton Springs Red 29 points, Hamlyn Park 27, Grovedale 24, Wandana Heights 22, Highton Blue 21, All Saints Anglican 20, Clifton Springs Blue 12, Highton Gold 6.