

GROVE TOO STRONG FOR SAINTS

In Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday Grovedale proved too strong for St Albans, winning their encounter by 4 sets to 2 and 13 games to push the Saints out of the four.

Grove's Lisa Sherwell and Jason Schoenmaekers took out the opening set to love and when Jared Bromley and Lisa Graham won the 2nd set, conceding only 2 games, Grove was well on its way to victory.

Saints' Clare Burns and Susan Bissett stemmed the tide by taking the ladies doubles in fine style; however, Grove won the next 2 sets comfortably to win the match. Burns and Phillip Nash won the Saints' 2nd set for the day and last set of the match in a tiebreak, but all too late with Grovedale 4 sets 31 games to St Albans 2 sets 18 games, proving better on the day to remain 3rd on the ladder.

MAROON JUST OVER BLUE

In the top of the table clash on Saturday in Section 1 the two Newcomb teams, Maroon and Blue, fought out a close and exciting match with Maroon just getting home by 6 games with sets even. The Maroon trio of Bianca Duff, Chris Higgins and Steve Donaldson surprised the strong Blue team by winning 2 sets each in a match winning performance. They were ably supported by Zoe Duff although not winning a set gained valuable games in 3 hard fought sets.

For the Blue team, Georgina Parker was the star of the day winning the opening mixed doubles with Peppe Scorpo then partnering Ana Clifton to win the ladies doubles, and with Greg Steele took out the last set of the day to win all her sets and Blue's only sets for the afternoon.

Final result – Newcomb Maroon 3 sets 32 games to Newcomb Blue 3 sets 26 games.

PONDS SMASH THEIR WAY INTO FOURTH

Waurn Ponds on Saturday smashed their way into 4th spot on the Section 1 Tennis Geelong ladder with a resounding win over Barwon Heads by 6 sets to love. The young Ponds team dominated from the outset with Nicole Mullen, Tom Ferry, Emily Machar and Matthew Dunn playing outstanding tennis, conceding only 7 games in the first four sets. Although the last set of the day was won in a tiebreak against the Heads' Tracy Lazarus and Andrew Griffen, it was still a one sided match with Waurn Ponds 6 sets 37 games too good for Barwon Heads 0 sets 17 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER – Newcomb Maroon 40 points, Newcomb Blue 34, Grovedale 24, Waurn Ponds 18, St Albans 16, Barwon Heads 12.

HIGHTON BLUE CLOSING IN ON FOUR

Highton Blue is only one point from 4th place following Saturday's fighting win over Grovedale in Section 2 Tennis Geelong. With sets even Blue got home by 4 games only with Dale dropping to 4th following its second loss in a row. In a seesawing match Blue took out the opening 2 sets, however Dale won the next two with the last two sets shared.

Peter Ficca and Peter Edwards were the standouts for Blue, winning two sets each while Dale's David Muratori and Ben Flynn led the way winning two sets each also.

Final result – Highton Blue 3 sets 32 games to Grovedale 3 sets 28 games.

HEIGHTS INTO THIRD PLACE

Wandana Heights has moved to 3rd on the Section 2 ladder with a solid victory over Clifton Springs Blue on Saturday by 4 sets to 2. It was a strong team effort by the Heights men, led by Ben Jones winning all his sets comfortably. He was well supported by Paul Senior and Ben Brushfield winning 2 sets each to get the team over the line. Trevor Vallance was involved in the two sets won by Blue on the day.

Final result – Wandana Heights 4 sets 33 games to Clifton Springs Blue 2 sets 22 games.

PARK INTO TOP WITH STRONG WIN

Hamlyn Park took top place on the Section 2 ladder with a strong win over Highton Gold on Saturday by 5 sets to 1. The Park team of Jozef Horvat, Robert Lazic, Brad Dickson and Robert Arzanovski played outstanding tennis to win the first 5 sets to take the match comfortably.

Paul McConachy fought hard for Gold losing the 4th set of the day with Larry Myles in a tiebreak, however won the last set of the day with Dennis Pantano in a good effort, but Hamlyn Park too strong defeating Highton Gold by 5 sets 35 games to 1 set 20 games.

REDS AND SAINTS IN WASHOUT

In the final game in Section 2 previously top Clifton Springs Red hosted All Saints Anglican, 6th, and lost top place as the match was washed out before a ball was hit and a draw with all points shared was the result.

SECTION 2 LADDER - Hamlyn Park 34 points, Clifton Springs Red 33, Wandana Heights 28, Grovedale 27, Highton Blue 26, All Saints Anglican 24, Clifton Springs Blue 14, Highton Gold 7.